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Celebrating 40 Years!

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SCVCC Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Jul 4
Weds**

July 4th Parade – Old Town Newhall

Break out the flags and bunting and join the parade. We are meeting by 7 AM for a 9 o'clock start. A get-together at Margarita's for lunch follows. Sun screen might be a good idea too!



**Jul 5
Thur**

July Business Meeting at TPC Valencia/Oaks Grill – 7:30 PM

Come early for some social time with fellow Corvette people.

**Jul 19
Thur**

Taste-of-the-Town – Cheesecake Factory – Valencia Mall

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!

**Jul 22
Sun**

Solid Axle Convention Run - Ventura

The Southern California Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club is sponsoring the National SACC Convention through the weekend at Four Points Sheraton. 61 C1 Corvettes are registered for the event. Breakfast first then caravan to the Ventura Harbor to check out the old-timers...and the Corvettes! Watch your email for details!





Time to Sign-up!



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Three Months at a Glance



July 2018

4	Wed	4th of July Parade & lunch at Margaritas
5	Thurs	General Meeting – TPC 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
14	Sat	Concert in the park with Kenny Metcalf as Elton John - 7pm Bring dinner or snacks & lawn chairs meet at Central Park
19	Thurs	Taste of the Town: Cheesecake Factory - 6pm 24250 Town Center Drive, Valencia
22	Sun	Solid Axle Car Show – Ventura Harbor and Breakfast Run DATE CHANGE due to SACC activities – Please re-do your signup
28	Sat	Concerts in the Park “A Salute to the Eagles” - 7pm Meet their bring dinner or snacks, lawn chairs and enjoy!

August 2018

2	Thurs	General Meeting – TPC 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
16	Thurs	Taste of the Town: Mama’s Table 6pm...Following dinner we will walk the Red-Carpet on Main in Old Town Newhall
18	Sat	Santa Paula Chevrolet BBQ - leaving from Walmart by 10AM Wear 40th Anniversary attire! Later in the evening, another concert in the park opportunity to enjoy a warm summer’s night with friends with the Pettybreakers a Tom Petty Tribute - 7pm
26	Sun	Old Fashioned Car Night: Tops down, drive to dinner location, cruise Santa Clarita, go get ice cream!

September 2018

2	Sun	Camp McCloskey Beer & Brats Labor Day Fun-Day with Volleyball, horseshoes and lots of food. 4 PM – no early arrivals please!! See sign-up sheet as this event is limited to 40 people. This is a Potluck
6	Thurs	General Meeting - TPC 7:30 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
20	Thurs	Taste of the Town 6pm - Saddle Ranch
20-22	Fri – Sun	Prescott, AZ, Car Show – Laughlin 1 Night, Prescott 2 Nights
29	Sat	SCVCC Car Show - all day event with amazing prizes - raffles - bling your shirts - win trophies - listen to live music!!!



From the Driver's Seat

June 2018 President's Message

We started June off with two separate runs at the same time. One group of 10 went to the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Cruise, and a group of 11 that went to Sacramento. Both groups had a fantastic time, and at the Monterey event, Anthony and Delores Bachmura won a trophy in the judging. The Monterey Corvette Club always puts on a great event with Poker Runs, excursions, and an Awards Banquet that are second to none.

The Sacramento group was given to a private tour of the Railroad Museum in Old Town Sacramento, and after lunch, a tour of the American Automobile Museum. The following day, 6 of the group went to tour the Napa Valley, and visit a few wineries before returning home.

The monthly Taste-of-the-Town was held at Toppers Pizza Place in Canyon Country where 37 members got together to just have fun and catch up on life, issues of the day, and plans for saving the world and mankind. All attending were privileged to see a brand new 2019 Corvette, C7 ZR1, up close and personal. The new ZR1 had every option known to man including a full tank of gas, and the only thing missing on the car was dust. Ron Nolan had just picked up his new baby from the dealer and drove directly to the Taste-of-the-Town. You could tell where Ron parked the new beauty by the drool marks surrounding the car and the sound of heavy breathing by the men who weren't drooling. Congratulations Ron and enjoy your new ride. At least you won't have trouble finding your Corvette in a parking lot.

On the 23rd, the club celebrated its official 40th Anniversary, hosting a picnic at Steckel Park in Santa Paula. Over 90 people attended the spectacular event which included a fantastic band, "Drop Zone", an outstanding BBQ with all the trimmings, and desserts that would impact any waist line. There were many options for activity at the event. There was, the "Veasman" Edition of "Dancing with the Stars" on the lawn, volleyball, croquet, bean bag tossing, bocce ball, horseshoes, bingo, and a Webster favorite, Acey-Ducey. Yes, there was something for everyone, along with raffle drawings, and a 50/50 drawing. All but one of the clubs Past-Presidents were there, including Past-President Greg Attl and his "First Lady Emeritus", Pat Attl, who drove in from Arizona in a newly purchased C6 (minus New York Yankees markings) to be part of this milestone event. The club's honored guests, John and Sandra Macik also attended the festivities after making a grueling and treacherous 10-mile trek from Santa Paula Chevrolet.

The annual "Summer All-Club Picnic" is proving to be a tremendous success and gets better each time. Thanks goes to the Activities Committee who worked their posteriors off to make the picnic a total success, and to the clubs treasurer, "Mama Cash" who wrote the checks.

The morning of June 15th brought sad news when I received a call from Gail Blair. Frank Kopecky, a 10-year member of our club passed away after a long illness. Frank was a former U.S. Marine, a great person who loved Gail, the Marines, Corvettes, and life. Frank was the clubs ram rod for the 4th of July parades every year in Santa Clarita, and his patriotism overflowed at the event. Frank will be missed greatly by all of us who had the honor of knowing him. Personally, having been a brother in arms with Frank, and as veterans of the Vietnam War, Franks passing is felt at a deeper level. A celebration of Franks life will be held on July 21, 2018 at St. Stevens Episcopal Church, at 6:00 pm. "Semper Fi" Frank.

Dwight



Business Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each Month

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

The Oaks Club at Valencia/Oaks Grill
26550 Heritage Ln, (off Valencia, west of I-5)
Valencia

Next Business Meeting: Jul 5, 2018



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

Cheesecake Factory
25240 Town Center Drive
Valencia

Next Social Gathering: Jul 19, 2018



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <i>Andrea Lewanda</i> | <i>Jul 2</i> |
| <i>Renee Trock</i> | <i>Jul 20</i> |
| <i>Pat Van Patten</i> | <i>Jul 21</i> |
| <i>Judy Kalebjian</i> | <i>Jul 23</i> |
| <i>Jim Webster</i> | <i>Jul 24</i> |
| <i>Ed Hoffman</i> | <i>Jul 26</i> |
| <i>Gene Schmidt</i> | <i>Jul 27</i> |
| <i>Teresa Zullo</i> | <i>Jul 28</i> |



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| <i>Ron & Joyce Bergmann</i> | <i>July 20, 1985</i> | <i>33 yrs</i> |
| <i>Jim & Bev Bottoms</i> | <i>July 30, 1970</i> | <i>48 yrs</i> |

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 – June 6, 2018

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

Secretary Ron Bergmann read the minutes from the May meeting.

Elke Couples gave the treasurers report regarding the club assets and expenditures as of May 29, 2018.

Dwight McDonald gave the President's Report. He reported that all current Board members were re-elected and the bylaw/rule changes passed. The webpage now includes the new bylaws. The next car show meeting is 6/13. He asked each member to either donate a raffle prize or \$25 to be used for prizes for the car show. Frank Kopecky is home from the hospital. Please sign up for the July 4th Parade. The theme is "You're a Grand Old Flag". Meet at Walnut and Market at 0700. The parade starts at 0900. After the parade, everyone will meet at Margaritas for food and libations.

Judy Woodings gave the Membership Report. She talked about the great fun everyone had at the Monterey Corvettes shindig. Anthony Bachmura won an Award for Excellence. She introduced the guest: Mike Reader's nephew Jeffery. Please get your renewal forms in with \$75 for regular members and \$20 for associates. Dues need to be in by July 1.

Janene McDonald gave the Activities Report. She spoke about the surprise breakfast and how much fun everyone had. She covered the Three-Months-at-a-Glance. She reminded everyone about the Tri-Club run to Fort Tejon on June 9, the Club Picnic on June 23, the July 4th parade, and the Solid Axle National Convention run on July 21. The picnic will feature a band, a 50/50 raffle and some great games with prizes. The Sacramento/Napa run was a great success.

Elke Couples gave the Quartermaster Report. Get your 40th logo polos and wear them to the picnic.

Anthony Bachmura made the Communications Report.

Mike Woodings gave the Newsletter Report. The newsletter is out and it's free. He forgot one birthday so stay tuned next month.

Judy Kalebjian won the 50/50 raffle for \$157.00. The badge-it-or-lose-it winner was Jeff Carley who was not present. It rolls over to \$40 next month. Craig Burns won the golf tournament ticket and will represent the Club.



Car Talk:

- Craig Burns offered the members Brembo Brake posters.
- Tommy Couples talked about the photo he received showing all Bowling Green employees in a handsome collage.
- John Vega talked about several upcoming car shows during the month of June.

Dwight announced the birthdays and Anniversaries. The next meeting is July 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.





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40th Anniversary



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Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise

May 31st - Jun 3rd

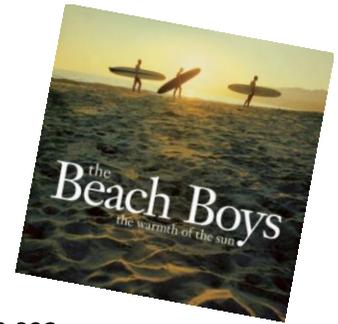
Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

We are all old enough to remember The Beach Boys and much of their music is imprinted in our minds, but one song written by Al Jardine might have slipped through the crack for most. The song is "California Saga" and starts out with big reference to Monterey. The first part of the lyrics goes:



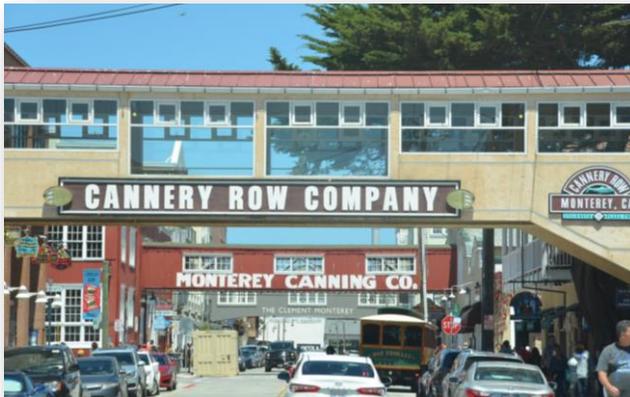
*On my way to sunny California
On my way to spend another sunny day*

*Water, water get yourself in the cool, clear, water
The sun shines brightly down on Penny's place
The sun shines brightly down on the bay
The air's so clean it'll just take your mind away
Take your mind away
Take your mind away*



*Have you ever been south of Monterey
Barrancas carve the coast line and the chaparral flows to the sea
'Neath waves of golden sunshine*

So, about now you are asking, what's that got to do with the Monterey Run? Here goes then. A long, long time ago, when some of you were in diapers and others were looking for deferments from the draft, some had a short 8-week visit at Ft Ord for Basic Training.



Uncle Sam sent me to the Monterey Peninsula in 1968 as a new 2nd Lieutenant on another mission of sorts. I was accepted into Language School at the Defense Language Institute on the Presidio of Monterey for a one-year Vietnamese language course. So, while you may have been listening to Joan Baez, I was appreciating Cannery Row, the Monterey Folk Festival, Big Sur, Laguna Seca and 17-Mile Drive, listening to *California Saga* and *The First Time I Ever Saw Your Face* from Play Misty for Me. I was hooked on Monterey never miss an opportunity to go back for visits as often as possible.

When our club began attending the Monterey Coast Corvette Caravan in the infancy of the event I always marked my calendar to make sure not to miss the run. As the years passes, the annual Monterey event became an every-two-year thing, alternating with the Lake Tahoe Corvette Club show each June.

This year, as in many past years, Monterey was on my calendar as it was with several other members of our club and apparently MANY members of numerous Corvette clubs throughout California and beyond with the event becoming extremely popular. Since the size of the function was limited to 200, due to venue constraints, the sign-ups filled much faster





than in years past and our club only snatched up ten spots for five couples. The Woodings, Turkheimers, de Avilas, Bachmuras, and Meier/Granen couples attended.



Our run started early on Thursday, 5-31, with a meeting at Walmart and then north I-5 to CA-46 and into Paso Robles for lunch at Bubba's Bad BBQ. (If you haven't traveled CA-46 recently, it is now a great route with most of the hour ride from Lost Hills to Paso Robles now a 4-lane highway.) Then it was off to our destination at the Embassy Suites in Monterey for the next three nights.

The Monterey club really knows how to put an event together and obviously worked their rear-ends off producing an action-packed event for us all. We began the fun right away with a well-attended Hawaiian Luau in Carmel Valley, complete with 3 hula dancers. Food, spirits and company were all terrific.



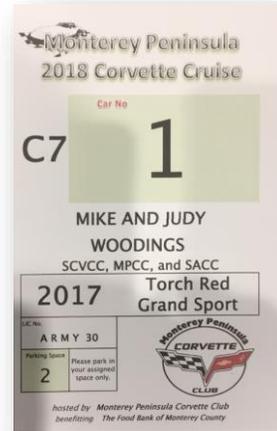
The planned events for the weekend included: Monterey Zoo Tour, Monterey Wharf Treasure Hunt, Red Nines Tournament, "Car Races" in the hospitality suite, Show N Shine, Poker Run, an incredible raffle display, 50/50 Reverse Drawing, and a Mystery Gift Drawing, concluding with banquet dinner and awards presentation.



The Monterey club held a drawing from the names of early registrants and the Turkheimers were picked for an upgrade for their lodging with a spectacular bay-view room at the hotel. So, you know where we enjoyed hanging out during the free time we had!



Now is the time for the synopsis of the weekend. The Bachmuras took home one of Chuck August's great hand-built trophies for their well-shined Stingray, Brian de Avila left some cash at the "car race" table which greatly boosted the other players' winnings, the Turkheimers were great hosts, and the Woodings were first to sign up for the event for the second consecutive time.



Mont 16Now, to tie up the loose ends. You were about to ask, "were the Attls there"? Why, yes, they were! They say "hi" to all and hope to see you at the 40th Anniversary picnic!

And, from the song above, who is still asking, "where is Penny's Place"? Now, for the rest of the story. You will have to ask Al Jardine, but it's named after Big Sur Sycamore Canyon resident Penny Vieregge, an EMT, now 89, who founded the local off-cliff rescue unit.





Sacto/Napa Road Trip

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Moira Moe and Janene McDonald

May 31st - Jun 5th

June offered yet another opportunity for club members to pack up the Corvette and head out to locations distant from our local valley. Seven Corvettes with 13 adventurers met at Walmart for final instructions the morning of May 31st for a trip north with destinations planned for Sacramento and on to the Napa Valley.

Caravan members for the run were the Dwight and Janene McDonald, Jim and Glenda Fulmer, Ron and Joyce Bergmann, John and Linda Noble, Mark Ware, Jeff Hernandez and Moira Moe, and new additions to the club, Gerald and Dawn Berry.

The route up I-5 allowed for a visit to one of the many Black Bear Diners which just opened locally and most have not yet visited in our community.



Then, it was off to Sacramento where the California State Railroad Museum was one of the highlights. Everyone loves trains, and young or old all love the museum. The trains on display are wonderful examples of the history of rail travel. The museum is a part the state park system, telling of the role of the "iron horse" in connecting California to the rest of the nation.





The trip offered some great dining which included Frank Fat's, a Sacramento landmark since 1939.



Started by an immigrant dishwasher, Frank Fat's single-handedly created a downtown political scene, along with a tradition of legendary modern Chinese cuisine and unparalleled service. This is why the oldest family-owned restaurant in Sacramento has been thriving for over seventy-five years.



On Sunday, the group divided. Half headed south to return home while Jeff, Moira, Ron, Joyce, Gerald and Dawn continued north for the Napa Valley, known for hundreds of hillside vineyards and gourmet food.

Just like Sacramento, what happened in Napa, stays in Napa, but a picture is worth a thousand words. You will have to ask the caravanners for their stories.



There is always something cool going on in the SCVCC, so keep your eyes and ears open for what's next in the way of local and distant events.



Three-Club Run – Fort Tejon

Jun 9th

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

Sometimes you just have to get up before breakfast, and Saturday, June 9th was one of those days. It is not often that we meet at 7:45, and even more unusual that we have a run with other clubs, but all the stars aligned and that is just what occurred.

Phase One was the roll-call and sign-in at Walmart on Copperhill and Newhall Ranch. When your writer arrived at the appointed time, the lot was alive with eager and dare I say hungry Corvette people with more rolling in. My best count was 15 Corvettes with the corresponding number of occupants that were ready to go when the word was given, on our first leg of the event.



Just 22.2 miles away, on CA 126 in familiar Fillmore, we rolled into the lot at El Pescador Mexican Restaurant on the west side of town. Fortunately, no

pitstops were needed enroute. Our run on this bright, clear day was to Fort Tejon, in Lebec, with breakfast beforehand together with the Ventura County Corvette Club and Red Line Corvettes.



Our hosts for the event were John Macik and his wife Sandra Macik of Santa Paula Chevrolet. They arrived in a beautiful 2019 Torch Red Grand Sport convertible (available at the dealership!).





El Pescador's staff did a noteworthy job of handling our needs and desires as we flooded their banquet room with right around 100 customers. Thanks go out to El Pescador and our hosts as well for a delightful start to the Three-Club and Three County Run as our three Corvette clubs.



Following breakfast at El Pescador, John served as honorary road captain, complete with 2-way radio tuned to channel 7, for what was his and Sandra's first Corvette Caravan. 50 Corvettes all headed EAST on CA 126, back to Santa Clarita and then north on I-5 to Fort Tejon. The route took three clubs from Ventura County, through Los Angeles County into Kern County to our destination.



As we arrived, we found the Fort Tejon visitor lot empty and ready to accommodate all of our Corvettes. It was beautiful to behold.





For those who opted for Cheerios at home and who have never thought to stop at Fort Tejon while traversing the Grapevine, I assure you it is worth the short ride up the hill to check it out. Fort Tejon is located in the Grapevine Canyon, the main route between California's great central valley and Southern California. The fort was established to protect and control the Indians who were living on the Sebastian Indian Reservation, and to protect both the Indians and white settlers from raids by the Paiutes, Chemeheui, Mojave, and other Indian groups of the desert regions to the southeast.



Fort Tejon was first garrisoned by the United States Army on August 10, 1854 and was abandoned ten years later on September 11, 1864. There are restored adobes from the original fort and the park's museum features exhibits on army life and local history. The park also has a number of beautiful 400-year-old valley oak trees.



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



Taste of the Town – Toppers - Canyon Country

Jun 21st

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

We have all eaten pizza and we have been to Toppers, but we keep coming to these monthly socials every third Thursday of the month. Pizza can be a very balanced meal choice and Toppers is a terrific place to eat, so what is the attraction of our Taste-of-the-Town events?

I would say that when you add the special people attending, coupled with the terrific Corvettes we all drive, you have a combination that can't be beat and are guaranteed a good and tasty time out...plus no dishes to wash.



Toppers is a locally owned and operated pizza restaurant company based in Ventura County with 9 locations all offering selections that are fresh, healthy and great tasting! They advertise a place that is friendly and comfortable place, which we can all agree it is. Thanks to the Topper's staff for their great service to our 37 attendees.

Can I say more about Taste-of-the-Town? Why, yes I can. Besides the already mentioned positives, TOT is a gathering where we sometimes witness surprises. There have been plenty of times when old friends have dropped in for a visit and even times when one of us rolled in with a new Corvette. Our Jun 21st social was indeed one of those times, but maybe a step-up from those other times.



At this Taste-of-the-Town, we drove into the lot and immediately took notice of a Sebring Orange Corvette among the several other Vettes present. Dang, you say! That's a ZR1! Who did it? Who just bought what is surely the fastest Corvette in the club? The answer...Ron Nolan. Dude, what a car!

We will be seeing lots more of Ron, and Donna, at upcoming events as they save their C1 and C2 for those special local events.

Until then, we will meet again at another fine event put together by our Activities Committee and maybe witness another TOT surprise.



40th Anniversary Picnic

Jun 23rd

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Mike Woodings, Judy Woodings and Dwight McDonald



Since we all seem to believe everything that is found on the internet, my research has to be pretty close to fact. A Google search for the FIRST Corvette club revealed no specific information. However, the Corvette Club of America had its first club meeting on July 17, 1956 at Rosenthal Chevrolet in Arlington, Virginia. While it is likely that some club activity existed before this date, this first recorded meeting has become the official birth date.

Our own Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club's website states our club was established in 1978 by a small group of Corvette owners locally to bring together enthusiasts from all walks of life to share in the adventures experienced in Corvette ownership. Like the Corvette itself, our club continues to evolve, improve, and change. For love of country, love of the Corvette, and bonding friendship, all Corvette owners are encouraged to become part of our outstanding club as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary.



Therefore, while we aren't the newest Corvette Club in America, we are known by many (at least 100) to be one of the best of the nearly 400 clubs in the country.

Our first annual club picnic in 2017 was a great event and the new tradition was off to a terrific start. With 2018 being our club's big 40th anniversary year, our board decided this year's summer celebration should be included with the appreciation picnic. So from there, the planning was under way to make this year's event even better than our first, if that was possible.



Picnic day arrived early for our Activities Committee and staff as they claimed our spot at Steckel Park and went about the set-up activity, making sure every detail matched Mark Ware's extensive preparation spreadsheet.

Meanwhile, scores of members gathered at the designated assembly area in the Walmart lot for headcount and sign-in, eager to get the day rolling. It was an amazing sight seeing 30 awesome Corvettes heading west on CA 126 on unusually open roadway toward our destination.



Our caravan was not only witnessed by locals and passersby but was monitored by a high-flying drone flown by Pilot Mark at over two miles out as we approached the park.



Once we arrived and parked in our reserved "Corvette Corral" we caravanners all recognized the splendid set-up that was done and waiting for us. Two covered pavilions decorated to the hilt, game areas laid out and

equipped with all types of picnic games and a band ready to rock us through the afternoon.



John and Sandra Macik of Santa Paula Chevrolet joined us for the event as *Vette people* enjoying time with other enthusiasts. It was a good opportunity to get to know John and Sandra in this casual surrounding. The Maciks previously introduced us to the BBQ served by Laird's Butcher Shop in Santa Paula and our planners called upon their

cooking skills to once again serve us an excellent picnic BBQ meal. Great call by all involved in putting together our grub and beverages!





But wait, there was more. Our band, Drop Zone, rocked. SCVCC's own Chet Morse even joined the band with a great blues number! I can attest to the great selection of tunes by the band and was posed this question by member "M.C.", "this is from your era, right?" How could I not appreciate the



Rolling Stones song "You Can't Always Get What You Want"? All of us in our earlier days heard that Stones song and probably only wished we owned a Corvette then, but looking at the parking lot, we have certainly all gotten a lot of "what we want"! The games, raffles and even dancing all went to making our picnic a fun event.





To climax the gathering, our president Dwight McDonald spoke to us all about the significance of this, our club's 40th anniversary. Several of our past club presidents were in attendance for our anniversary celebration as well. John Noble, Sara Seeley, Fred Seeley, Jeff Hernandez and Greg Attl all spoke and expressed their well wishes for the future of the club.



All in all, the picnic was fun, delicious and a success. We all convey our thanks and appreciation to our Activities people and their set-up crew for putting it all together and a pat on the back to all of us as well, since without each of us there would be no club. Job well done!





This Day in History

June 30, 1953

Workers assemble first Corvette in Flint, Michigan

On this day in 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, assemble the first Corvette, a two-seater sports car that would become an American icon. The first completed production car rolled off the assembly line two days later, one of just 300 Corvettes made that year.

The idea for the Corvette originated with General Motors' pioneering designer Harley J. Earl, who in 1951 began developing plans for a low-cost American sports car that could compete with Europe's MGs, Jaguars and Ferraris. The project was eventually code-named "Opel." In January 1953, GM debuted the Corvette concept car at its Motorama auto show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. It featured a fiberglass body and a six-cylinder engine and according to GM, was named for the "trim, fleet naval vessel that performed heroic escort and patrol duties during World War II." The Corvette was a big hit with the public at Motorama and GM soon put the roadster into production.

On June 30, 1953, the first Corvette came off the production line in Flint. It was hand-



assembled and featured a Polo White exterior and red interior, two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission, a wraparound windshield, whitewall tires and detachable plastic curtains instead of side windows. The earliest Corvettes were designed to be opened from the inside and lacked exterior door handles. Other components included a clock, cigarette lighter and red warning light that activated when the parking brake was applied—a new feature at the time. The car carried an initial price tag of \$3,490 and could go from zero to 60 miles per hour in 11 or 12 seconds, then considered a fairly average speed.

In 1954, the Corvette went into mass production at a Chevy plant in St. Louis, Missouri. Sales were lackluster in the beginning and GM considered discontinuing the line. However, rival company Ford had introduced the two-seater Thunderbird around the same time and GM did not want to be seen bowing to the competition. Another critical development in the Corvette's survival came in 1955, when it was equipped with the more powerful V-8 engine. Its performance and appeal steadily improved after that and it went on to earn the nickname "America's sports car" and become ingrained in pop culture through multiple references in movies, television and music.



Laff Traxx

A group of 40-year-old guys from the local Corvette club got together every so often for a burger and one day discussed where they might want to go out for a nice dinner some night. After some discussion, they all agreed on the *Y'all Come On Inn* for a great night out especially because the waitresses there all wear low cut blouses.



10 years later, at 50 years of age, some of the old group had moved away but their leader got hold of everyone and suggested they all get together for a reunion dinner.

The group again pooled their thoughts and discussed where they should meet. Finally it was agreed upon that they should meet at the *Y'all Come On Inn* because the food there is very good, the wine selection is good and also there is excellent Corvette parking.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the Corvette buddies decided to have another reunion. The group again discussed where they should meet and agreed that they should meet at the *Y'all Come On Inn* because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for another reunion dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the *Y'all Come On Inn* because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the Corvette group again discussed where they should meet. Finally it was agreed upon that they should meet at the *Y'all Come On Inn* because that would be a great idea because they have never been there before.





Sting Ray Convertible. Eight standard safety features include padded instrument panel, sun visors.

The Chevrolet built for two.

It started, that morning, with hints. Work-weary, he says. Kid-frazzled, she says. Who gets the Corvette today? You do. No, you do. Ah. *We* do.

So. Arrangements made. Hamper stocked and stowed in the Corvette. No room for people back there. A

pity. But you don't compromise so much as an inch when you build America's only true production sports car. Which is why it comes with four-wheel disc brakes, thread-needle steering and fully independent suspension.

Now. He rouses Corvette's Turbo-

Jet V8, the 390-hp version they'd chosen as tractable enough for her and satisfying enough for him.

Then, away. Outside the city unwinds a road as long as the day ahead. A day just for them. In the Chevrolet built just for two.

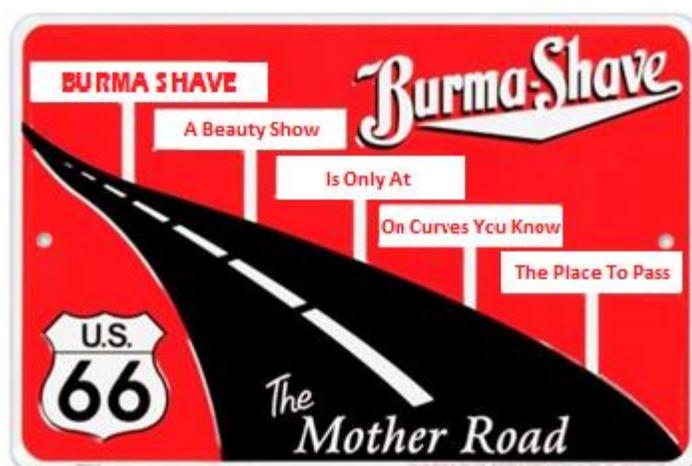


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VETTE VITTLES

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.

Peach-Raspberry Buckle Cake

Offered by Delores Bachmura – Southern Living Magazine

Cake:

- 1 cup Granulated sugar
- ¼ cup Unsalted butter
- 1 ea. Large egg
- ½ tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1¾ cups All-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 1 cup Fresh raspberries (divided)
- ¾ cup Whole milk
- 1 cup Peeled chopped fresh large peach (divided)

Topping:

- ½ cup All-purpose flour
- ½ cup Chopped pecans
- ¼ cup Granulated sugar
- ¼ cup Packed light brown sugar
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- 5 tsp. Unsalted butter

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Prepare the topping:

2. Stir together flour, chopped pecans, granulated sugar, brown sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Stir in softened butter until well combined. Chill until ready to use.

Prepare the cake:

3. Beat sugar and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until mixture looks sandy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add egg and beat until well combined. Beat in vanilla.
4. Whisk together flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Alternately add flour mixture and milk to butter mixture in 5 additions, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat until combined after each addition. Gently fold in ½ cup each of chopped peach and raspberries.
5. Transfer batter into a greased (with butter) and floured 9inch springform pan. Arrange remaining ½ cup of chopped peach and raspberries in an even layer over the top of the batter.
6. Sprinkle chilled topping evenly over the fruit. Bake in preheated oven until brown and a wooden pick in the center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes.
7. Cool pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of pan to loosen cake from sides. Remove side of pan. Cool on wire rack about 45 minutes.





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Final Thoughts:

Wow, what a month June has been. Multiple trip destinations. Multiple-club event. Anniversary picnic. Then there were all of the usual monthly activities. Coming up, we have a July 4th parade and a Corvette Car Show on our calendar. Keeps a newsletter guy busy! With all of those activities, we are drawing more and more attention to our club and you have to know that people know us and like us almost as much as they like our Vettes.

As I put together these pages and articles for your reading and enjoyment, I always hope to portray the SCVCC in a favorable light. I am watchful and aware that I have our club's reputation to protect. We all have that responsibility and I can only hope that all of us have the same mind set as we meet together, participate in events, and even when we are out and about just wearing a club t-shirt, that we do nothing to embarrass the club. People notice us. Let's always give them a positive image.

As always, this is YOUR newsletter. always feel free to submit YOUR personal Corvette stories, YOUR classified ads and whatever Corvette items that interest YOU!

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