

Corvette Gazette



Our 41st Year



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September 2019



The run to the Getty

This month:

Steve gets ice cream, Brian sits on a bench, and Scott sees a car.

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From the Driver's Seat

August 2019 President's Message

Another August has come and gone, but summer is still here. It's tough for us convertible people in the hot months, going around with our tops up...some of you understand. Nevertheless though, we had some great club activities this month. Don't tell Vincenzo's that we had Taste of the Town at another pizza place. Topper's is always a good place to go with a big group, so then, pizza it was on the 15th!



Lunch at La Cocina (Golden Valley) was on the schedule for the 19th to get us ready for a visit to the newly opened SCV Senior Center. Although many of us have already received Social Security benefits, most have not thought about enjoying other senior benefits beyond senior discounts. We all were quite impressed with the new Bella Vida SCV Senior Center at 27180 Golden Valley Rd. There is something for everyone there and we hear the lunches are good too. The center was extremely busy during our tour and we were treated as honored guests as a result of our club's past donations. We all found Bella Vida to be an important part of our community.

Our run to the Getty Villa on PCH with lunch en route at the Ladyface Alehouse in Agoura made for an excellent, albeit, a hot day out. Our morning caravan with 26 Corvettes was just one of the highlights of the day. The gracious Ladyface staff took great care of our large group and the location seems to be a place most would like to try again. Then it was off to Malibu for the Getty with hope for cooler temperatures, but alas, it was still 86° on the sand and even hotter at the museum, but we are 98.6°, so who cares!

You might ask why Corvette people are excited about art and antiquities such as seen at the Getty Villa. Maybe you didn't ask, but at least I considered the question and I had to think there is a parallel there with Corvettes. The Getty Villa was designed after such a villa in Herculaneum, near Pompeii, destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 AD. It houses important antiquities to help us not forget that era. Thousands are making a pilgrimage to Bowling Green, KY and the National Corvette Museum this month. The NCM is another place designed for us to understand and appreciate not just Corvettes, but the Corvette era. The NCM will be important for coming generations to appreciate the front-engine masterpieces we grew up with as the Corvette improvements continue with entirely new concepts for America's Sport Car. If you missed the National Corvette Caravan in the past or this year, put it on your schedule for 2024.

That was almost it for August, when the sad news came about the loss of our dear friend and member Dan Colonello. He was more than a Corvette guy though. Dan fought heroically in Vietnam and in his final days here. We will miss him. Our love and prayers go out to Lydie for peace and comfort. —Mike

Business Meeting
 1st Thursday of each Month
 Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
Next Business Meeting, Sept. 5th

Vincenzo's Pizza
 24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall



Social Gathering
 3rd Thursday of each Month
 Social gathering @ 6:00 p.m.
Next Social Gathering Sept. 19th

Outback Steakhouse
 25261 The Old Rd, Newhall



Member Celebrations...

Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers for September

Virginia Gregory	Sep 8	Ray Kimple	Sep 25
Sarah Reader	Sep 10	Clara Gonzalez	Sep 25
Mark Ware	Sep 10	Carrie McAllister	Sep 26
Karen Jewett	Sep 15	Pauline Bultman	Sep 29
Mamie Wong	Sep 15	Couples	September 8, 2007
Chet Morse	Sep 18	Kalebjian	September 9, 1989
Mike McCloskey	Sep 21	Webster	September 20, 2009
Chip Colwell	Sep 21	Nolan	September 22, 2001
Bev Bottoms	Sep 22	Reader	September 22, 1984
Jim Whyte	Sep 24		

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.

SOUTHWEST CORVETTE CARAVAN

FEATURING

48TH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

OCT 4 - OCT 13, 2019



Albuquerque



Durango-Silverton RR

- Depart Friday 10-4-19
- 1 Night Flagstaff, AZ
- 3 Nights Albuquerque, NM
- 2 Nights Durango, CO
- 1 Night Jacob Lake, AZ
- 1 Night Kanab, UT
- 1 Night Mesquite, NV
- Return Home 10-13-19



Flagstaff

- The Trip of the Year!
- Still time to join the trip.
- Contact Mike Woodings mwoodings@ca.rr.com



North Rim

the MINUTES

Recorded by Jim Webster, Acting Secretary
August 2019

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 pm by President Mike Woodings

Mike brought in the 1st place trophy we received for the Best Car and Motorcycle category in the Santa Clarita 4th of July Parade. He offered anyone who wanted to touch it to come forward and do so before it is returned to the Trophy Vault.

Jim Webster reminded everyone that he was only the “Acting” Secretary and that he was reading the minutes of the previous meeting verbatim. Thus, absolving himself if any of Dan Clarkson’s previous jocular synopses fell flat. Either Dan did OK, or they liked the sound of Jim’s voice, as there was no booing and hissing.

Treasurer Elke provided the audience details of club accounts and funds. She also offered if anyone would be willing to take over as the new Treasurer. She would be happy to provide training.

The president’s remarks once again included admiration of the collection of Corvettes in Vincenzo’s parking lot. He thanked Jimmy Webster for taking the lead on our entry in the SCV 4th of July Parade.

He also thanked Mark Ware for supplying the television and equipment for streaming the video of the C8 introduction at the Taste-of-the-Town at Route 66 Classic Grill on August 18th.

Also cited was the great time we all had on the Surprise Breakfast Run. Looking for a respite from the heat, we all drove out to the Summerland Beach Café for a late breakfast, followed by a run up to the Spanish-Colonial Revival Style Santa Barbara Courthouse for a docent led tour. A few folks (no names mentioned here) then continued on to Ojai to a friendly little bar. It was the perfect place for an afternoon drink and a couple of games of pool.

Mike also remarked on how smooth the membership renewal was going, and that he had updated copies of the “Glove Box Roster” for anyone who needed one.

The gauntlet has been passed and new owners are taking over Santa Paula Chevrolet. They say they want to keep up the relationship with our club.

Next up was the Membership Chair, Judy Woodings.

Judy introduced some new people to the club; Bud and Linda Jenkins. They are the proud owners of a new 2019 Ceramic Matrix Grey Stingray. Judy handed the mic to Bud to find out more about their interest in the club and their new car. Let’s just say that Bud is not shy around a microphone.

She also noticed some new visitors—Jim & Pat—from Castaic, who have a 1994 Red Corvette. Sorry I didn't get their last name.

Another 7 new regular members were welcomed and took the new club loyalty oath with their hands on the Corvette Gazette. We now have 95 regular members, 5 openings, and 17 associate members. Watch for new regular members being sworn in soon.

Donna Webster, from the Activities Group, then went over the next three months' activities. 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 again mentioned. Although 50 people have signed up for the JPL tour, the date is still up in the air (pun intended). At this point it may happen in November. As always, the website has the latest club activities info.

The new Quartermaster, Judy Turkheimer, showed a variety of new shirt designs and asked for suggestions for what the members would like to see in the future. She offered discount prices to sell off old inventory to make room for the new stuff.

Our Newsletter Editor Scott Gregory did an outstanding job on the July newsletter, providing plenty of details on our recent club events. Be sure to read it.

The Communications Chairman and web site maintainer, Steve Turkheimer, again encouraged all to update their email addresses and welcomed suggestions. He also welcomed any ideas of where we might go locally to take updated pictures of all our clubs' cars.

Car Talk.

Tommy Couples talked about factory allocations for the new 2020 C8.

The 50/50 was worth \$126 and went to Tommy Couples. Linda Butler's badge was pulled, but being absent, the Badge-It-Or-Lose-It rolls over to next month. The meeting came to an adjournment at 8:40 pm.

A Moment in Time...



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



Quartermaster
Judy Turkheimer

Hey Kids, have you heard?

Judy is working on all kinds of swell ideas for our clubwear and logo items. There's gonna be ideas for shirts and hats, and club jackets for when it gets cold, and plenty of logo items too. It's going to be great, you'll see!

And remember, always look for genuine SCVCC Corvette gear, you'll be glad you did!



The Corvette Kiosk is always available at our general meetings, so buy soon and buy often. Judy will be at your service to address your clubwear needs, or you can contact her at quartermaster@scvcc.org

Taste-of-the-Town:

Toppers Pizza, Valencia Location

This month's Taste-of-the-Town was held under a full August Moon, which brought to mind the lyrics in the Dean Martin song, "*When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore!*", and we do love us some pizza, so Toppers it was.



The Valencia location has always been a great place to watch a game or hang out with friends, and this month was no exception. The customer service here is always good, and the prices are reasonable for what you get, which is a plus.



Another plus is that the pizza is just so darn tasty. The crispy crust is the perfect thickness, and the toppings always taste fresh, and there's a lot of toppings to select from.

The fresh salad bar is one of the best around, and with a number of draft beer and soft drink options, there is something for everyone, especially when we have our own seating area away from the madding crowd.



It was—as always—a great social evening with good friends and tasty food, and certainly not one to be missed.

**Do you want to get in on the fun?
Join us September 19th at the Outback Steakhouse for another great
Taste of the Town!**



Saturday Trip

Getty Villa Museum

Malibu, CA, August 23rd, 2019



A group of twenty-six cars gathered at our usual southern meeting spot at the



Chuy's parking lot, which also included doughnuts provided by Mike and Judy Woodings—so you know it was going to be a good day.

Following the drivers' meeting, we headed off to Agoura Hills for our first stop, lunch at the Ladyface Alehouse and Brasserie. When we arrived, we pretty much had the place to ourselves, so they seated us inside, as opposed to the patio, which was nice- and certainly a lot cooler.



The menu at this local micro-brewery is geared around a French/Belgian theme, so the brewpub fare ranges from your basic burgers and fries (oops, I mean pommes frites), to duck confit and steak tartare, with lots of good stuff in between, oui oui!



After lunch a few people had to breakaway, while the remainder of us headed over Kanan-Dume to the Pacific Coast Highway, which took us down through Malibu, and the customarily heavy weekend traffic, and on to the Pacific Palisades. Getting into the Getty Villa itself can be a little tricky if you are headed south on PCH, so we had to circle the wagons and then double back to make the main gate, but we all made it in fine shape.



With everyone at the Getty Villa, we again gathered together for our docent lead tour of the grounds and gardens. We learned

from our young docent that the place was built as recently as 1975





(that's recent for many of us), and is modeled after the ancient architecture of Greece and Rome, and more specifically the Villa dei Papiri, which was buried up to its ears by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius a really long time ago.

We also learned that the stories of the Greek Gods played a heavy roll in the design and architecture of that period, and was subsequently copied throughout the Getty. As these stories go, the Greek deities spent a lot of time hanging out in their togas and flip flops, drinking wine, and splashing around in the pool. Clearly



they had too much time on their hands, because it led to a lot of self-brooding, bickering, temper tantrums, and frolicking

with mortals. That behavior then translated to incestuous lovers turning themselves into garden snakes, others being turned into trees, and at least one being shot with a lead arrow, and of course there was that whole thing with that snaky-headed Medusa turning people to stone...basically there was



way too much drama back then...I'm just saying.

Undaunted however, Gettys' design includes many of these Greek stories and exact replicas of the intricate tile, paint and plaster from the afore mentioned roman residence. We also learned much about columns. Having been tested several times by our docent about these marble monoliths, I can attest to the fact that they are, Corinthian, Ionic, and Doric. Good information to have during a Scrabble game if you are digging-in for that triple word score.



From start to finish his was a fun and well-planned Saturday. If you would like to attend our next event, we will see you for a fun day at **Golf n' Stuff** in Ventura, **on Sunday, September 8th**. Check the website for more details.

Vettes In Space

A follow-up Story

By John "Jack" Legere

Guest Contributor

Introduction

by Scott Gregory

You may recall in last month's newsletter that we ran a piece about the Mercury and Apollo astronauts and their love affair with the Corvette, including a short section on James May's tribute to Neal Armstrong's, blue 67'.



Well guess what, our Corvette world is a small place. I received the following email from Jack Leger of NASA, who is also a fellow Corvette enthusiast. He had seen our newsletter, and wanted to share some more of the story about the Corvette's continued connection to the space program, and the 50th anniversary celebration. Take it away Jack....

FLORIDA, Kennedy Space Center — On the 20th of July, 2019, upon the 50th Apollo Celebration of the moon landing, Joe Crosby (the owner of the very 1967 Neil Armstrong Corvette featured on the Grand Tour segment you mention in your newsletter), and myself (owner of a 2006 Victory Red Corvette), displayed the two vehicles at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex: which is an all-day affair.



Joe lives in Merritt Island, Florida, and I live in Titusville, Florida, where Joe acquired the Armstrong Corvette in February of 2012, from the previous owner living in Georgia (who retired from NASA). That previous owner had purchased the 1967 Corvette within a few days of Neil Armstrong turning it in to Rathmann Chevrolet (Melbourne, Florida) after the lease was up. Neil then opted for another lease of a 1968 Silver, big block,

convertible. Joe knew the previous owner for years, so when that owner wanted to buy a new ZO6, he called Joe with the opportunity to buy Neil Armstrong's car. The rest is history.

I come into play in April of 2012. Being a Safety rep for the Government, I have the opportunity to escort VIPS around the Space Center when I wasn't dealing with the Space Shuttle on a daily basis. During one of the escorting moments on the 27th of April, 2012, when I had the privilege of escorting the Astronauts associated with the Navy's Golden Eagles (and their families), which included Astronaut's Charlie Bolden, Dick Truly, Bob Crippen, and Neil Armstrong. We



Monday Trip

La Cocina Grill, and the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center Canyon Country, August 19th, 2019

An afternoon of tacos, enchiladas, and chili rellenos is how it's done if you want to do lunch right, and there is no better place than the La Cocina Grill in Canyon Country.



This cozy, aroma-filled cocina was the perfect spot for twenty-seven of us to enjoy the wide selection of home-style cooking and refreshing drinks, before heading off to the next leg of our journey, the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center.



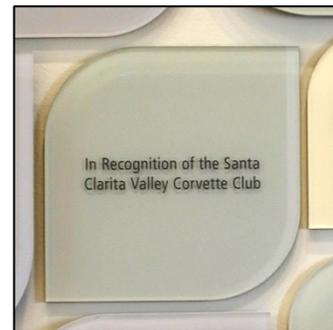
At the SCVSC, we learned from our tour that this new facility provides so many community services that it is hard to list



them all, but they include, weekday lunches, home meal delivery, social and interaction programs, card games, dance lessons, and a monthly senior cinema.

If that is not enough, they also provide technology and

independence education, day care programs, physical fitness programs, health screenings, senior rights counseling, and caregiver referrals.



In conjunction with the professional staff, over 250 volunteers help to make this place amazing. The facility is open weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Please check it out, they do so much good for our community.

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Down the road...

September is:

- TV Dinner Day 10th
- Cream Filled Donut Day 14th
- Double Cheeseburger Day 15th
- Monte Cristo Sandwich Day 17th
- Butterscotch Pudding Day 19th
- Pepperoni Pizza Day 20th
- Pecan Cookie Day 21st
- Ice Cream Cone Day 22nd
- Elephant Appreciation Day 22nd
- Monterey Cruise Signup, Oct 1st
- SCVCC Southwest Caravan, Oct 4-13
- Santa Paula Chevrolet BBQ Oct 19th



Fifty years too late



ACTIVITY ALERT

Monterey Peninsula Corvette Cruise 2020

June 4 (early-birds) to June 6, 2020

Applications will be out October 1, 2019

*Event will be limited to **100 cars***

*Location: Embassy Suites in Seaside – **Reservations can be made now***

Theme is Corvettes through the Years, 1953 – 2019

June 4 Thursday night diner will be at the Elks Lodge in Monterey

The Monterey Peninsula Corvette Cruise only comes around once every two years and was sold out within days in 2018.

If you are at all interested, start checking the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club Website daily to get your APPLICATION for submission. The MPCC site is: <http://www.montereycorvettes.com>



VETTE VITTLES

for connoisseurs of fast cars and fine food

Since September is national TV Dinner Month, we here at the Corvette Gazette wanted to honor this auspicious event with a recipe from our past. Our team of crack investigative reporters delved deep into the historical records to learn that the number one selling TV dinner of all times is that magical combination that many of us remember as Swanson's, Sliced Turkey with Gravy...Yeah! Because of that, you might think that this month's recipe would pay tribute to roasted turkey with gravy. Nope. Instead, we went with the second most popular entrée...

Salisbury Steak with Mushrooms

Recipe Complements of Food Network

Makes four servings

Get it together:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 onion, finely chopped (about 1/3 cup)
- 7 crackers, finely crushed (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh sage
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley



Let's make it happen:

1. Mix the beef, egg, onion, cracker crumbs, sage, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl. Divide into 4 equally into oval patties, about 1/2 inch thick.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the patties, about 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate.
3. Add 1 tablespoon butter to the skillet and cook the mushrooms until slightly browned, about 2 minutes. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce, and salt and pepper to taste, scraping up any browned bits. Sprinkle in the flour and stir, then stir in 2 1/2 cups hot water and simmer until the gravy begins to thicken, about 2 minutes. Add the remaining butter, swirling to combine.
4. Return the patties and any juices from the plate to the skillet. Simmer until the gravy thickens and the patties are cooked through, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and season with salt and pepper.
5. Serve on a TV tray in front of an episode of Bonanza, along with French fries, peas, and apple crisp. If you don't happen to have a partitioned tray, an avocado green Melmac plate will do just fine.
6. Also, try not to let any pea juice leak over into the apple crisp. Many a child's dessert has been ruined by that insalubrious combination.

The Editors Desk

By Scott Gregory



My first C8 sighting.

I work in Beverly Hills, so it is not unusual to see all kinds of thoroughbred exotics roaming the streets, but last week I saw my first C8 out in the wild.

I've heard the rumors and read the blogsites about a truckload of C8's arriving in California for some last-minute testing and calibrations. I even read about one being involved in an accident with a civilian vehicle up in Yosemite. But I never gave it much thought, until now.



On a scale of 1 to 10, my sighting does not hold up well against witnessing UFOs flying over Area 51, or spotting Elvis at a Walmart in Pacoima, or having Bigfoot leap out in front of the car while on vacation, but by-golly it's right up there.

My story begins one afternoon last week as I was driving my pickup into the valley over Coldwater Canyon. I was stuck in traffic along the upper curves, when suddenly I caught a glimpse of a dark gray sports car as it broke cover and rounded the corner ahead of me. I thought casually to myself, "Huh. What's that?"

But I was suddenly shaken from the doldrums of my mundane commute as my cerebral synapse began to fire on all three cylinders when I recognized that distinctive carbon fiber boomerang on the side intake, and my mind quickly said, "Is that...holy cow, it is! By then the apparition had already passed, but just before it vanished around the next curve, I was able to catch a glimpse in my mirror of those distinctive check-mark taillights, and the wide-set exhaust tips, and I knew that I had just seen something that most of the people in that line of traffic had probably failed to even notice. Although my sighting was brief, I found myself sitting up a little straighter, and perhaps even enjoying my commute a little more having glimpsed the newest piece of American muscle that the bowtie has to offer!

Anyway, that's my story, and please remember that this is your club and your newsletter, and we are always grateful to all 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

- I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure.