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The SLO Crew

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From the Driver's Seat

Mike Woodings
November 2019 President's Message



No matter where you are, November or Noviembre, or how you choose to call it, might seem to be a minor month out of the twelve. Number 11 out of 12, next to last, in the shadow of December and the new year coming, November still has plenty to offer.

There are several great things on the calendar in November. We celebrate our veterans with flags and parades. The first Tuesday after the first Monday is typically voting day and don't forget November is National Peanut Butter Lover's Month. Even with the push to replace Thanksgiving with Black Friday, Thanksgiving remains the focus for November.

We in our country and our community have so much to be thankful for despite issues that arise from time to time. Even as we looked forward to our special getaway weekend in San Luis Obispo this past month, our community was shaken by the senseless event at Saugus High. Our strength and faith will get us through as always in the past and bright tomorrows will follow.

When I reflect on things I am thankful for, they certainly include my family as I hope the same for you all as well. My list also includes the friendship and caring we enjoy in our club. I constantly witness the concern so many of our club show when those in our midst have an emergency or need. Your generosity for community events such as the Food Pantry and the toys drives are worthy of mention too.

Our club is so much more than a car club. Sure, we enjoy our Corvettes. We keep them shined and tuned and add correct PSI to the run-flats. We drive them proudly and they are our bond, but more important are the friendships that grow in our club. The SLO weekend we just had was a prime example with over 30 people from as many different backgrounds sharing and caring. For that, I am thankful as well.

November has passed, and December is here. We have the hustle and bustle of the holiday rush as we do each year. We have our club party in just a few days as well as toy drives all with weather reports of rainy weather to work around, but the rain clears and rainbows shine and Christmas is coming.

I want to wish you all the best at this special time of year and hope for a wonderful 2020 ahead. In whatever Corvette you drive, that 1954 or the latest mid-engine when they hit the market, always remember to "Save the Wave".

Mike

Business Meeting

1st Thursday of each Month

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

Next Business Meeting, Dec 5th

Vincenzo's Pizza
24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall



Social Gathering

3rd Thursday of each Month

Social gathering @ 6:00 p.m.

Next Social Gathering Dec 19th

No Taste of the Town this month.
Instead, join us for....

Lit-up Lights Led by Les

Meet 6:00 PM at Starbucks parking lot at
Seco Canyon and Golden Valley Rd.

Member Celebrations...

Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers for December

Jackie Stein	Dec 10	Rocco	December 7, 1963
Patty Kemple	Dec 11	Gonzalez	December 16, 2009
Chuck Negri	Dec 14	Spieler	December 21, 1968
Tila Vega	Dec 14	Shaver	December 30, 2000
Ron Nolan	Dec 15		
Sandy Correll	Dec 16		
Donna Webster	Dec 16		
Donna Nolan	Dec 20		
Michael Miller	Dec 22		
Jim Bottoms	Dec 30		
Tom McAllister	Dec 31		



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

the MINUTES

Recorded by Dan Clarkson, Secretary
November 7th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president Mike Woodings. He welcomed the arrival of autumn. He also expressed thanks that none of our members were hurt or lost anything in the recent wildfires. Several members were affected and the membership responded by checking on them and offering assistance.

November is traditionally a time of gratitude. Our country's President has declared it to be National Veterans and Families Month. Mike asked his fellow veterans to stand and be acknowledged.

Santa Paula Chevrolet is restocking. A grand opening is reportedly coming soon.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer summarized her financial statement. Bottom line; we have money in the bank.

President Mike commented on the success of recent events. The Southwest Caravan is described in depth in the newsletter. So is the Fillmore pumpkin run that had only one hitch. The Monterey show still has openings. The Christmas party is a go, with RSVPs still coming in. An evite was sent to all members and associates.

Our toy drive this year will occur December 4th. It will be hosted by the Sheriff at Frontier Toyota.

Membership Chair Judy Woodings complemented the club for its camaraderie. She acknowledged return visitors Art and Joyce Curren. Two new members were welcomed into the club; Bud and Linda Jenkins. They bring a 2017 Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic C7. In other words, it's kind of silver. They swore the club oath on the club newsletter, promising never to eat in the car.

Donna Webster spoke for the Activities Committee. The "fall" was not her fault. The upcoming San Luis Obispo trip was described. The logistics of the Toys 4 Tots gathering was confirmed. She reminded everyone of the Christmas party. The Lights by Les on December 19th was gone over. The January 11th trip to the flight simulators in Anaheim was detailed. There will be a secret lunch run in either January or February.

Linda Butler spoke about the Food Bank needs. The recent fires and associated evacuations nearly wiped out the inventory.

The Quartermaster was not in attendance nor were her wares.

The newsletter was applauded.

Steve T reminded all to make sure he has correct email addresses.

Appropriately, a veteran, General Gene Schmidt, won the 50/50 prize of \$150. The Badge It or Lose It award went to Susie Negri under special circumstances. Her badge is in the president's car. No questions were asked. A Thanksgiving bonus of three fancy pumpkins were heaved into the audience by Judy.

Car Talk:

Mike's OnStar reported no pressure in the right rear tire. Turned out it was a cracked rim, a problem for Grand Sports and Z06's. So, the maintenance package paid off. America's Tires got a replacement in three days after GM said they had none.

John Vega listed several upcoming car shows and events in the area.

Buck Van Patten washed the clear coat off his car with a power washer. Excelsior Image fixed it nicely.

Steve Hilton said that November 24th is an open track day at big Willow at Willow Springs. He too has experienced cracked rims. He does not believe "track mode" caused them. The country of manufacture concerns many.

After birthdays and anniversaries, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Dear Santa, if only I had one of these...



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



Quatermaster
Judy Turkheimer

Did anyone miss out on the Black Friday sales?
Not to worry, you can find better gifts in the Corvette
Kiosk during the December 5th General Meeting!



Generally speaking,
the Corvette Kiosk is generally available at our general meetings.
And remember, kids,
Always look for genuine SCVCC Corvette gear, you'll be glad you did!

Judy is also available at quatermaster@scvcc.org

San Luis Obispo

Central Coast Road Trip

November 15th – 17th

Story and photos by Mike Woodings

San Luis Obispo and the Central Coast make a great destination for travelers and maybe even more so for Corvette people. A road trip there offers not only many choices of sights and things to do, but also plenty



of driving through beautiful countryside. The weekend of November 15 – 17 was on our calendar for a weekend trip up the 101 to SLO and points beyond, and the plan was a popular one, one with time for getting together and time for individual

interests.

Thirty of our members answered the call, eager for our annual weekend run to SLO. Some of us were so eager, another day, November 14, was added for visits with friends in the area, shopping and the SLO Farmers



Market held on Higuera Street every Thursday. As Thursday was going on, our hearts were, at the same time, heavy with the events at Saugus HS. Our advance-party conveyed to the main caravan that the weather was beautiful and we were eager for their arrival. We all joined as planned on



Friday afternoon at the Best Western on Madonna Road to officially begin our weekend. We initiated the run officially with a mass gathering at poolside with beverages and snacks to get us ready for our mass arrival for dinner at the nearby Tahoe Joe steak house.



Saturday had no official agenda, but there was no lack of things to do as we rolled to the winds in our faithful Corvettes. North and south, we found butterflies, elephant seals, cookies, farmers markets, apple farms, wineries, souvenirs, and cinnamon rolls.



There is likely even more, including rocking chairs. I must add that despite my excellent packing skills, my trunk was filled with reminders of the SLO weekend.



Saturday evening brought us all back together for an impromptu happy hour at an undisclosed room on the third floor of the BW. One more group dinner followed at the infamous Golden Gong, just south of our lodging. Service and cuisine were just as good as last year! Before you could blink, it was already Sunday. Like the last day at



camp, there were hugs and good-byes. Some left early to miss Santa Barbara Sunday traffic and some elected to enjoy even more time in SLO. It played out the same for us all in the end, we returned to our beautiful, but in shock, community with memories of a great weekend together.

P.S. I felt compelled to make a stop at Bunnin Chevrolet of Santa Paula enroute home to see what's up. I was met by many familiar staff members there who reported they are indeed open and that virtually all of the sales and service employees were retained under the new business ownership and they are eager to see us at their Grand Opening. I noted they have two Corvettes in stock as well, a Stingray convertible and a ZO6! (Christian says he is anxious to make a deal.) I was happy to see them up and running again.



Taste-of-the-Town

Wokcano Asian Restaurant

Westfield Mall, November 21st

It was a cool, semi-rainy Thursday evening when twenty-five members rolled into the Valencia Westfield Mall to descend on the Wokcano Asian Restaurant.



This upscale eatery was very accommodating, and the friendly staff was ready for us with two large tables setup in the main dining room. Separate waitresses and

attendants were assigned to each table, so that made for efficient and friendly service.

The food was quite good, which helped offset the price. But the portions were ample, and the quality was certainly there. Our group dined on a wide variety of menu items from, sushi rolls with shrimp, Yellowtail, and Albacore tuna, to main entrees like crazy fried rice, Mongolian beef, Asian chicken salad, miso soup, tempura vegetables, and orange crispy chicken.



The ambiance here has a modern, upscale vibe that still manages to remain warm and inviting, which helped to make for a very enjoyable evening. Proving once again that we have another local Corvette-friendly restaurant that I am sure we will be returning to.



Do you want to get in on the action?

Great! But you'll have to wait until January, because there is no Taste of the Town for December. Instead, let's all linger along with Les on his local lit-up light tour!

Runnin' to Bunnin

Bunnin Chevrolet Grand Opening

Santa Paula, November 22st

Trivia Question: What was the single most talked about Chevrolet news of the summer?

If you said it was the unveiling of the all new, mid-engine, C8, Corvette, you would be...wrong!



Here are a few hints- It was discussed at every general meeting throughout the summer. It was the topic of rumor at every Taste of the Town. Stories and conjecture were spread before, during, and after the club events. Grown men got in their cars and passed by like stalkers in front of J Lo's house. Phone calls were made, websites were accessed, GM executives were

questioned, field-phone-fan-outs were deployed, satellites were linked up, and I believe at one point, Carnac the Magnificent was even asked to divine the unseen. Do you think you know?...You peeked, didn't you?

That's okay, but you should have been there! For a small contingent of SCVCC members, it was a last-minute run along Highway 126 for an evening of eating and hob-knobbing with the political, social, and economic powers of Santa Paula.



The new owner of the

dealership, Leo Bunnin, setup a big-ol' blue and white striped tent, and sent the beam of a klieg light into the night sky to draw people in for some BBQ, tacos, wine, mariachi music, and speeches that lifted spirits and gave hope to the good citizens of Santa Paula that Bunnin Chevrolet was back and ready to sell cars. So, if you are out that way and you are in the market for a new Corvette, or just need some work done on the one that you already have, check the place out - it might be worth the trip.



The Summer of the C8

Photos by Melody Reid

As mentioned last month, our esteemed club member, Melody Reid, who has been a tenacious follower of the west coast C8 unveilings, has provided us with this photo montage of her endless summer pursuing the exciting new Corvette!









Packing for the Long Haul

Corvette Packing – A Necessary Art.

Story and photos by Mike Woodings

Many new members have joined our club in recent months and have gone on numerous runs to nearby locations. Those events require only minimum preparation like having a full tank of gas, proper tire pressure, two-way radio and maybe a jacket and hat. Overnight, weekend or extended trips are another story. They require packing and that is a new experience for those who are new Corvette owners and are used to taking a steamer trunk everywhere they travelled in the past.



Our Corvettes come from the factory with limited space, and Vette road trips require us to adjust the volume of stuff we pack. It can be done. The reality is we likely don't need half of the stuff we think we will. The recent weekend trip to San Luis Obispo included several members who were on their first extended road trip in their Corvette and some

discovered they overpacked.

After several trips across America in our Corvettes, all convertibles, I have minimized my packing to allow for the necessities and still have room for some extras.

First, realize you really don't have to dress to impress. Shorts and t-shirts and a light jacket are great attire for the road and most places we go.



One pair of shoes and one extra pair are plenty. One carry-on suitcase per passenger is plenty. Even a convertible can handle two suitcases, jackets, shoes and even cleaning supplies with



room to spare.

I can even attach the partition and lower the top whenever the right conditions allow.



For those thinking of using their new C8 for a road trip cross country, I think you better plan for a short trip since the space is going to be a lot less than current generations provide. Maybe I am old fashioned, but I cannot fathom a road trip in the next generation, top down, with much more than a toothbrush in the trunk!



New from Mr. Shifter, the exciting...

Shift-O-Cup

Design specifically for C8 owners who will miss
the driving experience of a real stick shift!

The perfect Christmas gift for the C8 lover in your family!

Supplies are limited, allow 8 to 12 weeks for delivery, some restrictions may apply, limited to C8 owners only, not for sale in CA as it could increase driving pleasure.



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Down the road...

December is:

- SCVCC Sheriffs Toy Drive 4th
- SCVCC General Meeting 5th
- SCVCC Bunnin Chevrolet Toy Drive 7th
- Pearl Harbor Day 7th
- SCVCC Christmas Party 7th
- Cupcake day 15th
- SCVCC Lots of Lights with Les 19th
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Day 20th
- Humbug Day 21st
- First Day of Winter 21st
- Hanukkah 22nd - 30th
- Festivus 23rd
- Egnog Day 24th
- Christmas 25th – Have a great one!
- Pledge of Allegiance Day 28th
- New Year's Eve 31st



VETTE VITTLES

For connoisseurs of fast cars and fine food

Nothing speaks to the holidays like mayonnaise and cranberries, and your guests will be speechless when this festive salad is served as part of your holiday table!

Cranberry-Mayonnaise-Jello Candles

Get It Together-

- 1 lb can of whole cranberry sauce
- 1 3oz package of orange flavored Jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 tbl lemon juice
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 orange peeled and diced
- ¼ cup of chopped walnuts

Make it Happen-

1. Heat cranberry sauce, strain, set berries aside.
2. Dissolve Jello in hot cranberry juice.
3. Add salt and lemon Juice
4. Chill until thickened enough to mound slightly when dropped from a spoon.
5. Beat in mayonnaise with rotary beaters until light and fluffy. Fold in cranberries, fruit and nuts.
6. Divide mixture evenly into eight 6 ounce fruit juice cans. (Good luck finding those)
7. Chill for four hours or longer.
8. Unmold, and garnish with lettuce leaves
9. To flame: Cut thin birthday candles in half to shorten. Insert into tops of cranberry towers, light, and listen to the gasps of disbelief from your guests!



The Editors Desk

By Scott Gregory



Every Christmas we are besieged by the TV classics like Frosty the Snowman, Charlie Brown's Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life, as well as the twelve years of M.A.S.H. holiday episodes depicting the three years of the Korean war.

Intertwined with that comes the car commercials where year after year Lexus reminds us that it is, The Season to Remember, assuming we've already forgotten last year, and Mercedes entices us with Santa guiding his red AMG GT S, while he delivers über-cute puppies, and of course, Hyundai and BMW also come at us with the irresistible canines. Others hit hard on the "taking the kids to Grandmas" on picturesque snow packed country roads, and Ram trucks wants us to enjoy their employee pricing, while Audi prefers we skip the airport altogether and drive to our destination in one of their premium rides. Of course, none of them are offering these vehicles through traditional sales, instead they are only sold during, "Holiday Events"!

The other angle they shoot for is to have our loved-one step out of the front door in his or her bathrobe, and into the crisp morning air to be surprised by a brand new, immaculately detailed, SUV sitting in a cleanly plowed driveway, while everywhere else around them is eight inches of freshly fallen snow. A tough scenario for the average gift-giver to pull-off before breakfast.

Why do I mention this? Because of those gigantic attention-getting red bows that drape over the roof of that shiny new car. Many of us may ask, "Where, other than the studio prop department, would we find a massive six-foot red bow?" Well my happy little elves, you rent them. True story. In my line of work as an estate manager for high net worth families, I have been tasked with setting up the aforementioned bathrobe scene to be played out as close as possible to the TV commercial- once including fake snow in front of a Malibu beach house (the gentleman wanted real snow, but the pre-dawn roar of a snow making machine would have dampened the surprise). Now I'm sure there is more than one place to buy a King Kong sized bow, but I get mine from the nice folks down at King Sized Bows in Costa Mesa- serving your king-sized bow needs since 1947 (I just made that part up). Seriously though, these gals make them in a small warehouse for all sorts of year-round occasions, and this is where many luxury car dealers place their orders months in advance of their sales...er...events.

I only bring this up in case anyone may be contemplating a Christmas gift for me, such as a new Corvette or a membership in the jelly of the month club. Either way, I'm thinking giant bows are probably still available. Oh, and I have no expectations for snow – real or fake.



That's my story, and please remember that this is your club and your newsletter, and we are all in this together. We also appreciate those who have contributed any articles, photos, ideas, and other contributions for upcoming issues. Your Editor can be reached at newsletter@scvcc.org.

Scott Gregory Newsletter Editor

-Dear Santa, Before I try to explain, just how much do you already know?