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HAPPY NEW YEAR



It's already shaping up to be a good year...

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From the Driver's Seat

Mike Woodings
December 2019 President's Message



It is somewhat hard to believe that 2019 has passed so quickly. It seems like only yesterday that the C8 was little more than a rumor spied here and there in camouflage coverings. Now, it is almost a reality with some in our midst really excited and others waiting for the dust to settle a bit. So, where did the year go? When you look through the past twelve copies of your Corvette Gazette, we did quite a lot as a club.

First up, Scott Gregory came aboard as our newsletter Editor and we must all applaud his great work in keeping us all up to speed about club events and Corvette news.

The year in review finds reports on all of our routine activities such as Taste of the Town and recognitions of our growing number of Birthdays and Anniversaries. Our membership numbers are again maxed out and more folks are waiting for their spot as regular members. The SCVCC continues into our 42nd year!

In 2019 we experienced major turmoil in meeting location decision making and thanks to Vincenzo's Pizza in Newhall we are again settled in for our monthly general meeting location. We all enjoyed our 3rd annual summer picnic at Steckle Park in Santa Paula and our participation in our community's Fourth of July Parade as usual. Capping the year, we just enjoyed our Christmas holiday party at the Sand Canyon Country Club as well.

Two three-day events took many of us on the road too, a trip to Julian and the San Diego County back-country and a weekender to San Luis Obispo and the Central Coast. Some of our members even opted for even longer road trips this year. One took two couples to the 25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green and the other took five couples to the 48th International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque and on to several national parks throughout the Southwest.

But wait, there is more, lots more. We had mystery breakfast runs, bowling, museums, miniature golf and lasagna. We caravanned to Ojai for farmers market and to Arcadia for the horse races and we participated in the KHTS Home and Garden Show, the Canyon HS Homecoming and the Bunnin Chevrolet Santa Paula Grand Opening. Our club additionally participated in two toy drives this Christmas season, the local LASD Toy Drive and the Toys for Tots event at Bunnin Chevrolet. The local Christmas Lights tour through our community was the finale of our club events for the year.

From my viewpoint, we had a great 2019, enjoying the events the club put together, enjoying time spent with one another and enjoying driving the roads of America in our Corvettes.

Wishing you all a happy 2020!

Mike

Business Meeting

1st Thursday of each Month

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

Next Business Meeting, Jan 2nd

Vincenzo's Pizza
24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall



Social Gathering

3rd Thursday of each Month

Social gathering @ 6:00 p.m.

Next Social Gathering Jan. 16th

Backwoods Inn Steakhouse
17846 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country



Member Celebrations...

Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers for January

Lydie Colonello	Jan 3	
Patty Hoffman	Jan 7	
Connie Lee	Jan 7	McCloskey Jan 18, 1997 23 years
David Bultman	Jan 10	
Dan Clarkson	Jan 14	
Jeanette Ramieri	Jan 17	
Suzi Negri	Jan 17	
Joe Ryan	Jan 19	
Peter Di Orio	Jan 22	
Sheila Percivalle	Jan 25	
Judy Turkheimer	Jan 28	



Note: Please let us know 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
December 5th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by club president Mike Woodings. He reminded all of the Christmas party and support for the food bank.

The holiday ugly sweater contest was won by Tom Tomlinson and Judy Turkheimer with the special mention going to Jim Webster. As a follow up to the sweater contest two cookie tins winners were drawn for Mike Reader and Rene Gonzalez.

The minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer reported on our assets and expenditures.

President Mike discussed recent events including the good run to San Luis Obispo and the visit to Wokcano restaurant. Bunnin Chevrolet of Santa Paula opened last Friday and intends to carry on our club relationship. The Monterey car show still has openings. Preparations for the Christmas party were discussed. Linda Butler brought bags to the meeting and said the truck would be outside the party beginning at 5:30pm.

The owner of Vincenzo's requested a \$5 plate fee for food brought in such as cookies. Barbara made a motion we pay it and Ed seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership chair Judy Woodings welcomed two new members Sean McCulley and Connie Lee. They found us at the 4th of July Parade. Their ride is a 2006 C6. It was noted that the cookie plates have been brought by Judy, Connie and Suzi.

Activities Donna discussed upcoming events. Lots of good things and all on the website.

Quartermaster Judy discussed inventory and introduced a new t-shirt.

The newsletter was emailed to all members.

The 50/50 raffle \$130 went to Bob Spierer. The \$20 Badge It or Lose It was not present.

Car Talk. Steve Hilton recounted the recent day at Willow Springs Raceway where Jimmy Webster scorched the track.

Following birthdays and anniversaries the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



Quatermaster
Judy Turkheimer

Let's start the year off with some new cold weather Gear!
Judy will have these winter items at the January 2nd general meeting!



The Corvette Kiosk is set up at our general meetings so you can buy authentic SCVCC Corvette gear. Accept no imitations!

Judy is also available at quatermaster@scvcc.org

SCV Sheriff's Toy Drive

Frontier Toyota
December 4th

It was a dark and stormy night when more Corvettes could be seen lined up at Frontier Toyota, than across the street at the Chevrolet dealer, and it was all in support of the Sheriff's 16th Annual Holiday Toy Drive



kick-off event. This worthwhile endeavor, co-sponsored by Frontier Toyota and KHTS AM 1220 radio, was a big success, and in no small part to the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club that showed up en masse with a generous amount of toys in hand.



A whole bunch of Corvettes, and a few civilian vehicles braved the unsettled weather to gather in the parking lot of the former K-Mart at the corner of Valencia Blvd, and Bouquet Canyon.



After a quick driver meeting, we circled around and paraded our Corvettes up Auto Center Drive to Frontier Toyota where they held reserved parking for us.



Once inside, we stacked our bounty of toys on the tables while being entertained by a number of local school choir and dance groups. Our president, Mike Woodings had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the club during the KHTS live broadcast, and of course, no toy drive would be official without Santa there to help kick off the event!



Once the toys were safely in the hands of Santa and his helpers, we cruised down to Mimi's Restaurant where they liked us so much they kept us there for a really long time! But our patience was eventually rewarded with plenty of warm, fresh food on a cold night.



This holiday toy event has a special place in our hearts, because 100% of these toys go directly to the less fortunate kids right here in the Santa Clarita Valley, and that is what makes us proud that our club is a part of this community.



2019 SCVCC Christmas Party

Sand Canyon Country Club

December 7th

It was a night where the sounds of dining, dancing and celebration could be heard ringing across the hills of Sand Canyon!

Overstated? Maybe. But the fact it is, it was a great time for everyone at this year's SCVCC Christmas party. As to



be expected, Deana Shaver did a great job of putting this event together, so a special thanks to her and her helpers for another fine year-end celebration.



make it feel officially like the holidays as everyone arrived at the Sand Canyon Country Club - bags of food in-hand to help support Linda Butler's commitment to the Santa Clarita Food Pantry.

Over one hundred guests enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere of the decorated clubhouse, which



was enhanced even more by the festive table center pieces that were provided by Tom and Judy Tomlinson.



The dinner was well prepared, tasty, and the buffet style service got everyone fed in an efficient manner.

This year the *cookie-gate* incident was averted by the staff setting out the cookies at the same time as the dinner service, which kept the neighboring party from swiping our cookies and making good their escape. Beyond that however, the events committee took it step



further and set up a club-provided dessert table with even more cookies, cheese cakes, and chocolates, oh my!

The band, Drop Zone, which is always a favorite, kept the place lively and the dance floor was crowded to the last song.

By my way of thinking, there is no better entertainment value than our club Christmas party, so don't get rid of those dancing shoes because we are going to do it again next year!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The text "MERRY CHRISTMAS" is written in a bold, red, slightly curved font. It is decorated with two clusters of green holly leaves and bright red berries, one above the word "CHRISTMAS" and one below "MERRY".

Bunnin Chevrolet

Toys for Tots

December 14th

Story by Mike Woodings

Our friends at Bunnin Chevrolet of Santa Paula carried on the dealership's annual tradition of hosting a Toys for Tots drive in conjunction with the US Marine Corps



Reserve on December 14th. This year's event once again included the Corvette Clubs of Ventura, Santa Clarita and the Redline Corvette Club of Newbury Park.



Lou Bunnin, the dealership's new owner, greeted us and hosted a delicious breakfast for us all in the middle of the dozens of Corvettes that filled the parking lot.



It is always great to enjoy a caravan together, and even more special that our club could help such a worthy cause!

Holiday Lights with Les

Thursday Evening Club Run

December 19th

After spending a very pleasant December evening looking at "Lights with Les", one thing is certain, Les knows his lights. It's true. I lived in that area for well over ten years, and I had no idea there were that many conclaves of spectacular holiday lights—all within a few miles of one another. It was, in a word - Festive!



We met up for what would prove to be a fun evening of cruising through the greater Copper Hill area, where our parade of Corvettes often drew as much attention from the onlookers as the holiday lights!



Because radio and cell phone signals can be challenging in that area, we ran into a few car-to-car communication problems, but that is indicative of the area, so not much could be done.

After a taking in the multitude of colorful holiday light displays, we wrapped up the evening with a stop at the Wana Iguana for a delicious selection of tacos, enchiladas, and salsa! If you haven't been on a holiday light run with Les, I recommend you pencil it in for next December, it will add a delightfully colorful element to your holiday season!



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SCVCC Activities Planning 2020
Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club
3-Month Event Planner

January 2020

2	Thurs.	General Meeting - Vincenzo's Pizza - Social starts around 6pm, Meeting at 7:30pm 24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall - East of I-5
11	Sat.	FlightDeck in Anaheim -Experience the thrill of aerial maneuvers at 600 knots in an authentic military flight simulator. Guests who are not flying can relax in the Officers Club and watch all the aerial action on large LCD screens. Once you sign up, we will be asking for prepayment of approximately \$59.00 Meet at Chuy's/Outback parking lot at 8:45am to sign waivers/Depart 9:15am
16	Thurs.	Taste of the Town: 6pm – Backwoods Inn 17846 Sierra Hwy, Canyon Country
25	Sat.	Surprise Lunch destination after a Canyon Run - Come join us for a ride through the canyon on our way to the surprise destination for lunch. Meet at Denny's – Sand Canyon and Hwy 14 – to sign waivers at 10:30am/Depart at 11:00am/Lunch around noon

February 2020

6	Thurs.	General Meeting - Vincenzo's Pizza - Social starts around 6pm, Meeting at 7:30pm 24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall - East of I-5
15	Sat.	Valentine's Day Poker Run/Queen of Hearts is Wild Join us for this fun run..... At the end of the run, we will have dinner together and the member with the best poker hand will be announced. Stay tuned for more details. The run will take place late afternoon/early evening
20	Thurs.	Taste of the Town: 6pm – Mama's Table 23340 Cinema Drive - Suite E, Santa Clarita
22	Sat.	Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo – We will be heading south for their Muscle Car Show followed by lunch in the area. Check SCVCC.org for more info. Meet at Chuy's/Outback parking lot at 8:45am to sign waivers/Depart 9:15am

March 2020

5	Thurs.	General Meeting - Vincenzo's Pizza - Social starts around 6pm, Meeting at 7:30pm 24504 Lyons Avenue, Newhall - East of I-5
14	Sat.	TBD – We'll drive somewhere in our Corvettes, we always do!
19	Thurs.	Taste of the Town: 6pm – Black Bear Diner 23626 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
28	Sat.	2nd Annual Santa Anita Park Day at the Races! Join us for this Day Trip/Caravan to Arcadia - *Clubhouse lounges, Grounds access, Winner Circle BBQ Championship. Meet at Chuy's/Outback parking lot at 10:00am to sign waivers/Depart 10:30am

Remember, life is uncertain! So, stay informed by
 Checking the website for the most up-to-date event information.

VETTE VITTLES

For connoisseurs of fast cars and fine food

Black-eyed peas, or beans as some folks call them, on New Year's Day are as mandatory a tradition as turkey on Thanksgiving. My grandmother, and then my mother made black-eyed peas and cornbread on New Year's Day for as long as I can remember. There is also a tradition of adding a dime to the cooking pot to help bring financial good luck for the rest of the year. Of course, that step is optional- but why risk it?

New Year's Black-Eyed Beans

Prep: 8 hrs Level: Easy Cook: 1 hr 15 mins Serves: 12

Get it Together

3/4 pounds slab salt pork, cut into 2-inch pieces
1 large onion, diced medium
1 large bell pepper, diced medium
2 pounds black eyed beans, soaked in 12 cups of water overnight and drained
2 quarts chicken broth, plus water as needed
1 dime, washed
1 salt & pepper to taste
2 tbs fresh thyme – chopped
1 red onion, small dice
Hot sauce, such as Tabasco, Cholula, or Tapatio



Let's Do This

Heat a large pot over medium-high heat. Add pork; fry until golden brown and fat has rendered, 4 to 5 minutes. Add medium diced onions and bell pepper; sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add beans, chicken broth, and the dime. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, partially covered and stirring occasionally until beans are tender and cooking liquid turns from translucent to opaque. Add water as needed to keep beans moist but not watery, about 1 hour. When beans have fully softened, season generously with salt and pepper and stir in thyme. Continue to simmer for a few minutes to blend flavors. Serve with a side of freshly chopped onion and hot sauce. And don't forget the cornbread!

Note: You can soak your beans by pouring boiling water over them. Then they're ready in an hour or two.

The Editors Desk



By Scott Gregory

Recently, while cruising around looking at lights with Les, we also spent a lot of time looking at the taillights of the Corvette in front of us. So, being more of a car guy than a decorating guy, my mind wandered back to the days when adding an extra set of taillights to the back of a Corvette was a common practice.



You see, the 60's Stingrays came from the factory with two taillights on each side, and a little blank space left over. So, adding an extra pair of lights was a common and simple way to add a custom touch to your slant-back Corvette. It was so common in fact that many dealers offered it as a dealer installed option, and in the famous Jan and Dean song from 1964, Dead Man's Curve, they sang....*I flew past LaBrea, Schawb's, and Crescent Heights, and all that Jag could see were my six taillights...*Ha! Now you know...

Anyway, all it took to make the change was an extra pair of taillights from the local Chevy parts counter (around \$10 each at the time), a drill with a small bit, one six pack of Hamm's beer, and a friend willing to help you drink the beer while drilling holes in your new Corvette.

You would start by measuring carefully, and then drawing an appropriately sized circle on the tail-board of the car. Then drill a whole bunch of holes around the perimeter of the circle until you could cut the remaining fiberglass with a razor knife, drop in the new taillamp, hook it up, and Bingo, you're done...and you still have two beers left.

We don't see this done too much on the C2's of today because the cars are just too valuable. If someone was to drill the rear deck of a fully restored 63' split-window, the purists would clutch their pearls and fall over with the vapors. But guess what, you can use the same modification to add an extra pair of exhaust outlets too! But, we're almost out of beer so that modification will have to wait for another day.



Anyway, that's my story, and please remember this is your newsletter, so we welcome your ideas and contributions. Reach out at newsletter@scvcc.org.

Scott Gregory Newsletter Editor

- New Year 's resolution. . .yeah, like that's going to happen.