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Eastbound and Down!

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SCVCC Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Nov 1
Thur** **November Business Meeting** - Oaks Club Grille - Oaks Club at Valencia Business Meeting 7:30 PM - Come early and enjoy the social time!

**Nov 9-11
Fri - Sun** **Central Coast Get-away**
Two nights in San Luis Obispo with visits to Morro Bay, Cayucos and more. Reservations at Best Western in SLO.



**Nov 15
Thur**  **Taste-of-the Town – Yamato’s– Stevenson Ranch**
Casual Japanese teppanyaki cooking right in our back yard. No turkey on the menu here. 6 PM is meal time.

**Nov 22
Thur**  **Thanksgiving Day – At the Home of your Choice**
Definitely not a club event, but you are free to hook up with any of us if you wish since there is likely to be plenty to go around!

**Nov 30
Fri** **Winterfest – Edwards Air Force Base**
Join up with Simi Valley Corvettes for an All-day event on the base where our Corvettes will be one of the main attractions! Sign-up at the November meeting!





**SIMI VALLEY CORVETTES
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AS THEY
HEAD TO EDWARDS AFB TO
PARTICIPATE IN...**



The day will include tours of the Edwards AFB museum, the FAA, TRACON, NASA, and whatever else is open for viewing. After the tours, we (or rather our Corvettes) will become part of the WINTERFEST event!

THE PLAN: There will be three chances to join the caravan before heading onto the base:

- SFV Caravan will meet at the McDonald's located at 11840 Balboa Bl, Granada Hills. Departure from McDonald's will be at 8:30 am.
- SCVCC will meet at Kohl's parking lot on Golden Valley Dr at 8:15am to sign waivers and go to 2nd meeting spot (Costco, 1141 West Avenue L, Lancaster) to meet caravan at 9:30am
- The final departure location will be at the Lancaster Costco parking lot, departing at 9:30 am.

After entering the base (ID check for EVERYONE), we will park our 'Vettes and will be shuttled to our tour stops, including a stop for lunch. After our tours, we will return to our cars to answer questions and show them off.

This is an all-day event. RSVP and sign up ARE REQUIRED.



Three Months at a Glance



November 2018

1	Thurs	General Meeting – Oaks Grille 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
9 - 11	Fri - Sun	San Luis Obispo Weekend staying at Best Western Plus Royal Oak Details to be sent out by Communications Guy
15	Thurs	Taste of the Town: 6pm Yamatos Restaurant 24947 Pico Canyon Rd, Stevenson Ranch
22	Thurs	Happy Thanksgiving
30	Fri	Edwards Air Force Base Winterfest ~ Meeting at Kohl's parking lot on Golden Valley Dr at 8:15am on sign waivers and go to 2 nd meeting spot (Costco, 1141 West Avenue L, Lancaster) to meet caravan at 9:30am. On base, you will take a shuttle to the tour stops along the way. Sign-ups at November Business Meeting must be done to inform our guide of our attendance numbers.

December 2018

6	Thurs	General Meeting – Oaks Grille 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
8	Sat	Christmas Party 6pm at Sand Canyon Country Club 27734 Sand Canyon Rd. Santa Clarita. Please bring your donation bags for the Food Pantry
25	Tues	Merry Christmas
2 - 10		Happy Hanukah
31	Mon	Happy New Year to all!

January 2019

Happy New Year!!

3	Thurs	General Meeting – Oaks Grille 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
13	Sun	Surprise Breakfast 7:30am on the Old Road near Outback
		The rest of the month is TBA



From the Driver's Seat

October 2018 President's Message

It seems like just yesterday that I took the steering wheel of this fantastic machine called the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club and, with my First Lady at my side, started down a path with a vision of where the club should be heading, and the impact it would make in the community we live. I was excited and anxious at the same time but knew that the people in the club were supportive and willing to take the journey as we headed into the club's future. Now, sit back and take my last Driver's Seat ride with me.

In the beginning of my journey, there were some bumps and potholes along the way, but thanks to a dedicated Board of Directors, and a tolerant membership, we made it through the first year. The following year, there were a few people who left the board because of health matters and moving out of state. Those people were valuable to the board, but we adapted and continued moving forward. With a cohesive board, so many things were able to be accomplished, but not in "rubber stamp" fashion. Everything that took place in the club's development and refinement of operation was a result of great deliberation and consideration for what's best for the club, its membership, and compliance with all State and Federal regulations.

Our Corvette club is highly respected, not only in the City of Santa Clarita, but across the nation. Yes, that's right, across the nation. Since the implementation of our 21st century website, we have become a "go to" organization, not only in Corvette circles, but to auto enthusiasts in general. We have established ourselves as a high quality and highly respected car club, and that's because of the members who are so active and committed to making the club what it is today.

This success is not because of one person or a board of directors, it's because of a great membership. A group of caring people, who care for each other, care for the community, and value the family friendships that are developed through our social events, runs, and car shows. The fact that we all have interests in the Corvette is the tie that binds us together. Our club is like a diamond, and we shine because of so many facets of people that make up our club membership. We don't all agree on politics, we don't all agree on religion, and sometimes we don't agree on anything, but we all agree on driving our Corvettes, having fun together, and being part of something great.

As the President, I have been blessed over the years with a great First Lady, a great board of directors, and active committee people. The Executive Board has its duties, responsibilities, and its trials, and often go unnoticed by the membership at large, but it has dealt with each issue head on. All board decisions are made in the best interest of the membership, and not the individual.

Jim Fulmer has been an outstanding Vice President, and a vital asset to club and the President in so many ways. Not only has Jim been a voice of institutional history, but he's been the driving force behind so many functions, club events, and why our 50/50's are so popular. Jim has seen what was, knew what should have been, and had a vision of what could be, having served in several other positions on the Board's since 1988. His behind the scenes involvement has made our club so successful and coveted.

Ron Bergmann has held the most thankless and truly most unappreciated position of club Secretary, and it's the second most critical duty on the Board of Directors. He has never wavered from the



responsibility. His attention to detailed documentation, knowledge of procedural requirements and responsibilities has kept this club in compliance with established rules, regulations, and legal requirements. Ron has been the “checks and balances” of the administration of the Board of Directors and his actions are what keeps the club on track and a professional entity.

The most critical and demanding position on the Board of Directors is that of the Treasurer. Elke Couples has been the best Treasurer this club has ever had, and I can say that with firsthand knowledge, and affirmation from past Presidents, dating back to the 1990 President, John Noble. From the first day Elke took control of the finances, she has accounted for every penny that has come into or left this club. Her accurate documenting of income and out-go has kept everyone aware of the finance and ensures that there are no wasteful expenditures. The club’s finances are public record as a tax-exempt organization. Finances are the most critical part of any organization and accurate financial records keep the club from losing its 501(c)(7) status, and that keeps people from going to jail. Elke’s monthly accounting is presented to the membership at each meeting and anyone can see exactly where the money goes, at any time.

The Board positions that everyone sees and hears about the most are the Activities Committee. Joyce Bergmann, Glenda Fulmer, Janene McDonald, and Mark Ware have taken Activities to a new level and are the backbone of our club’s reputation as being a truly active Corvette club. The Activities Committee has come of age in planning, organization and communications because of Mark’s innovative new website. Activities no longer require people having to see a written piece of paper at each meeting describing the months ahead. Members (anyone for that matter) can just go online to scvcc.org and the information is there. Planning and coordination are more accurate and immediate, saving countless hours of wasted time and effort.

The Activities Committee has brought professionalism to the club and to the members in general. It’s been said that behind every great man stands a great woman. Well, behind the club’s President, stand three great women, Joyce Bergmann, Glenda Fulmer and Janene McDonald. Those three women pull together outstanding events which appeal to everyone to one degree or another. Each lady brings something invaluable to the club. They bring desire, drive and integrity. They are so committed to making events the best they can be that they work relentlessly and with much self-sacrifice to pull together functions that appear to flow seamlessly. Mark created an operating model events calendar for the year which keeps the Activities Committee on track and focused. Mark is the type of guy that doesn’t worry about who gets the glory as long as the job gets done. He truly deserves recognition for what he does. Additionally, because of Mark’s operating skills, all of our events are successful. It’s not always about speed and performance (although Mark Ware would like it to be), but the Activities Committee leans toward social and interactions with each other. After all, when you drive somewhere you’re not just going to turn around and drive back. Your car needs gas, and your body needs food, so we drive and eat, or eat and drive. If the women in the club are happy, so are the men.

Our Membership Chairperson, Judy Woodings, has done an excellent job over the past years with her outgoing personality and personal ownership of the position. She always goes out of her way to make new people feel welcome and wanted. She always follows up both with a written communication and a personal telephone contact. Her actions exemplify another facet of the club’s reason for being so successful. A good Membership coordinator makes for a good Board, and a great club membership.

Back in 2005, Bill Thomas became the club’s first Quartermaster, and since then, only three other members served in that position. I can say without a doubt, that as of 2014, Deana Shaver has taken the Quartermaster position to a level that far exceeded my expectations and has brought the quality and style of our clubs appearance to a whole new standard. Thanks to Deana’s innovative ideas, drive, marketing skills, and personal commitment to serving the club membership, we now have a



quality product, a stylish appearance, and a feeling of pride when we gather together at functions, club runs, or special events. Additionally, Deana has taken on the duty of Special Events Coordinator”, which is basically the person who pulls our annual Christmas Party together. It’s a labor of love, but also pride in putting together such a special event for the membership. Deana spends nearly nine months planning and coordinating all aspects of the event.

Communications is an important aspect of any club. Keeping everyone up to date on club events and important information is time consuming and can be a daunting task, especially when the world of technology goes tilt. When our ‘Master of Message Management”, Tony Munshi moved away, leaving a vacancy in the Communications position, I took on the position. After all, how hard could it be? Needless to say, I’d rather have had a no Novocain root canal than do Communications. Anthony Bachmura stepped up to plate an offered to take on the duty as the “Communications Guy”. Being that he was eager to be an active part of the club, and wanted do Communications, I was equally as eager to let him do it. In today’s electronics world, communications can be an instant and ever-changing nightmare. Anthony has taken to the duty, like a duck to water. If you’re not getting informed, it’s not because of Anthony.

Our Newsletter, which is now sent electronically, is the lifeline of our club and to those desiring to know about our club. Mike Woodings has been the Editor in Chief of the Newsletter for the past 6 years and has made great strides in the quality of our publication. He’s made several design changes to the look and format of the publication and has been innovative with the incorporation of interest articles such as “Vette Vittles”, “Laff Traxx”, and our “Corvette Classifieds”. Additionally, Mike makes sure that we all stay informed and educated with subjects related to us as a club and Corvette enthusiasts. Our members often comment on the quality of the Newsletter that Mike puts out and I have not seen a better publication from a social car club.

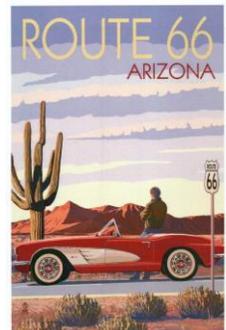
Yes, I’ve taken a lot of your time, but you need to know what it takes to make this club run, and to run efficiently. It’s your club, and a reflection on you as a member. I encourage you to get involved and be an active part of the success that has been laid before you.

As Janene and I complete our drive down the path we started with the club, we are thankful for the support and trust the members had in us, as well as for the privilege of being part of such a great club. We have made so many close and lifelong friendships, and sadly, we’ve seen several of our great friends take their last Corvette drive down the road of life. We are thankful for each and every person that we have met and come to know and we are fortunate to have such an extended Corvette family. As we leave the state for our new home, we leave with mixed emotions. It’s so hard to leave something that is part of you, and something you love deeply.

Mike Woodings will now take the controls of this magnificent club and I wish him great success, and with the support of this fantastic membership, the transition should be seamless.

On behalf of Janene and myself, thank you for a great journey, and love to you all.

Dwight and Janene McDonald





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: Nov 1, 2018

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



Yamato Japanese Steak House
24947 Pico Canyon Road
Stevenson Ranch

Next Social Gathering: Nov 15, 2018

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Art Rocco	Nov 2
Jim Fulmer	Nov 9
Vickie Salmen	Nov 12
Jackie Campbell	Nov 12
Angie Ryan	Nov 14
Brian de Avila	Nov 14
Kym Burns	Nov 15
Glenda Fulmer	Nov 20
Sharon Spierer	Nov 20
Cindy Schmidt	Nov 23
Dick Meier	Nov 26
Russ Obarski	Nov 30



Veasman	November 2, 1996	22 yrs
Vega	November 9, 1968	50 yrs
Butler	November 10, 1984	34 yrs
Stern	November 22, 2005	13 yrs
Hoffman	November 23, 1983	35 yrs
Turkheimer	November 24, 1988	30 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 – October 4, 2018

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

Secretary Ron Bergmann read the minutes from the September meeting.

Elke Couples gave the treasurers report of club assets and expenditures as of Oct 1, 2018.

Dwight McDonald gave the President's Report. He introduced Tony Megowan, the Caravan SW Section Captain, who made a presentation on the 2019 Caravan. It will be 7 days on a northern route via I-70. In Kansas City, the caravan will have dinner under the wings of a historic Lockheed Constellation airliner. Cape Girardeau will host 500-600 Corvettes. Dwight then introduced Frank Ceriti, Simi Valley Corvette Club, who made a presentation regarding a Christmas tree lighting at Edwards AFB on 11/30. We will leave Granada Hills at 0830, arrive at Edwards, board a shuttle for a tour of the base, have lunch at the Officers Club, go back to our cars, display them for Base personnel, and attend the tree lighting. More details will follow. The SCVCC Car Show was a huge success. It was not a hometown show; over 50% of the trophies went to non-club members. 38 people worked to make it a success. They will all get dangles. Jim Bancroft and Gene and Cindy Schmidt were recognized for their 15 years of Club service. Dwight recognized Jim and Glenda Fulmer for their years of service to the Club and the Board of Directors. Jim has been a member for 34 years. They are moving to Prescott, AZ. Dwight again announced his move to Arizona and asked for nominations from the floor for president. Mike Woodings was nominated and received a second. There were no other nominations. Mike Woodings is the new president of the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club. Linda Butler made a presentation on the Food Pantry drive at the Christmas Party. The needs are peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, personal hygiene items, kid's diapers, and all items should be low salt and/or low sugar. The Prescott Car Show yielded several trophies for SCVCC members. The Nolans won the ZR1 trophy and Donna decided to emulate one of the previous recipients victory dance, but found she was not quite as limber.

Judy Woodings gave the Membership Report. She recognized a visitor, Richard Mack. The Club now has 101 regular members and 21 Associate members.

Janene McDonald gave the Activities Report. She thanked the Munshis for hosting a party at their home for the Prescott Show attendees. She presented cakes to the Fulmers for their years of service. She covered the Three Months at a Glance. The Ceo's Lasagna Night will be 10/13. A trip to San Luis Obispo is scheduled for November 9 and 10.

Deana Shaver gave the Quartermaster Report. She announced that 40th jackets are still available to order. She thanked all those who helped at the Car Show. The Christmas Party invitations will be going out shortly.



Anthony Bachmura made the Communications Report. He asked everyone to keep their email addresses up to date.

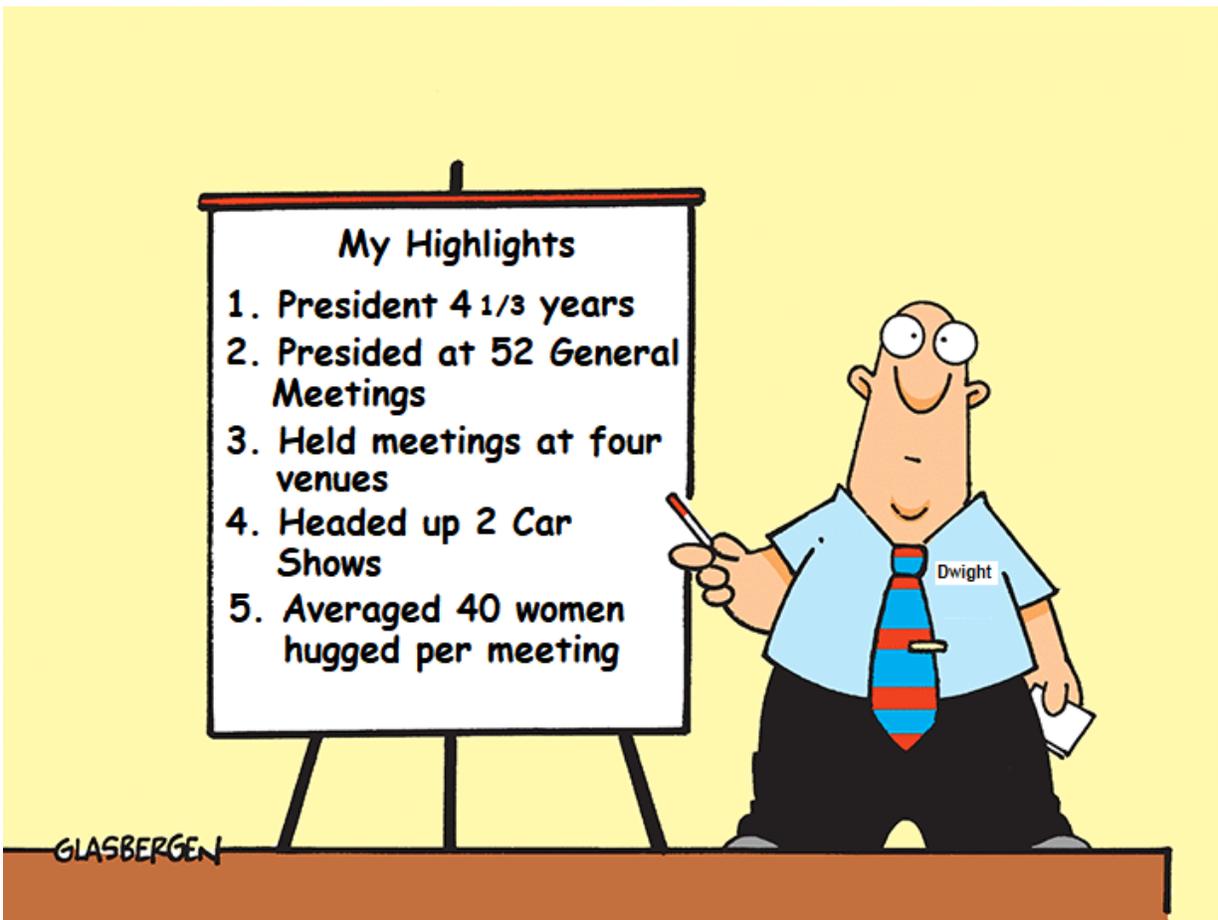
Mike Woodings gave the Newsletter Report. He took the opportunity to say a few words about his new position as president and people serving on the Board.

Don Ceo won the 50/50 raffle for \$233.00. The Badge It or Lose It winner was Robyn Webster for \$40.

The Club made a special presentation to the McDonalds and the Fulmers. Dwight spoke briefly about his time in the Club and his term as president.

Dwight announced the birthdays and anniversaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03P.M.





Our Past President

In the President's message you will read some glowing comments written by our past President, Dwight McDonald, about the members of the Board of Directors. It is my turn to tell you what your past president has done for this Club. The job can be thankless at times. He has made the tough decisions that are part of the job of the leader of an organization like the SCVCC. Some people may not have been happy with all of those decisions, but he always had the welfare of the Club in mind when he made them. It was never personal with Dwight, it was always SCVCC first. He bounced ideas off various Board members to ensure he got our opinions and then could take the right path. That is how he does business and it was much appreciated by the Board.

Dwight is a person who is interested, not only in the hobby of Corvettes, but in the people who make up the Club. How many times has he greeted you at meetings and events and demonstrated his desire you get to know you better? He has volunteered his time and effort, not only as President, but when others could not step up to the plate. He did the communications position when no one volunteered, he spearheaded an effort to modernize the bylaws, and he just recently led the effort for our 40th Anniversary Car Show. His time is valuable, like everyone else's, but he never let the Club down. I have enjoyed my time as Secretary and it can be time consuming, but I was continually amazed at the time Dwight put into the operation of the Club to ensure all went right.

I will admit he tells some tired jokes on occasion, but people still laugh because his personality still makes them funny. Don Ceo may not miss all the short jokes, but I know he will miss Dwight. All the Club members should realize he had their best interest at heart. I believe I speak for the entire Board; we will all miss him. I wish Mike Woodings the best as the new Prez and I know he will fill the shoes just fine.

Ron Bergmann, Secretary, SCVCC





QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

**Great Clubwear
for Autumn
is Here!**



NEW Ladies Tees



**YOUR
Quartermaster**

Show PLUS Go!

- Order those NEW 40th Anniv T-Shirts!!!
- 40th Anniv Club Jackets now available!!!
- Stand out at Club events!



40th Anniversary



Ladies Visors



Men's Shirts

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

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the November meeting. Deana will be at your service to address your clubwear needs. You can always contact her on-line at quartermaster@scvcc.org between meetings for special Clubwear matters.



The Streets of Willow Springs

Oct 13th

Story: Jeff Hernandez
Photos: Jeff Hernandez

Mark Ware and I had been talking about doing some performance events/track days with the club for some time now, and here it is, Saturday, October 13, 2018!



Any time I have a fun day planned it's hard to get sleep the night before. Tossing and turning all night, my brain racing, thinking ... Do I have everything? Is my car ready? Am I ready? Going over in my head the checklist of things to bring, and not to bring!

I was awake at 3AM, an hour before the alarm was to go off! I was up, dressed, and out the door, ready for whatever the day may bring! But it was only 3:30, and it was raining, WTH, anyway! We were to meet at Denny's at 5:15AM. I got there at 5AM, I saw Ron Nolan already sitting there, waiting! It was still raining, not looking too good. But we were determined. Shortly after that, Mark and Brian De Avila showed up. It was 6 o'clock, time to go. Steve Turkheimer pulled up just in time, and we were 'off like a prom dress'!

A quick drive up Highway 14 to Rosamond and in no time we pulled into Willow Springs International Speedway! And no rain, the track is dry! We set up a base camp and about that time Steve Hilton showed up, the group was excited and ready to race!

On this day there was a lot of confusion at the track, it seemed that they had overbooked the track (in my opinion). There were 6 different 'run groups'. Most of the time there are 3 run groups:





Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. This day they added 3 special groups: muscle cars, hot rods, and some crazy track vehicles.

After check in they held a Drivers Meeting. It's very important to pay attention at the Drivers Meeting! This is

where you get the Do's and Don'ts and learn what the racecourse flags mean! In other words they are telling you NO KNUCKLE-HEADS on the track!

Our group got on the track for the first time at about 9 AM for a Lead/Follow session. This is mostly for beginner's to show them the track up close and show the best way around the track (the Line). This is led by an experienced driver. This is fun. You go fast enough to get a feel for things, and learn what to look for, like the Apex of the turn and Landmarks (like traffic cones placed at the apex).



Willow Springs was experiencing technical difficulties with their lap timing (transponder) system, so that delayed things. Once they got that operational, they opened the track session and, sure

enough, someone's car dumped oil on the track! Shut down again. Clean up on aisle 3, please! Then the lap timing broke again. All of this made for a long delay. Sorry, but this is racing, you just make the best of it!



Okay, back on the track and it's our turn! And OH, BABY! What a blast! Much faster pace, quicker turns, oh yeah! After our session, we were back to the pits, everybody was amped up.



We talked about our track experiences with each another, how we raced through the turns, catching up with other cars, and passing them! Definitely worth the wait! This is what it is all about. Friends having the time of their lives!



If you get a chance, just ask the guy's about their Track Day experience, and maybe someday you will join us for the wild ride of your life!

Thanks to Mark Ware, Ron Nolan, Steve Hilton, Brain De Avila and Steve Turkheimer for coming out to play!



Two Weekends-Two Homes-One Club

Oct 13th and 20th

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Janene McDonald and Mike Woodings

Fall has arrived and backyard functions are once again great ideas with the sizzling temperatures a thing of the past until next year. October offered not one, but two opportunities for our club people to get together in the open-air surroundings to enjoy food and games and just plain fun.



Don and Connie Ceo opened their home to the club on October 13th for the third edition of Lasagna Night and social get together. Corvette people from near and far rolled in beginning at 4 PM and found their way to the Ceos' splendid back yard to sample the refreshments and marvel at Don's newly upgraded Corvette Bar.

There are some terrific cooks in our club as we all know from our potluck activities. The spread had plenty of main course entrees to compliment the lasagna and of course, there was no shortage of desserts either.

As the day transitioned into evening, the focus of the affair changed as well with many digging into their pockets and purses for some loose change to try their chances at the card tables.



Just a week later on October 20th, Ed and Deana Shaver put out the welcome mat for club members to enjoy an equally fun afternoon, and into evening get together, in their equally inviting yard and patio. More potluck offerings and plenty of desserts were available with the inevitable Acey-Deucey and Bunco games that were on hand to make or break the players.

Once again, there was an abundance of socializing and time to relax in another open-air get together.

Some say we "drive and eat", but what we really do best is enjoy spending time with each other. Corvettes are wonderful, but not the only thing we have in common.

Many thanks to the Ceos and the Shavers for their hospitality and preparation for TWO weekend events this month. With the change of seasons upon us, we might miss the back-yard venues for a while, but we all hope they'll be back!



Taste of the Town – Another Chili Night

Oct 18th

Story: Judy Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

If you are one of the many Corvette family members here in Santa Clarita, you know this article has nothing to do with the weather...it does though have everything to do about the gathering of our fabulous friends and their Corvettes at Chili's in Canyon Country.

As always, it's exciting to get together and hear about the happenings in our club and each other's lives. It's our way of staying in touch and hey, at our age, much can happen in just a few days!



The food at Chili's is always good and the portions are more than we should eat in one sitting. Then there might be dessert too. There are plenty of comfort food offerings to choose from.

Our attendance was down some this month with only fifteen in number, but the enthusiasm was still alive. We had two visitors in our midst, Bob and Donna Dunham who found us

on the web and wanted to check us out. The commented that with such a great website, we must be a good club as well.

Taste-of-the-Town seems so easy for most of us – we are hungry, we show up, we eat and then we leave happy – in most cases. But for our Activities people it is: consider what restaurant, can it hold our numbers, make contact for our desired night, coordinate attendance numbers for staffing. You get the idea.

Let's not forget to thank our Activities Committee members for the great job they do!



So until next time, in November our next TOT will take us to Yamato's in Stevenson Ranch. Put that one on your calendar for a great time of visiting and dining out.



How Was YOUR Wednesday?

Oct 24th

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

Our club has always rolled out in large numbers for weekend activities and runs, and that is to be expected. You can't spend all of your time doing chores, watching football or waiting for the sunset . No, I say! Leave that for the non-Corvette people.

Well then, what about the other five days of the week? They are just as beautiful as Saturday and Sunday, and there is some expensive gas in the tank. So I say let's hit the road for a MID-WEEK run in our Vettes and the heck with work or television or whatever!



Wednesday, October 24th was just one of those days for 28 of our club people as we got together for such an escape to the Cold Springs Tavern for some driving fun and excellent eating.

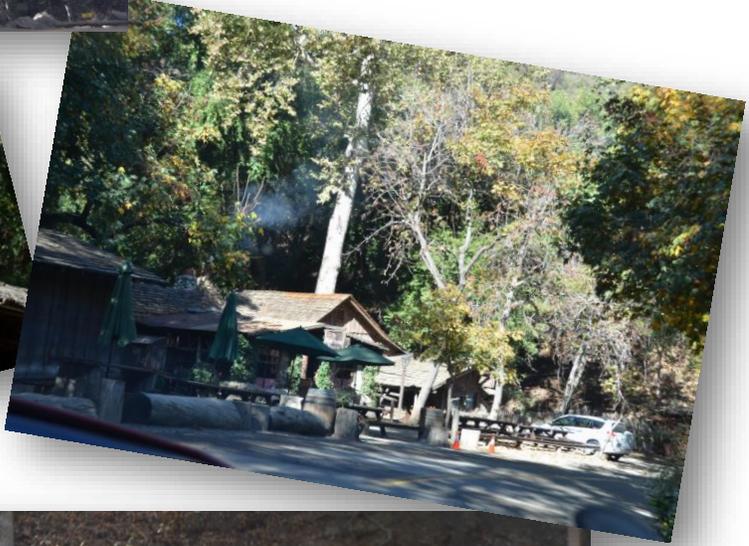
It was also an excellent opportunity for Jim and Donna Webster to introduce their brand new 2019 Admiral Blue Grand Sport to the open road.

Our fifteen Corvettes looked terrific all the way outbound on CA 126, north on US 101 and up the San Marcos Pass Road on CA154 as your "road captain lead the procession. At the summit, our trusted "mountain goat" Steve Turkheimer took the lead through the curves on Stagecoach Road on to our destination since he knew every curve and also to give him his choice of the few parking spots available.





San Marcos Pass is to most off the beaten track and the Cold Springs Tavern is almost off the grid, but it is top notch with their service, food and ambiance. Our Activities Committee made a great call putting this run on the schedule as a weekday destination.





The fortunate 28 in attendance for the hump-day run were: Jim & Donna Webster, Dick Meier and Leah Granen, Steve Hilton & Jo Ayers, Dave & Karen Jewett, Dan & Marcia Stern; Les Hershberger & Mami Wong, Steve & Judy

Turkheimer, Shelia Percivalle and Linda Roselund, Tom & Judy Tomlinson, Don & Connie Ceo, Gene Schmidt, Brian de Avila, Jim & Maggie Bancroft and Mike & Judy Woodings.



An informal survey of all attendees was taken and their unanimous response indicated the continued viability of the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club...none of Wednesday's caravanners had any relocation plans on their schedule or in mind!

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



Corvette Hangs-on for Third Consecutive GTLM Title

Courtesy of: 

Contributed by Ron Stein

It wasn't exactly how the team drew it up, but Corvette Racing won its third consecutive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT Le Mans (GTLM) class championship Saturday in the Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta.

The 10-hour race was won in class by the No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR and co-drivers Nick Tandy, Patrick Pilet and Frederic Makowiecki, but it was the No. 3 Corvette C7.R team and co-drivers Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen, joined at Road Atlanta by Marcel Fassler, who defended their title from one year ago with an eighth-place finish.

In what was an ultimate display of teamwork, the No. 3 team – who entered the race needing to finish fourth or better to clinch the championship – was forced to cheer on its sister car, the No. 4 Corvette C7.R of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Fassler, as it held off the No. 67 Ford GT in the final hour to secure a second consecutive championship for the No. 3.



With a little over two-and-a-half hours remaining and their car in contention for a race victory, Garcia spun exiting pit road and made contact with the inside wall, forcing him to go behind the wall to make repairs. He returned to the track in ninth, three laps down, setting up a scenario where all the No. 67 had to do was finish second or better to win the championship.

While in position to just that, Briscoe pit the No. 67 from second with 48 minutes to go, but was beat back out on track by the No. 4, who ended up holding on to the second position while the No. 67 fell to fifth.

“It probably went from one of my best races of my career to the most embarrassing moment of my career,” said Garcia. “Thank you to the (No.) 4 Car for keeping the pressure up on the (No.) 67 Car, which had to go for the win for the (championship) result. That’s part of this



championship, the 4 Car keeping the pressure up at the end. I'm very happy. It will take me a little bit to forget that mistake, but I'm very happy for the whole team."

"The way it turned out, the way the 4 Car went in there and really put pressure on changed things around," added Magnussen. "Such a massive team effort to make this happen. I'm so proud to be a part of this. I think what really did it was the 4 Car got sent super aggressively and changed the balance of things. Obviously the 4 Car went for the win, but they knew why they were doing it. It turned things in our favor."

It was the 13th team championship and 12th driver title for Corvette Racing in its 20-year history. The championship-winning No. 3 team managed to win the championship without scoring a win, riding remarkable consistency that included eight podium finishes in 11 starts.



That was the first time since 2005 a team had won a championship with winning a race during the season. The runner-up effort for the No. 4 team, meanwhile, moved them up to third in the year-end standings.

"Congratulations to Antonio, Jan and the No. 3 Corvette C7.R team on clinching the GTLM Driver Championship," said Mark Reuss, GM Executive Vice

President and President Global Product Group and Cadillac. "This team never gave up all season to deliver our 12th Driver title for Corvette Racing over 20 seasons of competition. And congratulations to Corvette Racing and Pratt & Miller on their 13th Team Championship. They prepared a race car that delivered consistent performance and that great combination of power, durability and efficiency."

"It still feels amazing to win this race," said Pilet. "It's the last race of the season. We won Sebring, but since then we had a lot of bad luck and we missed a lot of victories during the season. But like I said, we're right here with a brand-new motivation. We know that the team was really strong. And we have our lucky charm, Fred."

Three manufacturers made up the top three spots in the finishing order with the No. 24 BMW Team RLL BMW M8 GTLM of John Edwards and Jesse Krohn rounding out the podium. It was BMW's third consecutive podium to close out the 2018 season.



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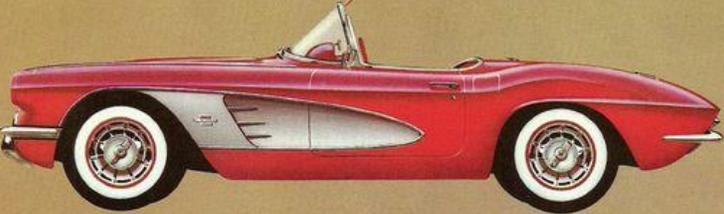


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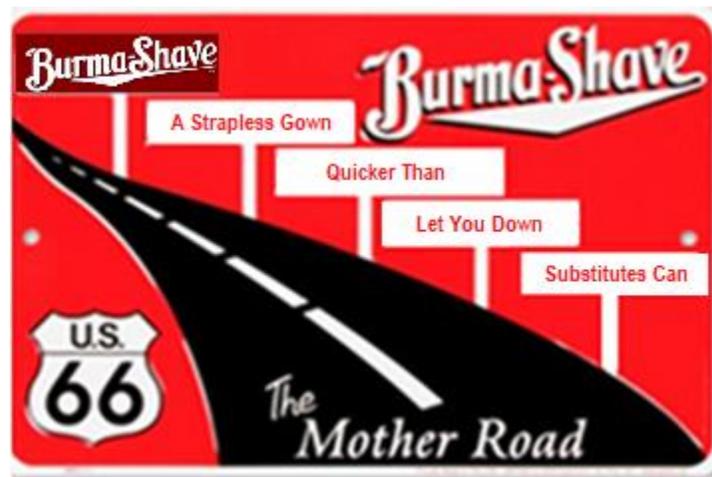
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Ingredients

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups pumpkin
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup margarine at room temperature



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Set aside 1 cup of the cake mix for the topping.
3. Mix remaining cake mix with 1/2 cup melted margarine and 1 beaten egg. Put in bottom of a 9x13-inch pan.
4. Mix together pumpkin, remaining 3 eggs, brown sugar, 1/4 cup of the white sugar, milk and cinnamon. Spread over cake.
5. Mix together reserved 1 cup cake mix, remaining 1/2 cup white sugar, and margarine. Sprinkle over pumpkin mixture.
6. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes.



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Final Thoughts:

Thanks to all who contributed to this month's *Corvette Gazette*. In case you missed it, at the October business meeting, your Editor picked up some additional duties and the extra help this month went a long way to having great input once again.

With that said, your Newsletter will continue as always, with the assistance of all of the "cub reporters" in our midst. But hey, check this out, there is a **BOARD POSITION** (Newsletter Editor) that one of you would be ideal for. All applications will be considered and **FREE training** is available.

For other future planning, now is the time to get serious about the 2019 National Corvette Caravan. Find the information you need at the website: <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/ca-southern/> and be ready to roll when next August arrives.

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PS - Anthony and Delores Bachmura made it back safely from Texas!

