

# Corvette



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## Doing Good for the Community!

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# From the Driver's Seat

**Mike Woodings  
President's Message**

I must begin by wishing each and every one of you a Happy New Year. The Christmas season has passed, taking with it the year we will never forget. I hate to even mention its name and would just as soon jump from 2019 to 2021.



Just 12 months ago, we enjoyed our traditional club Christmas party at Sand Canyon CC and the excitement of the soon coming C8 was in the air. Our new Newsletter Guy Scott Gregory had just joined the Board. All of our meetings and social events were in-person and “bare-faced”. I told you all that 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, and I wished you all a happy 2020.

Whewww! For sure none of us are fortune tellers and nobody had a clue what the coming twelve months held in store. Personally, I started last January sick. I could have sworn I had the flu, but the doc tested me and advised it was “not the flu, it’s just a virus and I’ll give you something for the cough.” Could it have been...? Who knows, but we all have tales to tell about what now seems to be years ago.

January turned to February and then March hit us all between the eyes with a warning to shelter for 15 days so hospitals would not be overwhelmed with virus sufferers. Extra mobile field hospitals were constructed and even a hospital ship docked locally to handle the projected influx of patients which failed to materialize. Medical staffing even shrank with layoffs due to dwindling patient numbers. We dealt with toilet paper shortages and the threat of meat rationing but in turn enjoyed driving to distant locations in record time with little traffic and even less traffic enforcement.

Those 15 days passed and even more restrictions were placed on us all to “stop the spread”. As a club, we reacted appropriately to the advisories and turned to Zoom as a means to hold monthly board and business meetings and even socialized in the same manner instead of meeting for Taste of the Town. We got by and pushed the envelope some with a few minor Corvette events and even added monthly Maintenance Thursdays to the calendar. After many months of virtual meeting, November provided us an opportunity to again meet in person, at Bunnin Chevrolet – Fillmore, only to find us smacked in again in December and back to Zoom again with no immediate change in restrictions foreseen.

Enough negativity though. Our club adapted and lives on with our 43rd anniversary coming up. The vast majority of our membership remains with only a few losses of some seeking greener pastures. Our board is strong and active, planning events we are allowed to have and our members continue working together to keep our club strong while presenting a positive image to our community by our behavior as well as supporting our neighbors in two outstanding food drives at Sam’s Club.

I am looking forward to what I hope are positive changes coming in 2021 and our ability to resume in-person meeting and holding events together. Let’s all hope and pray that we can move forward with a picnic and Christmas Party this year and to go places again.

I want to thank you all for sticking with us throughout the past twelve months and hope you will continue doing so. Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2021!

Mike

## In Memoriam

Word was received of the recent passing of another of our long-time club members, Donna Bledsoe. She was 88 years young.

Donna joined the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club in August 2002 and was a dear friend to many of our members.

1956 was a very significant year for Donna. She married Jack on June 30, 1956. She and Jack had a 1956 Ford Victoria then which she said she wished she still owned. Donna also sported a 1956 Ford pickup in recent years.

She wasn't entirely a Ford Girl though, the proud owner of a spotless white 1989 C4 Corvette. I remember Donna joining us in a caravan to Thousand Oaks September 18, 2011 for the Redline Corvette Car Show. Donna came home with a trophy that day. It was her first!

Donna lives on in our memories. She will be missed.



# January Events at a Glance

**Business Meeting**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month  
Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
Next Meeting, *January 7th...*

**Zoom!**

**Maintenance  
and Safety Check**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month  
Begins @ 6:00 p.m.

*Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>*  
**Zoom!**



# Member Celebrations...

Here Are Our Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers!

Lydie Colonello	Jan 3
Patty Hoffman	Jan 7
Connie Lee	Jan 7
David Bultman	Jan 10
Jeanette Ramieri	Jan 17
Suzi Negri	Jan 17
Peter Di Orio	Jan 22
Sheila Percivalle	Jan 25



McCloskey January 18, 1997 24 years



*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 December 4, 2020 Via ZOOM

President, Mike Woodings called the meeting to order at 7:38pm There were 18 in attendance Mike noted that again we have restrictions due to COVID. Mike read the minutes from the General Meeting in November 5, 2020

Treasurer, Dennis Monden gave the current club financials for November.

Mike has had a conversation with Shane from Bunnin. They had to cancel their own Christmas event and ask that we also not meet in person until COVID restrictions are once again lifted.

We did have a good turnout for the November meeting at Bunnin with 33 members in attending. Bunnin continued their regular business selling cars while our meeting was going on. We did have a problem with our microphone, Mark Ware tried to fix it but couldn't. It was brought up to the club that we should probably purchase a new one and all agreed. Amazon had a set for \$56.93 that were purchased. We want to thank Bunnin for making their showroom available to us. Also, they are nearing completion of the café to open soon.

New business cards were purchased and displayed on our screens for viewing. No location was given but the web site is listed that will give that information.

The Club Maintenance and Safety Inspection was well attended at Route 66. Because of daylight saving times we met at 4:30 in the parking lot. For the time being we will continue to meet at Route 66 because they have better lighting unless anyone has another idea.

Club jackets are still available for purchase. Mike or Judy can order apparel when requested.

Unfortunately, the much-anticipated Progressive Lunch scheduled for December 12 has been cancelled due to the new restrictions. We don't want to get a bad reputation within the community.

Events like the Food Pantry and Toys for Tots will go forward as they benefit the community.

Brian DeAvila ask if there was anything we can do like going away somewhere. Unfortunately, in California there are restrictions everywhere because of the new lockdown.

Membership, Judy Woodings reported we are standing at 82 regular members and 14 associates. They do have some things on hand and will create a list of items and sizes for purchase hopefully by our next meeting.

Mike spoke about the Toys for Tots event Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at Bunnin Santa Paula. Scheduled to leave at 8:30 am from the Walmart on Copperhill for arrival at 9am all clubs will have staggering times ours being 9:00 to 9:40am. Parking will be on the north side of the dealership. Shane needs a head count to prepare breakfast bags. So far there are 20 people participating.

Activities, Donna Webster reported there isn't much we can do at this time but Activities has a lot of ideas for when the state opens again.

Food Pantry at Sam's Club this Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> is going forward with 27 volunteers to take shifts. Sam's Club is still on board for this event but we must wear masks and social distance. We still have our General Meeting and Taste of Town scheduled.

Magic Mountain Christmas Light show was mentioned again. It is \$20 per person and there must be at least 2 people in each car and by appointment only. Windows and roof tops must be closed. Unfortunately, most appointments for this are already taken. Don Ceo said they had only 3 days left in January.

Judy Woodings suggested the possibility of delivering food or toys to the Sheriffs Dept or Community Centers. There was a conversation within the membership about this idea. We would need to have a sign on our cars to indicate we aren't just joy riding. Donna will call if given the information. Kathy DeAvila suggested replacing the Progressive Lunch on December 12<sup>th</sup> with this kind of event. We seem to all be on board with the season for giving.

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

Communications, Jim Webster has stepped up and is now wearing two hats as both Vice President and our new Communications guy. Thank you, Jim. He asked that everyone be sure to given him our correct email addresses.

Quartermaster position is still available.

Badge it or lose it was drawn by Donna Webster. The winner was Virginia Gregory who was not in attendance. Next month the amount increases to \$120. The was no car talk.

Mike announced birthdays and anniversaries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.



# Food Drive – SCV Food Pantry

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sam's Club, Canyon Country**

We held our second food drive of the year was December 5<sup>th</sup> at Sam's Club, and it was a huge success, with a whopping \$12,000 worth of food collected for the SCV Food Pantry! We had a number of members who volunteered throughout the day, and many more who stopped by to donate to the cause.

A big thanks to our activities club, including Karen Jewett and Donna Webster for spearheading this event, and a special shout-out to Robyn Webster who got the Santa Clarita Magazine on board as a sponsor, along with the attached article.



## SCV Corvette Club Sponsors

### Local Food Drive



Saturday, December 5th, 2020, the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club (SCVCC) will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry. We will be accepting both food and financial donations at the Sam's Club on Carl Boyer Drive in Canyon Country from 9 am to 6 pm. Don't have time? Feel free to drop off financial donations and one of our members will do the shopping for you. The SCVCC have done many donation drives for the local food pantry in the past, the

last of which collected over \$8,000 worth of donations in a single day. We are confident this drive will be even more successful as the wonderful community has shown they come together to help those who have fallen on hard times.

All donations received will be delivered directly to the food pantry.

Items needed are:

- Canned fruits, vegetables and beans
- Canned stews and chilis
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni and cheese
- Dried beans and soups
- Cereal, granola bars, popcorn, nuts and natural fruit snacks
- toothbrushes/paste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap and deodorant
- Disposable diapers (size 3 and up)
- Baby wipes



## 2020 Santa's Toy Drive

**Bunnin Chevrolet,  
Santa Paula**  
**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bunnin Chevrolet in Santa Paula held its annual US Marine Reserve Toys for Tots drive again this year. So, a contingent of SCVCC members made the short drive out the 126 to help support the event.



In a normal year, we would have gathered at the dealership with our friends from the Ventura Corvette club and the Redline Corvette Club. But due to the state's "Rona restrictions, they were forced to limit each club to a specific time slot. That issue aside, the goal was to help the dealership and the Marines gather toys for the youngsters, so mission accomplished!



# A Year Ago, This Month....

Here's what we were up to in December 2019

## SCV Sheriff's Toy Drive Frontier Toyota December 4<sup>th</sup>

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 16<sup>th</sup>



Annual Holiday Toy Drive kick-off event.

Once the toys were safely in the hands of Santa and his helpers, we cruised down to Mimi's Restaurant for dinner.



## 2019 SCVCC Christmas Party Sand Canyon Country Club December 7<sup>th</sup>

It was a night where the sounds of dining, dancing and celebration could be heard ringing across the hills of Sand Canyon! The evening's chilly December weather helped to make it feel officially like the holidays as everyone arrived at the Sand Canyon Country Club.



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



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

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



**Bunnin Chevrolet  
Toys for Tots  
December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

14<sup>th</sup>. This year's event once again included the Corvette Clubs of Ventura, Santa Clarita and the Redline Corvette Club of Newbury Park.





## Holiday Lights with Les Thursday Evening Club Run December 19<sup>th</sup>



This was a nice evening for what would prove to be a fun night 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!



After a taking in the multitude of colorful holiday light displays, we wrapped up the evening with a relaxed dinner at Wana Iguana.



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# CORVETTE CAFE

For connoisseurs of fine cars and good food



## National Blonde Brownie Day

It's said that blondes have more fun, but what about blondies? On January 22—National Blonde Brownie Day—the answer is a resounding, “YES!” Blonde brownies, also known as blondies, are baked bars that replace the cocoa in a brownie with brown sugar for a warm, rich, butterscotch-flavored treat. These bars are delicious warmed up with ice cream, or at room-temperature for a delicious snack.

### Get it together

- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs + 1 egg yolk
- 2 tsp Vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts – If you like.



### Let's do this

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Spray & flour or line a 13x9 pan with parchment paper
3. Combine melted butter and sugar in a large bowl and stir well.
4. Add eggs, egg yolk, and vanilla extract and stir until completely combined. Set aside.
5. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, baking powder, and salt.
6. Gradually stir dry ingredients into wet until completely combined.
7. Fold in white chocolate chips and nuts, if using.
8. Spread blondie batter into prepared pan and transfer to oven.
9. Bake on 350F for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean
10. Allow to cool before cutting and enjoying

### Notes

- Use half dark and half light brown sugar in this recipe. You can use all light or all dark, but if you use all dark brown sugar the blondies will be a bit richer, sweeter, and more moist.
- If you don't have parchment paper you can lightly grease and flour the inside of your pan.
- If you use a glass pan it will likely take longer than the suggested time to bake.

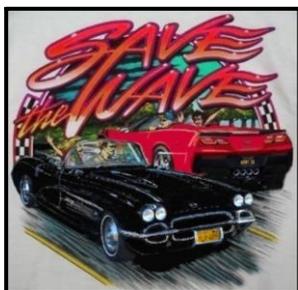


## The Editors Desk



By Scott Gregory

**2021** Coming at us like...



The more you know...  
**Scott Gregory, Editor**

- In reflection, I am most grateful this year for Murder Hornets. It turns out they are the most rationally explainable thing that occurred all year...