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Poker run check-point at Bunnin Chevrolet- Santa Paula

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From the Driver's Seat

Mike Woodings President's Message



As I check the calendar, I note that October has suddenly flown by. Another month has passed into history and today as I man the keyboard, we all are in day 230 of the 15 day "safer at home" scenario. Those initial days of restrictions were something. I had plenty of toilet paper but venturing out on the freeway was a scary delight with no traffic and driving time on the 405 to LAX right at 30 minutes. Those were the days.

October for our club offered a significant change from the virtual life we have been accustomed to though. Our Activities Committee and Jimmy Webster put together a well planned and executed poker run reminding all of us who participated why we are members of our fine club. Our route took us not only along a scenic route, but then to our finale with food trucks, a brewery, and drawings for numerous gifts. Thanks to Ron Nolan for arranging our destination and even providing latrine access as well.

Two of our stops along the poker run route were at Bunnin Chevrolet – Santa Paula and then at the latest addition to the Bunnin company, the new Bunnin Chevrolet – Fillmore. Conversation with management at both stops led to an offer to allow our club to conduct in-person business meetings at the newly remodeled and spacious Fillmore dealership. After seven months of holding meetings via Zoom, the offer seemed worth exploring. Our board concurred that the idea was worth throwing out to the membership for comments and recommendations. The overwhelming response received recommended giving the Fillmore location a try, with no viable meeting locations currently available in our community.

The initial plan will be to meet for our November General Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Bunnin Chevrolet will provide seating, however if our attendance exceeds their available chairs, you should bring your own chairs just in case. Currently, no food service is available at the dealership, however an on-site café is planned to open soon. If you are comfortable in meeting in-person, please join us then, distancing provisions are planned.

As you read this, the World Series is done (Go Dodgers!), Halloween has passed and we have experienced another election season. We are moving on into November and the holiday season. December 5th has us conducting another food drive at Sam's Club to again benefit the SCV Food Pantry. If you have not yet volunteered a portion of that Saturday to help in this very worthwhile endeavor, please do so. Contact us at activities@scvcc.org and let us know when you can serve.

Thanksgiving is almost here and we have much to be grateful for. Our families, our health, our well-being, and so many more things you can add to the list. I personally want to say I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you all in our great club. The family comparison is often used and is somewhat cliché, but if there is a need you have or are aware of, please do not hesitate to reach out to fellow club members, even for TP! Wishing one and all a great November and beyond.

Mike

November Events

Business Meeting

1st Thursday of each Month
Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting, **November 5th**

Bunnin Chevrolet
Fillmore, CA

Maintenance & Safety Check

3rd Thursday of each Month
Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. until ?

Next Meeting, **November 19th**

Route 66 Classic Grill
18730 Soledad Canyon Rd

Special Announcement November Business Meeting

By Mike Woodings

Our November General Meeting is just two weeks away, November 5th. We have been successful with Zoom meetings for seven months now and an opportunity to again meet in person has been found and presented to the board and membership.

Bunnin Chevrolet – Fillmore is open and supportive for us to meet in person at their newly remodeled dealership. The board, along with a majority of responses from you, the members, was equally supportive of the idea.

The plan initially is for our November business meeting to begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 11-5-20 in the showroom of Bunnin Chevrolet – Fillmore, 1024 Ventura Street, Fillmore.

The dealership will accommodate us with tables and chairs, and has the space to allow for “social distance”, however I suggest you bring your own chair in case we exceed their available seating.

The change in meeting time is due in part to return to Standard Time and daylight conditions. The weather on 11-5 will be fine, high of 85 and low of 59 with no rain, but sunset will be at 4:56 PM.

Bunnin is still in the process of re-establishing the café at the dealership, so no food or beverage service is yet available, plan accordingly.

The club does not require attendance but many are eager to again meet in person as well as drive their Corvettes. The dealership is less than 20 miles from the I-5 and CA 126 interchange. You know the way and the opportunity to meet in person was welcomed.

Everyone's Runnin' to
BUNNIN
Fillmore



Member Celebrations...

Here Are Our Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers!



Veasman	November 2 1996
Vega	November 9, 1968
Stern	November 22, 2005
Hoffman	November 23, 1983
Turkheimer	November 24, 1988



Vickie Salmen	Nov 12
Brian de Avila	Nov 14
Sharon Spierer	Nov 20
Cindy Schmidt	Nov 23
Dick Meier	Nov 26
Russ Obarski	Nov 30



Please let us know if your name has been missed for your special day! It is important, and our roster may not have all the correct information

the MINUTES

General Meeting via ZOOM October 1, 2020 Minutes recorded by Secretary Connie Ceo

President Mike Woodings called the meeting to order at 7:32pm There were 29 members in attendance via ZOOM

Secretary Connie Ceo read the minutes from the last ZOOM meeting on September 3, 2020

Treasurer Dennis Monden gave the club financials.

Mike Woodings addressed everyone reflecting on the fact we are in day 203 of a projected 15 day shutdown due to the coronavirus. Everyone was thanked for their loyalty in keeping together. Mike that Scott Gregory reminds us in the newsletter what we were doing last year at this time. Mike went over what we did at our last October meeting. We were discussing the demise of Santa Paula Chevrolet. We were briefing about our projected Christmas Party and Linda Butler began her yearly Food Pantry campaign. Many members were getting ready for the trip to New Mexico for the annual balloon festival and to the Prescott Corvette Show.

We are still in need of filling the Quartermaster and Communications positions. If anyone is interested, please let the board know.

At the Board Meeting it was discussed where we will go to meet as it looks like Steve Katz at Vincenzo's may not open the large room soon or at all. We discussed that possibly since the TPC hasn't really been opened they may want us back but not under the guidelines they previously outlined to us. Mike will contact them. Mike Reader said the TPC is the Oaks and has not changed ownership since we were there last. Mike also said maybe Bunnin Chevrolet may have a space for us in Fillmore.

The September 17th Maintenance Meeting at Vincenzo's was a success. We even had a drawing. The owner of Genghis Khan also came out to us and is offering a 10% discount to SCVCC members.

Membership, Judy Woodings reported Wednesday have 82 paid regular members, 14 associates and several openings for membership. She encouraged everyone to pull out their glove box roster and try to be in touch with other members. Judy has been sending postcards to ZOOM meeting attendees. Judy also mentioned she is again making her little seasonal stuffed pumpkins. Last year Donna Webster's HUGE pumpkin sat on her front porch until Jimmy finally suggested she get rid of it in JULY!

Newsletter, Scott Gregory was not in attendance but the newsletter was out.

Volunteer Communications, Steve Turkheimer also made sure the newsletter was distributed.

All of a sudden, we lost Mike & Judy on ZOOM. their technical difficulties were resolved they rejoined the group.

Activities, Donna Webster reported we currently have two activities scheduled.

10/3/20, Saturday, the Poker Run. We now have 17 cars, there is a limit of 20 cars. Today was the last day to sign up, but anyone can join in the lunch after the run. Jimmy Webster asked that all participants meet promptly at 9 am in the Chuy's/Outback parking lot for the drivers meeting, including instructions with him and anticipated roll out by 9:30. The run is projected to be about 2 ½ hours ending up at Ron Nolan's business parking lot for lunch and raffle. Ron has arranged for two food trucks. Everyone should bring their own chairs, tables, masks etc. This event is NOT A RACE, just a fun drive.

12/5/20, Food Pantry Drive. The Food Pantry is providing their truck and driver for this event and will make trips back and forth to deliver the donated food to the pantry. Members have signed-up for the five shifts, but we can always use more volunteer help.

CAR TALK

Mike had a cracked rim, actually 4 cracks. The service at America's Tire was very good. Broken rim covered by his road hazard warranty which cost him 3 grand.

Steve Turkheimer's dash lit up indicating anti-lock braking but it ended up being the tracking system. His car only has 38,000 miles.

Dan Stern had a left front shock issue on his 2003 Vette. The message said "service". After \$850, it was a broken wire.

The Corvette Museum Magazine had a mention about the Simi Valley Corvette Club doing a drive by to support local law enforcement. Maybe we can do something like that.

Judy Woodings said while in Wyoming when people heard they were Corvette club members, they asked if it was them racing around town. She told them no, we don't do that. Apparently another Corvette club was in the area.

Vice President Jim Webster drew the badge it or lose it. Jim Watkinson's name was drawn, but he was not in attendance, therefore we again roll over to next month for \$80.

Mike read the birthdays and anniversaries. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.



CLUB CORNER



Fun Positions Still Available

**Communications
&
Quartermaster**



Spring Maintenance and Safety Check

Thursday, October 15th

Valencia Plaza, Newhall

As usual, our essential maintenance and safety check for October was held in the Valencia Plaza parking lot where attendees gathered to have their vehicles inspected, and also enjoy some take-out food from our location hosts - Vincenzo's Pizza, and Genghis Khan Mongolian BBQ.

Due to daylight saving time coming to a quick end, we may have to make some adjustments for the November installment of our vehicle maintenance program, so check your emails and the website calendar to stay up to date.



Hundreds of C7 Corvette Owners Join Class Action Lawsuit Against GM Over Defective Wheels

Mike Woodings wanted to make sure that those who have Corvettes that fall within these model years are aware of the steps being taken against GM on behalf of the owners. You may recall that Mike and Judy have had a personal experienced with this wheel defect – TWICE!

Story by Mitch Talley, Corvette Blogger.com

Sometimes a dream can turn into a nightmare. That's what the owners of hundreds of C7 Corvette Z06 and Grand Sport models are saying after joining a consolidated class-action lawsuit against General Motors filed Sept. 10 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The suit alleges wheels on the 2015-19 Z06 and Grand Sport models are “prone to deforming and cracking, without impact damage” because of materials that were “cast, rather than forged ... of insufficient strength ... and insufficient quantity, to withstand the torque and power input from the drivetrain.”

Furthermore, the suit claims the cars are unsafe to drive because the broken rims could puncture the tires, causing air leaks and tire blowouts. The plaintiffs are seeking millions of dollars in reimbursements for the 18 owners named in the lawsuit, as well as other owners.

One such owner was Vanessa Bishop Diggs, who bought a 2019 Z06 last year. “That was my dream vehicle,” she told the Detroit Free Press in an article published Saturday. “I did all the things I was supposed to do in life. If you did this and this, things came to you and you reap what you sow. And then, bam!” The “bam” started when her dream vehicle started



to “shutter and shimmy” after 15,000 miles on the road because of bent wheel rims that were not covered under warranty and cost \$3,000 to replace.

So much for her dream. “I don’t want the car now, even with the new rims on it, because it was sick,” she says. “I don’t want to deal with it, and the way General Motors is treating me, I don’t want it now.”

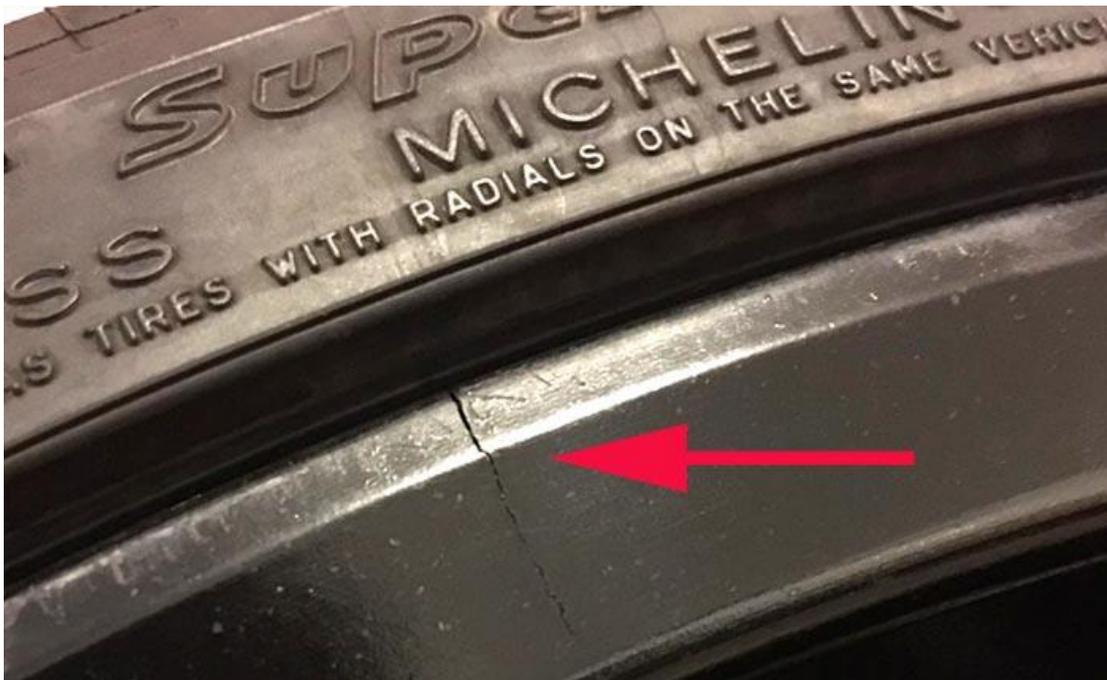
For its part, GM has long maintained that there is no wheel problem with the cars and that no safety recalls are planned. Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, in fact, said in 2017 that GM designs its wheels to withstand extreme pothole loads and tests them on high-speed lab equipment capable of simulating the entire life cycle of the vehicle.

“People are often surprised that a wheel can be bent or cracked without any visible damage to the tire or obvious scratches on the wheel,” he wrote then on the Corvette Forum.

He said a road hazard can bend a wheel frequently so that the damage is “initially almost undetectable to the driver.” Eventually “fatigue cracks” can form, and despite having a normal appearance, the wheel can begin to leak.

While we certainly respect and appreciate Juechter’s decades of expertise, we wonder why all four wheels would be damaged at the same time by a single road hazard. It seems the problem would be just one or two wheels.

We’ve written about similar lawsuits like this for years, and by now, we’re wondering if they’ll ever be resolved in court. Of course, as they say, the wheels of justice turn slowly. Quite literally in this case, apparently.



Saturday Poker Run

October 3rd

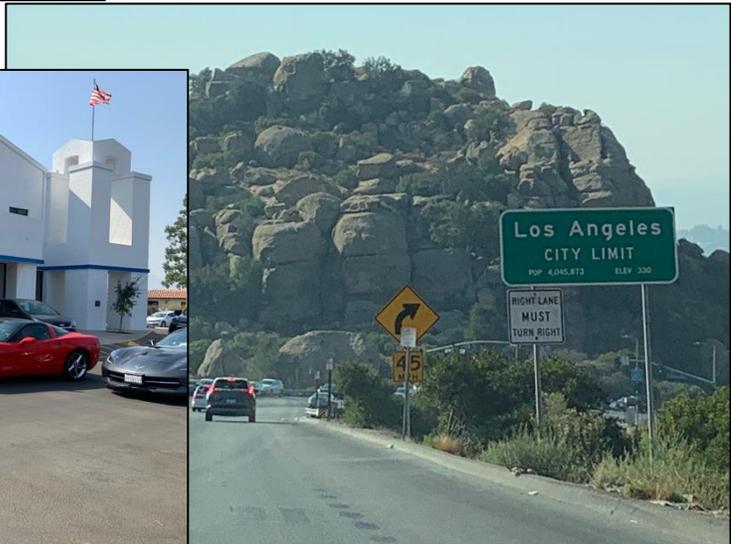
In this time of limited events, our activities committee and Jimmy Webster did a great job of putting together a Saturday poker run. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event!

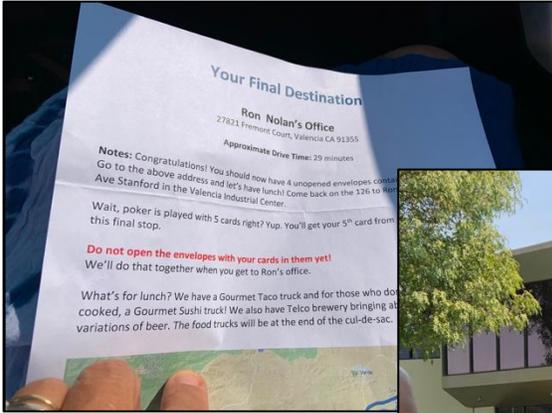
The run launched from the Chuy's parking lot in Newhall, and ended several hours later at a great destination back in Valencia where the participants were welcomed by a selection of food trucks and a nearby brewery!



We also want to extend a special thank you to Ron Nolan for arranging the destination stop, and the much-appreciated restroom access!

Visitors joined our run in their new C8. Two weeks later we marveled at club member Sandy Correll's new C8 convertible at Cars and Coffee. Both can be seen on the next page.





Sandy's long-awaited **CONVERTIBLE!**

A year ago, this month
Here's what we were up to in October 2019

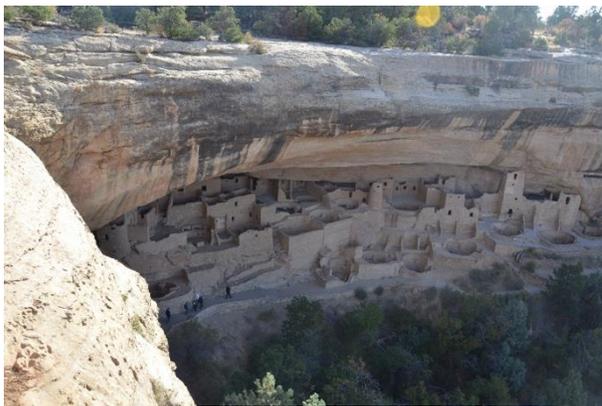
Southwest Caravan

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & National Parks

Eight adventuresome folks headed out on a ten-day Southwest Caravan that looped through the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, and then on to a number of National Parks, sights, and experiences throughout Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.



Doesn't this just make you pine for another good old fashioned road trip!



Next, our Saturday drive took us to Santa Paula to the Collector Car Vault, where we had planned to meet up with the Redline Corvette Club, whom had originally organized the event.



However, upon our arrival we learned the other club had arrived earlier than planned, and were on their way out. So, we were on our own.

But that's okay. After a tour of this two-level, temperature-controlled vehicle storage and automotive event facility, we headed over to Zapparelli's Pizza for a nice lunch.



Our busy month continued on blustery Thursday evening with our Taste-O-The-Town held at the Claim Jumper Restaurant. Our two, large, semi-private tables



gave us a place to enjoy their amazing loaves of warm bread, salad bar, steaks, pasta, and chicken potpies. As always, the Corvette friendly restaurant provided us with great service, and the desire to return to those fun, casual events.

We wrapped up the October activities calendar with a ride on the Fillmore & Western Railway Pumpkin Liner!



The half-hour ride to from Fillmore dropped everyone off at the pumpkin patch near Santa Paula where pumpkins were picked and hauled back to be stuffed in the back of the Corvettes – good times, Charlie Brown!



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CORVETTE CAFE

For connoisseurs of fine cars and good food



Blueberry and Cream Cheese French Toast

Hey, guest what? November 28th, is National French Toast Day, Yeah! So, to celebrate, let's make some bed and breakfast style egg bread....

Get it together

- 1 loaf Brioche bread, sliced and cubed
- 1 8-oz. packages cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup blueberries
- 10 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla bean
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 cups milk
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- BLUEBERRY SYRUP
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fresh blueberries, rinsed and drained
- 1 Tbsp butter



Let's do this

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Grease 13X9" baking pan.
3. Place half of the bread cubes evenly in pan.
4. Scatter cream cheese cubes on top and sprinkle with blueberries.
5. Arrange remaining half of bread cubes on top.
6. Combine eggs, vanilla, maple syrup, and milk and pour over bread mixture.
7. Cover with foil and chill. Can be made the day before.
8. Bake covered 30 minutes, then uncover and bake 30 more minutes until puffed and brown.
9. Serve with Blueberry Syrup. Make your own below....
10. BLUEBERRY SYRUP
11. In small saucepan combine sugar, cornstarch and water and heat over medium high heat.
12. Cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until thickened.
13. Add 1 cup of blueberries and simmer, until most berries have burst, about 10 minutes.
14. Add butter and stir until melted.
15. Transfer to serving bowl.
16. Place French Toast on individual serving plates and top with Blueberry Syrup.



The Editors Desk



By Scott Gregory

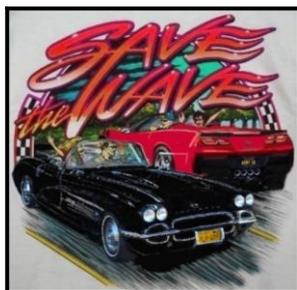
Here's something you probably didn't know. Batman, our favorite caped crusader, drives a black, '63 split window- or at least his alter ego Bruce Wayne does. True story. This according to Warner Bros., who cast the car as Bruce Wayne's daily driver in their new film, The Batman, which tells the story of a younger Bruce Wayne, played by Robert Pattinson, who is seeking justice for Gotham City, which for the sake of this film is being played by Liverpool, England. The photo below was taken on the set of the film.

You can bet this story will show up right here in a future article of Corvettes Gone Hollywood, but we will have to wait, because the 'Rona virus, has pushed the film's release date out to March of 2022.



Anyway, the more you know...

Scott Gregory, Editor



- I always thought it was the dryer that made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.