



Corvette Gazette



Our 41st Year



Santa Clarita, California USA

July 2019



Ta-Dah!
Your new 2020 C8 Corvette

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SCVCC Upcoming Calendar of Events



August 1st General Meeting – Vincenzo’s Pizza
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM – But come early to grab a bite from their selection of pizza, pasta, and sandwiches!
Valencia Plaza at 24504 Lyons Ave, Newhall.

August 15 Taste-of-the Town – Wood Ranch BBQ and Grill
5580 The Old Rd Stevenson Ranch.
One of California’s original BBQ chains.
See you at 6:00pm!



August 19 Weekday Run
Lunch - La Cocinia Grill, followed by a tour of the SCV Senior Center.
Let’s meet on this Monday afternoon at the La Cocinia in Canyon Country) Golden Valley & Sierra Hwy) for lunch beginning at 11:00 am. From there it a short drive to the SCV Senior Center for a tour of the new facility that we helped build! Tour 1:30pm.



August 24 Saturday Event
Lunch at Ladyface Alehouse and Brasserie in Agoura, followed by a tour of the Getty Villa on PCH.
This fun Saturday starts with a meetup at the Chuy’s/Outback lot at 10:00 am for sign-in. Caravan leaves at 10:30.



October 4-13 Southwest Caravan- Albuquerque Balloon Festival and National Parks



Time to make your plans and reservations for this special road trip.

Planning meeting TBA.



From the Driver's Seat

July 2019 President's Message

July has come and now has gone. What a month it was. Our new club year began with the announcement of the new 2019 – 2020 board members, Vice President Jim Webster, Quartermaster Judy Turkheimer, and in the Webmaster/Communications slot, Steve Turkheimer. Thanks go out to them for joining the board as we continue our 41st year as a club.

At our July general meeting, we marked what was surely a milestone in the area of membership when our Membership Chair Judy Woodings inducted not one or two or three, but TEN new regular members into the club in a mass ceremony. This was the moment some had been patiently waiting for up to two years. Be sure to congratulate Al and Jill Boley, Peter and Carrie Di Orio, Steve Romine, Jimmy Simpson, Bob and Sharon Spierer and Jimmy and Robyn Webster when you see them. There are some additional openings as well that will be filled at the August meeting, so be sure to attend to find out who will be moving onto the regular roster.

Just the following day was July 4th and the Santa Clarita 4th of July Parade in Old Town Newhall, with our club entry headed up by Jimmy Webster. The morning and the day itself were thankfully cool with June Gloom still hanging out into July. Our positioning in the third division gave us a shorter wait time than in years past and before you knew it, we were rolling down the streets of Newhall, enjoying the crowd as much as they enjoyed our Corvettes. We continued on to Margarita's Mexican Restaurant for a delightful post-parade lunch and then on to other holiday plans as the parade judges voted our club as the 1st place winners in our class. Well done once again SCVCC!

July was just beginning though. Taste of the Town is always a great social time for members, but this month was even more exciting with the unveiling of the 2020 mid-engine Stingray by GM in Tustin coinciding with our event. We gathered on July 18th as planned at Route 66 Classic Grill with many more in attendance to view the live streaming of the Corvette unveiling on Mark Ware's special semi-high-tech hook-up. While all Corvettes are timeless, the new design had several members pretty excited with plans to check the latest model out in person and maybe even order one. Who will be the first? We should all recall Fred Seeley buying the first C7 and then Mike McCloskey right after him with the first convertible model. The new model frenzy will be fun to watch. Personally though, I'm awfully happy with the Corvettes in my stable now!

Surprises are fun for us all and the surprise breakfast run to the Summerland Beach Café and then on to a docent led tour of the historic Santa Barbara Courthouse was a great end to our first month of the 2019 – 2020 club year. Thanks to the Activities crew for planning a great day for us. But wait, just when you thought July was done, some of our members have squeezed in a VIP visit to the Peterson Automotive Museum for the Zora Duntov Tribute Weekend for the West Coast Unveiling of the C8. See you at the August meeting where our attendees will surely have something to say about the new Corvette at Car Talk.

Mike



Business Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each Month

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

Vincenzo's Pizza, Newhall, Valencia Plaza
24504 Lyons Avenue (East of I-5), Newhall

*Remember- After you park your Corvette, please bring the orange traffic cone to the front sidewalk near the entrance.

Next Business Meeting: August 1st, 2019

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



Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill

Valencia Market Place

2558 The Old Road

Stevenson Ranch

Next Social Gathering: August 15, 2019

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cindy Siecke	Aug 3
Dorothy McCloskey	Aug 7
Deana Shaver	Aug 15
Jimmy Webster	Aug 15
Buck Van Patten	Aug 20
Howard Butler	Aug 22
Al Aird	Aug 29



Trock	August 4, 1985
Hershberger	August 10, 1985
Stein	August 10, 1974
Salmen	August 18, 2007
Tomlinson	August 30, 1963

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 Dan Clarkson, Secretary
July 2019*

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 pm by President Mike Woodings. He noted that although it was a Wednesday, the bylaws only require a meeting during the first week of the month. Mike also noted that the first recorded Fourth of July parade occurred in 1785 in Bristol, RI. The SCV has been having theirs since 1932. The chairwoman of the SCV Parade, Linda Storli, addressed the club and expressed appreciation for our participation.

The parade continued as the first topic as Jimmy Webster went over details for the gathering place and patience of the participants. Mike Woodings brought a bunch of small flags on sticks which he denied taking from the cemetery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were loudly and obnoxiously read, accompanied by booing and hissing.

Treasurer Elke force fed the audience the details of club funds. The vast majority of dues have been paid on time. Those paying late know who they are.

The president's remarks included admiration of the collection of Corvettes in the parking lot and hopes for the decorations in the parade. Although the owner of Vincenzo's was on vacation, the facility was set up great with hot food, cold beer and warm air. The events at Saddle Ranch and Nethercutt Museum went very well. The picnic was a resounding success even though the volleyball was flat. A great time was had by all.

Mike announced new positions as a result of last month's election. Jim Webster is the new Vice President, Steve Turkheimer has Communications as well as the website, Judy Turkheimer is our new Quartermaster. Scott Gregory is the official newsletter writer. All other positions remain unchanged. Updated glovebox rosters are in work.

President Mike presented recognition awards to all the board members and noted the various challenges and upheavals seen by the board during the past year. Despite whispering among the audience, the awards did not include the Chamber of Commerce brochure of Prescott AZ.

The floor was surrendered to the Membership Chair, Judy Woodings. A 12-year-old visitor, Abbie Simpson, plans to have a pink C-9 Corvette at some point. Former member Jeff Carly was recognized. Ten new regular members were welcomed and took the new club loyalty oath with their hands on the Corvette Gazette. Most had been on the waiting list for a year. The solemn occasion was properly organized and observed by Judy. A tradition was born. The waiting list is gone, another cause for happiness.

Longevity awards for 15 years were presented to Dan Clarkson and Chuck Negri and for 10 years to Mike and Judy Woodings. Mike McCloskey's 36 years are our longest membership. He said it was made possible by his advanced age.



The Activities Chairlady, Donna Webster, went over the next three months. Sign-up sheets for upcoming events as well as a form for suggestions were on a nearby table. Longer range events such as the 2020 Monterey car show, the October Prescott car show and the October Balloon blowup were discussed. As always, the website has the latest info.

The new Quartermaster, Judy T, acknowledged the fine service of her predecessor, Deana Shaver, and hopes to do as well.

The Communications Chairman and web site maintainer, Steve Turkheimer, encouraged all to update their email addresses and welcomed suggestions.

Car Talk. John Vega said that the Simi Valley Corvette club lost their sponsorship of \$3600 from Simi Valley Chevrolet. He also provided a tip for preserving and handling rubber roof molding; use baby powder. Santa Paula Chevrolet was been sold to Bunnin Chevrolet of Santa Barbara. Mike McCloskey has learned that the official C-8 roll out will be July 18th in Orange County.

The 50/50 was worth \$166 and went to T Mac. Terri Romine and her badge were present and earned \$40.

The meeting came to a welcome adjournment at 8:30 pm.



Inside the 2020 C8 Corvette



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

Great Clubwear
for
Summer
is Here!



NEW Ladies Tees



**YOUR
Quartermaster
Judy Turkheimer**

Show PLUS Go!

- Always look great in Club T-Shirts!!!
- Club Jackets for all occasions!!!
- Stand out at Club events!



Polos



Ladies Visors



Men's Shirts

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

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the general meeting. Judy 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.



2019 Fourth of July Parade:

July 4th
Old Town Newhall

Our club is proud to have once again participated in the Santa Clarita, 4th of July parade, which was followed by lunch at Margarita's Mexican Grill!

In celebration of the signing of the Declaration of



Independence, some two-hundred-forty-three years ago, a group of our members braved the early morning hours to gather in Old Town Newhall to await the parade staging.

Fifteen Corvettes were dressed out this year in red, white, and blue, and adorned with flags, streamers, and bunting to show off their pride in both the America spirit, and the heritage behind America's sports car.

Finally, after a lot of hurry-up-and-wait, the magic hour rolled around, and the parade began its journey through the twenty-some thousand good folks who had gathered along the Newhall parade route in anticipation of this year's event.



For nearly an hour and half, the parade goes on watching an array of community clubs, floats, and groups, including mounted units, color guards, waving politicians, firetrucks, motorcycles, and antique cars, but as usual, when a flotilla of Corvettes cruise by, the crowd is moved to an extra round of cheers and applause! So much so, that following the event, mother



nature even applauded with her own 6.4 trembler, to shake things up little!

As is usually the case, Corvette piloting and navigation can work up an appetite, so at the conclusion of the parade, the crew gathered at Margarita's Mexican Grill for a well-deserved lunch, beverage, and parade discussion.

But the fun wasn't over yet! On Monday, the official parade winners were announced, and



once again, the SCVCC was honored with the first-place win in the Car and Motorcycle category! A big congratulations to all those members who participated in this year's event and brought home the first-place award- again!





'73 CORVETTE

We gave it radials, a quieter ride, guard beams and a nose job.

Like every new generation of Corvettes, this one has its own distinct appeal.

But it also has some very distinct advantages.

Standard GR70-15 steel-belted radial ply tires, for example. And interior compartment sound levels that have been reduced by 40%. Plus the security of steel guard beams in the doors.

But what everybody notices first is the aerodynamic front end that's formed to follow a variety of functions. First of all, it protects. The body-color front bumper is stronger. It's

specially mounted and has an outer cover made of injection-molded urethane to resist dents and prevent rust.

The new domed hood is special, too. Its air-induction design improves high output engine operation.

The swooping shape of the front end even takes care of covering the headlights and the windshield wipers.

Because with a car like the '73 Vette, it's hard to say where function ends and where form begins.

And that's precisely the beauty of it all.





Taste-of-the-Town: Route 66 Classic Grill July 18th

The July **Taste of the Town** had a little something extra this month. As chance would have it, Thursday, July 18th was not only our social gathering, it was also Chevrolet's scheduled unveiling of the new, 2020, C8 Corvette! I ask you, would there have been a better place to combine both of those activities than the Route 66 Grill? There would not.



So, a dedicated group of thirty-five members took on the mission of gathering around the always excellent burgers, fries, milkshakes, and apple pie, to anticipate the

long-awaited unveiling.

George at Route 66 is always accommodating, and he graciously allowed us to setup a TV on the counter of the soda fountain. So, though the magic of



the internet, and some technical stuff from Mark Ware, we were able to live stream the event directly from the Chevrolet website.



The unveiling, like our Taste of the Town dinner, did not disappoint.

The new C8 Corvette is a sexy beast, and there is no doubt we will be hearing much more about it in the coming months.

Be sure to join us next month at the Wood Ranch BBQ and Grill, in Stevenson Ranch.

We probably won't be unveiling a new Corvette, but you can bet your brisket it will still be some good BBQ had by all!





How it looked on Pinterest...



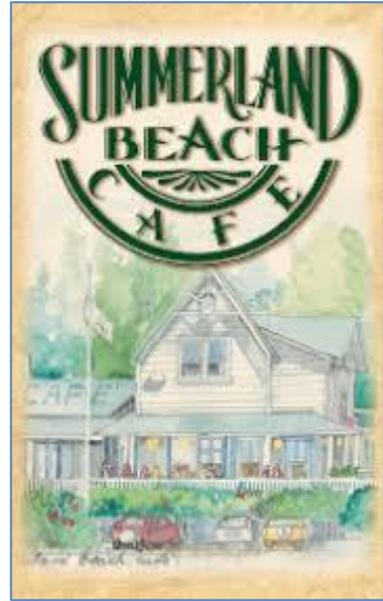
Nailed It!



Saturday Trip Surprise Breakfast!

Summerland/Santa Barbara, CA
July 20, 2019

Our **Surprise Breakfasts** are always a lot of fun, and this one did not disappoint!



We gathered on a perfect So-Cal Saturday morning at the Copperhill Walmart for coffee and chatter before the drivers' meeting where we were promised to be taken west along Highway 126 towards the coast. There, we would be given additional instructions.

The Corvette caravan made its way to Ventura, where we were instructed to take a right at the Pacific Ocean, and head north on the 101 freeway. Twenty miles or so up the coast we

were told to take the Evans Ave. exit, and BOOM, there it was—the always refreshing Summerland Beach Café! There was much rejoicing.

Having the outdoor patio reserved exclusively for our group was nice, and we could not have asked



for a more perfect coastal morning to dine alfresco. The food, as always was very good. From the Crabby Bill's Benedict and Wonder Wa-Full, to the Marvelous Mary and the Bikini Factory, the funky beach menu has something for everyone. Of course, the chilled water and fresh squeezed O.J. are nice added offerings.





With breakfast done, we were told about the second leg of our surprise adventure- the historic Santa Barbara Courthouse.



Normally a trip to any courthouse comes with an expected level

of anxiety in anticipation of the bureaucratic experience that awaits us, but not for this trip. This magnificent, ninety-year-old facility is steeped in Santa Barbara history, and contains a treasure-trove of art and craftsmanship that has to be seen to be believed. Surrounded by its extraordinarily beautiful architecture, the facility is awash in original art and murals that include the incredible wrap-around mural in the appropriately named, Mural Room.



The highlight of the tour is the clock tower that not only houses the intricate clock mechanism, but offers an amazing, 360-degree view from the top of the tower itself.

Although as beautiful as the courthouse is, it would not have been presented in its true historical lime-light without the amazing staff and docents who went out of their way to provide the best experience possible for our club.



All in all, our **Secret Saturday** was another excellent adventure. If you missed it, be sure to watch the club calendar for your next chance to participate – you'll be glad you did!

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



A MOMENT IN TIME...



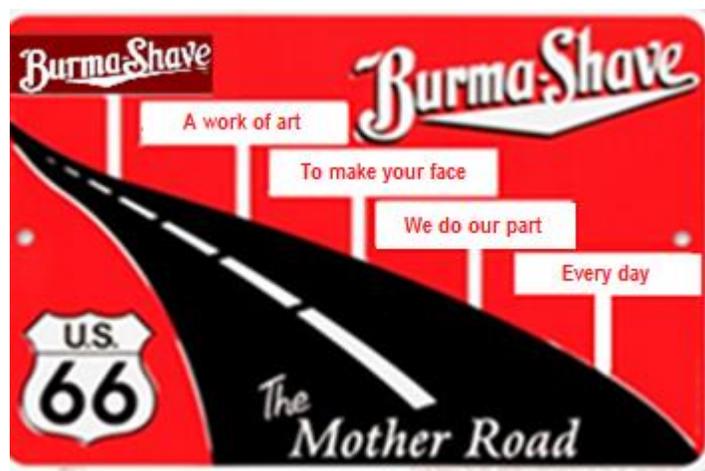
Laff Traxx



*"It's the 4th of July, Dad.
Where's your festive spirit?"*

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Down the road...

August is:

- Ice Cream Sandwich Day 2nd
- Grab Some Nuts Day 3rd
- Root Beer Float Day 6th
- Purple Heart Day 7th
- Vinyl Record Day 12th
- C8 Display, Rydel Chevrolet 14th
- Senior Citizens Day 21st
- SCVCC Southwest Caravan, Oct 4-13
- Prescott, AZ, Corvette Show Oct 11-13
- Santa Paula Chevrolet BBQ Oct 19th



Future C8 owner, Mark Ware tries one on for size at the Peterson Museum





VETTE VITTLES

for connoisseurs of fast cars and slow food

Breakfast Enchiladas

Submitted by Judy Tomlinson

Prep time 15 minutes

Cook time 1 hour

Servings 8

The Plan

- 1 lb breakfast sausage, browned
- 2 c shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 oz packaged bacon bits
- 8 8 inch flour tortillas
- 6 eggs
- 2 c half-and-half
- 1 tbsp all purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ c green onions, diced



Let's Do This

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- 1) Spray a 9X13 inch baking dish with cooking spray
- 2) in a large bowl, stir together browned sausage, 1 cup of the cheese, and half of the package of bacon bits.
- 3) Place 1/8 of the mixture down the center of a tortilla. Roll and place seam-side down in the baking dish. Repeat until all tortillas are filled.
- 4) In another large bowl, beat eggs, half-and-half, flour, and salt. Pour over the rolled tortillas in the baking dish, then sprinkle the top with the remaining cheese and bacon bits, add diced green onions. If you are making this dish ahead of time, it can be placed in the fridge for baking later, or baked immediately.
- 5) Cover and bake for 35 minutes. Uncover baking dish and cook for an additional 10 min. or until eggs are set and the cheese is melted.

Serve warm with red or green salsa.

Add some additional fresh toppings such as diced tomatoes or avocado!



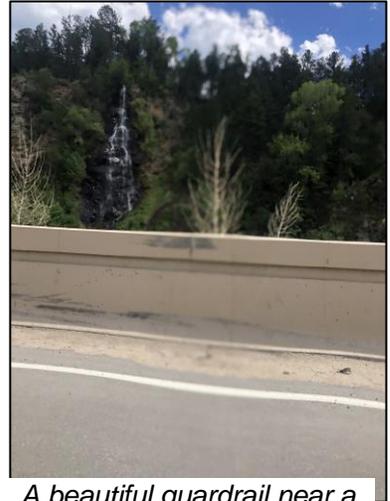
Final Thoughts



What I did on my summer vacation

By Scott Gregory

I want to start by saying that driving a Corvette along the back roads of rural America during the 4th of July is so patriotic it just makes me want to go out and feed some bald eagles! It's absolutely the best experience ever.



A beautiful guardrail near a mountain waterfall.



A scenic guardrail along the Colorado River

But unlike touring the country in the Family Truckster, those of us in low-slung Corvettes get to see it from a different, perspective, which can be summed up in a word...guardrails.

After ten days of being eye-level with thousands of miles of guardrails, it was clear that a wide variety of guardrails exist across this great country. For example, the mountainous areas like to use the solid concrete K-rail style, which because of the winter driving conditions could otherwise send you careening into a frozen wasteland of icy hell. Fine for safety, but not so much for sightseeing.

Places like Kansas and Nebraska don't much in the way of guardrails. They don't need them. If you drive off the road there, you simply plow-up a swath of field corn, then pull back onto the road. Great for sightseeing, if only there was something to see.



Luckily, these buffalo were far enough away as not to interfere with this guardrail shot



A guardrail near someplace unimportant



The beauty of this guardrail was nearly ruined by a nearby lake

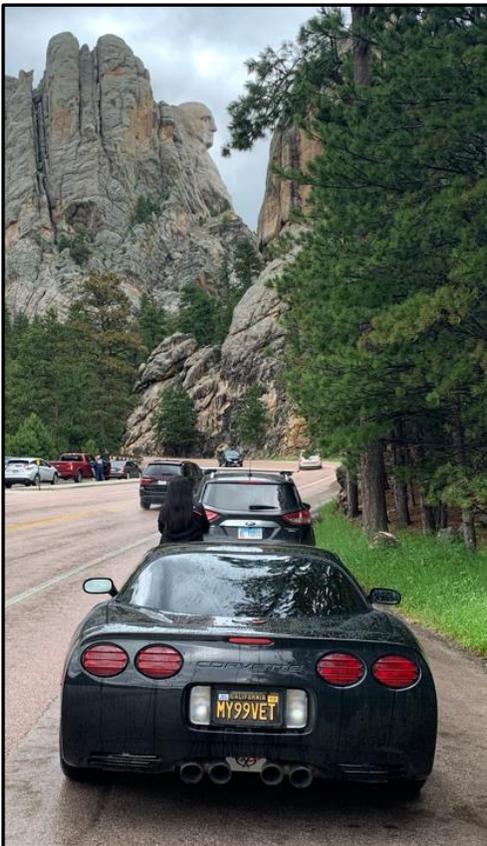
Some states prefer the twin rail system, which provides a much-improved sightseeing experience. But the most-Corvette friendly state is South Dakota. They like to use the stanchion and cable system which allows for much more viewing pleasure per mile. You go South Dakota!

But after thousands of miles, I can say that despite this guardrail blocking conspiracy, it is still worth it to get out there and travel. So, while it is still summer, you should get in your Corvette and go someplace.

What. You're still here? Go already, America is waiting...



A simple post-style guardrail over-powered by prairie scenery



Here, Mount Rushmore towers above all guardrails

Anyway, remember that this is your club and your newsletter, and we are always grateful to all of you who have contributed articles, photos, and ideas. Your Editor can be reached at newsletter@scvcc.org, including any contributions for an upcoming issue.

Scott Gregory

Newsletter Editor

The meaning of opaque is unclear to me...

