

Corvette



Gazette

Our 45th Year



Santa Clarita, California USA

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SCVCC Members Are Needed To Fill Board Seats!



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Business Meeting
1st Thursday of each Month
March 7th - 7:30 PM

Santa Clarita Lanes
21615 Soledad Cyn Road, Santa Clarita

Taste of the Town
3rd Thursday of each Month
March 21st 6:00 PM

Denny's Diner
18923 Soledad Canyon Rd. Canyon Country

From the Driver's Seat

Mike Woodings
President's Message

Once again, I have a blank page available to share my thoughts. A recap of fun Corvette events from the prior month and looking forward to future runs makes up my usual report each month with my wishes to all for a fun month ahead. All of those things are worth reporting just like every month, but right now we all need to think about how fortunate we are to be part of this long-standing Corvette club.



We are an important part of our community. We are still at full membership with constant interest from new members as well.

Corvettes are our common bond. Fun and friendship are what holds us together. We need to keep that as our focus with our club.

The membership of this club needs to work together to ensure the future of the club. Your contributions in planning and leadership are critical to the ongoing success of the club. Each member needs to contribute not only through dues but with their time and talent to make this club strong.

Consider leadership in your board of directors. Contribute event ideas. Lead a run. Help organize an event. Be involved.

There have been several recent changes in board membership and more changes are coming. Great new people have stepped up and all is good. Board elections are soon as well. Consider how you can help shape our club for the future.

Save the Wave!

Mike





SCVCC Activities Planning 2024

Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club

3-Month Event Planner

March

07	Thursday	General Meeting: Santa Clarita Lanes -21615 Soledad Canyon Road - Santa Clarita, 91350 Social starting at 6:00pm / Meeting at 7:30pm - For members and prospective members. Come join us for our monthly meeting and see what we are up to!
16	Saturday	LASD TOUR This is a <u>Special LIMITED CAPACITY EVENT!</u> -First come First Served LIMITED TO THE FIRST 18 MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP! We will meet at 9:15AM at Walmart 26471 Carl Boyer Dr to sign waivers and pay the \$5 Event fee (please bring exact change). We will tour in groups of 6. After the tour we can head to Route 66 for lunch
21	Thursday	Taste of the Town: 6:00pm – Denny's Diner (Soledad Canyon Road Location) 18932 Soledad Canyon Road, Canyon Country
24	Sunday	Ojai Farmers Market – Meet at Rye Canyon Walmart, 27931 Kelly Johnson Drive, at 8:30 am to sign waivers – Depart 9 am Arrive Ojai 10:15 am. Farmers Market open 9 am – 1 pm. Market and lunch is on your own. (DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR \$5 CASH "PER PERSON", ACTIVITY FEE) ** Sign up at the General Meeting to participate**

April

04	Thursday	General Meeting: Santa Clarita Lanes -21615 Soledad Canyon Road - Santa Clarita, 91350 Social starting at 6:00pm / Meeting at 7:30pm - For members and prospective members. Come join us for our monthly meeting and see what we are up to!
18	Thursday	Taste of the Town: 6:00pm – Maria Bonita Mexican Restaurant 20655 Soledad Canyon Road, Canyon Country
19 to 21	Friday to Sunday	Cambria Weekend Leaving Santa Clarita (Location TBA) Special SCVCC Hotel rates at <u>Fogcatcher Inn</u> \$159 per night. Itinerary Hearst Castle Saturday-Special rate \$27 per person. Room Reservation info to be posted here shortly. Please call and book your room ASAP(805) 927-1400. <u>FogCatcher Inn - Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club</u> Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, March 20,2024. Group Dinner location <u>TBA</u> ** Sign up at the General Meeting to participate** NOTE: Hearst Castle Ticket fee plus \$5 Event Fee due to Dennis Monden by March 20th
27	Saturday	KHTS Home and Garden Show – Central Park Meet 9 am Route 66 Breakfast and Waivers, Caravan to Central Park 11 am (DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR \$5 CASH "PER PERSON", ACTIVITY FEE) ** Sign up at the General Meeting to participate**
27	Saturday	Love My Ride – AVCC Car Show – Dry Town Water Park, Palmdale 10 AM to 3 PM – NON-CLUB EVENT

May

2	Thursday	General Meeting: Santa Clarita Lanes -21615 Soledad Canyon Road - Santa Clarita, 91350
11	Saturday	Irwindale Speedway- Join us for Saturday night at the Races NASCAR!
16	Thursday	Taste of the Town: TBD
18	Saturday	Lions Automobilia Museum - 2790 E Del Amo Blvd, Rancho Dominguez - More Details TBA

March Celebrations

Here Are Our Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers!

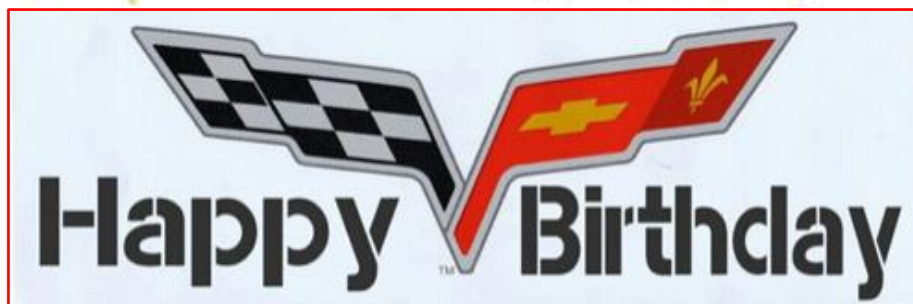
Please let us know if your name has been missed!

Birthdays!

Chris Hansen	Mar 5
Raul Bonilla	Mar 8
Don Ceo	Mar 7
Tom Tomlinson	Mar 15
Jennifer McCabe	Mar 15
Al Boley	Mar 18
Judy Woodings	Mar 19
Pam Plotkin	Mar 20
Ken Veasman	Mar 27
Jim Bancroft	Mar 31



**It's a Bye-Month on the
Anniversaries!**





Mike Woodings opened the meeting at 7:30 PM at Santa Clarita Lanes. He briefly discussed his recent stay at Henry Mayo Hospital. Ground Hog Day will be 39 degrees and snowing in Punxsutawney, PA. This is Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club's forty-fifth year!

Dennis Monden gave the Treasurer's report.

Secretary Dan Stern stressed, let's be happy.

Newsletter: Scott Gregory announced it's out!

Activities: Bob Haas and Marcia Stern have stepped up to fill vacancies.

- Joyce Kearin talked about the run to the Petersen Museum. Fifteen cars are currently signed up.
- Annual picnic is scheduled for June 15th
- Run to the Red Engine Brewing Company in Fillmore was a great time, six cars went.
- On 2-22-2024 at 2:22 PM we will meet at the new In-n-Out on the Old Road in Valencia for your favorite burger.
- Bob Haas is currently planning an overnight run to Cambria

Membership: Judy Woodings thanked Dan and Marcia Stern for visiting them in the hospital and bringing them dinner. Dan Carpenter, owner of PACC Automotive visiting again. He has a blue C8 with black wheels.

- Chris and Nancy Noski are visiting again. They have a 2017 White Grand Sport Corvette.
- Bob Cox is visiting again. He has a Torch Red C8 Corvette.

Currently we have ninety-three members and five associate members.

Quartermaster: Leslie Monden

- Hats and flags are on order.
- Bling for ladies' shirts is available.

Car Talk: Members of the club are still working on a truck for the Newhall Historical Society. They plan to drive the truck in the 4th of July parade.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



Your Quartermaster, Leslie Monden
is eager to help!
Please let her know what you need.



Winter ain't over yet, you're gonna still need a club jacket!

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the February meeting. Leslie will be at your service to address your clubwear needs. You can always contact her on-line at quartermaster@scvcc.org between meetings for special Clubwear matters.

Taste of the Town

Backwoods Inn

Thursday, February 15th



It was a full house this month at the Backwoods Inn, where we gathered the day after Valentine's Day for another enjoyable evening at a local favorite. As always, the atmosphere at the Backwoods was warm and inviting, and we had the back area all to ourselves. The service was good, the food was tasty, and the drinks were refreshing. From their open-grilled steaks, to the ribs, lobster, and chops, there is always something for everyone on a nice evening out on the town.



The Backwoods Steak House has always been a Corvette friendly restaurant, but as we say every month, the comradery with fellow members is always the best part of the evening! Be sure to join us in March when we gather at Denny's Diner in Canyon Country (Soledad Canyon Road location).

Petersen Automotive Museum Combined Run - Antelope Valley Club Saturday, February 17th

This month's Saturday event was a fun and educational trip to the Petersen Automotive Museum, which for me is always nostalgic, as I began my writing career under the Petersen Publishing Masthead, writing for monthly rags such as HOTROD, Car Craft, Street Rodder, even Guns and Ammo. So, for me there is a personal connection to what is arguably the finest car museum in the world.



But on this day, we can thank Art and Joyce Kearin for putting together a terrific run that included both the Antelope Valley Corvette Club and the SCVCC.

Our day started early with some of us gathering around the breakfast table at Denny's, our prearranged meeting spot, for some over-easy sustenance before heading into the big city. Despite the Saturday

traffic, our enthusiastic group enjoyed an uneventful drive to Museum Row in the Wilshire district, where we arrived en masse.

No matter how many times you visit the Petersen there is always something new to see as the exhibits are constantly changing. On this trip, the emphasis was on the history of the Porsche, and our docent explained Porsches' contribution to our beloved Corvettes - and yes, the brand was instrumental in the concept and design of our little sports car, and as legend has it, the entire reason the Corvette was even created.

There was also an exhibit celebrating the Corvettes' contribution to racing, which proudly displayed three 1950's Zora designed cars that were leaders in the track racing industry, and direct forefathers to our modern machines, as well as influential motorsport Corvettes from the 1990's. Interestingly, there wasn't a red one in the bunch (sorry all you staunch Rojo Rangers).



Of course, a day at the Petersen would not be complete without a trip downstairs to wander through the haloed halls of automotive history in “The Vault”, a wonderfully curated collection of rare and interesting vehicles spanning nearly every genre of the automotive culture from sports car to antiques, and from luxury cars and low riders, to nitro-burning dragsters, and one-off customs. A true day of automotive emersion.



Again, we want to thank Art and Joyce Kearin for inviting us to tag along with their crew, and we look forward to more combined trips with the AVCC



Twosday on Thursday

In-n-Out

Thursday, 2-22 at 2:22

The Second annual spontaneous get-**TWO**-gether on **2-22** at **2:22** pm for a Double-Double had a great response. A headcount totaled 25 attendees on that **2-22** Thursday afternoon at the In-n-Out on the Old Road and Magic Mountain Pkwy for a “what the heck get-**TWO**-gether”.



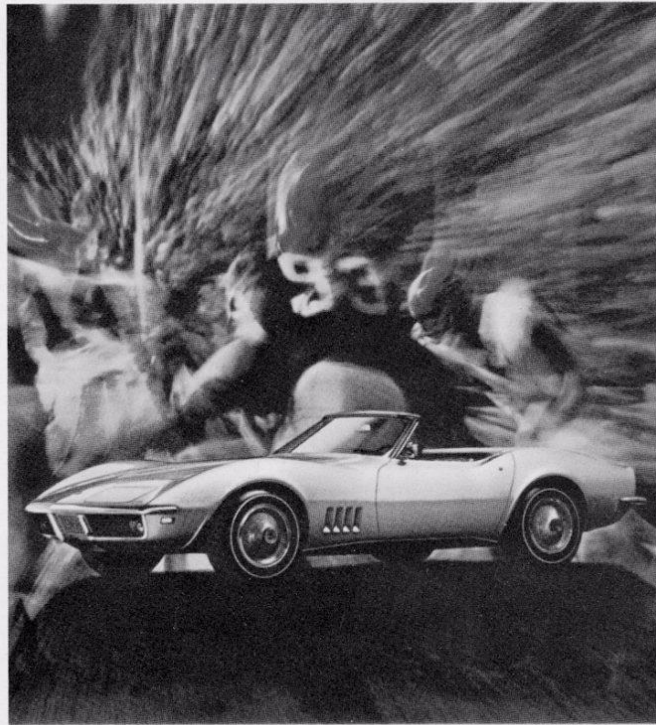
Who needs a reason? Keep your eyes open and antennas up for other spontaneous announcements about opportunities to get your Corvette out for a spin with Corvette friends!



New. So new, there's
nothing else like it.
Anywhere.

'68 Corvette

from Chevrolet's Sports Department



1968 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible

Once past that stunning new body with its hidden door handles and windshield wipers, you find a superb interior, flow-thru Astro Ventilation, four-wheel disc brakes, V8 choices to 435 hp. It's the dream car Chevrolet builds for sale.



CORVETTE TRIVIA

Contributed by Bud Jenkins

- 1) The person who named the Corvette was Myron Scott...a Chevrolet photographer.
- 2) The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.
- 3) 1976 Corvette used the same steering wheel as a Chevy Vega Sport Wheel.
- 4) The original front emblem on the Corvette used a crossed American flag, but it was illegal and had to be changed.

Answers: 1) T 2) T 3) T 4) T

**Are you, or anyone you know, interested in one of the positions
below, let your board know?
It's time to help your club!**

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Sinkhole Dirt Cups

Ten years ago this month, February 12, 2014, to be exact, a giant sinkhole opened up in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and promptly swallowed eight collector-class Corvettes. So, in honor of the ten-year anniversary, we are bringing back this all-time favorite snack that you can really sink your Corvette into....

THE PLAN...

1 pkg. (3.9 Oz.) Jell-O Chocolate Flavor instant Pudding
2 cups cold milk
1 tub (8oz.) Cool Whip, thawed
15 Oreo Cookies, finely crushed (1 ¼ cups)
1 Corvette – make & model of your choice

LET'S DO THIS...

- 1) Place the cookies in resealable plastic bag and roll with rolling pin until finely crushed. Or you can mangle them in a food processor.
- 2) Beat the pudding mix and milk together with a whisk or electric mixer in a large bowl for two minutes.
- 3) Stir in COOL WHIP and 1/2 cup of the cookie crumbs.
- 4) Spoon pudding mixture into 8 (8 oz.) plastic drink cups.
- 5) Select the Corvette of your choice and carefully let it drop into the pudding. Top with a layer of the remaining cookie crumbs, spreading evenly around your now sunken Corvette.
- 6) After refrigerating for 1 hour, you can extricate your Corvette, lick it clean, and enjoy some payback on that sinkhole!



The Editor's Desk



Editorial By Scott Gregory

The more you know...

For those that follow along on the home version of this newsletter, you may recall that last month I offered a year-at-a-glance for 2023, and although last year was a lot of fun, there were a number of serious business issues that needed our club's attention. As such we learned a lot. So, let's recap some of those issues, shall we?

Arguably, the most important thing we learned is that for a very long time our club had been unintentionally operating under the false flag of a nonprofit organization. Why did this happen, you ask? Well, I can't say for sure, because I wasn't a part of the board back then. But, what we do know is that for a long time the club had not filed the mandated yearly paperwork needed to function as a nonprofit corporation. As to why this was overlooked would be speculation on my part.

The good news, however, is that we are now operating as a legally recognized, fully insured, nonprofit corporation! Of course, it can be argued whether or not this was the correct route to take, but the board believes that under the circumstances that it was the wise move, at this time. Of course, a future board might see it differently, and entertain the idea of dissolving the corporation, which is a fairly straight forward process involving a membership vote, and the filing of the proper notifications with Sacramento.

However, even if these steps were taken, the club would still need to function under some type of a business structure. The days of gathering to talk cars and share our common interest without any formality is limited to gatherings such as Cars and Coffee every Saturday morning at the old Kmart. But, as soon as the club requires a paid membership, holds monthly meetings, organizes planned events, and raises and distributes money, we need to operate under some type of an organizational structure, and one that protects the board and the membership. Is all this unfair? It might seem so, because we are just a local car club who wants to enjoy our common interests. But, times have changed, and legal bureaucracy is a way of life now.

We also learned that the club was operating without the safety net of liability insurance, which is especially troublesome given the litigious society we live in, and the fact that we were operating without any corporate protection. But, that problem too has been rectified, and we now have proper coverage.

Another important, and albeit controversial detail we learned, is that the State of California strictly prohibits 50/50 drawings. It specifically defines them as "games of chance" under the illegal gaming statutes, right along with slot machines, roulette wheels, or as the statute reads, "*any other scheme*

*designed to get someone to buy a ticket in order to win cash”, as defined in CA Penal Code - section 320.5. Let’s be clear, I agree with many of our members that it is a total truckload of Bull Sh*t, because the same government who is telling us that we can’t sell a ticket for a dollar on the chance we might win more cash, is doing it themselves every day in the form of a state lottery! But, the little people are not allowed this process. It’s been suggested by several people that we should simply continue our 50/50 drawings anyway, because honestly who would care? Probably no one. Except we now know, and ignorance of the law can no longer be an excuse. Another thing, and one for which we were terribly remiss, was that by engaging in this activity, we were risking the gaming license of our meeting location host! Yeesh, how embarrassing. But we didn’t know.*

Under that same legal umbrella, we also learned that Raffles too fall under this statute, unless permitted by the state (again, the same governmental hypocrisy that says it’s illegal until you pay us money, then it’s okay). However, application for a raffle permit is fairly easy, and the good news is that beginning in April we will have crossed the one-year threshold, so we can apply to raffle our little butts off! But alas, 50/50 drawings are not raffles.

Anyway, it was a year of discovery, and we had to make some tough decisions that not everyone is happy about it, which shows our members remain passionate about our club. But don’t think that anyone on the board is over-the-moon with rainbows and unicorns about these decisions. As already stated, we were handed this problem due to inaction by previous boards, but I believe that in the long run the club is much better for it.

Speaking of boards, a great opportunity awaits those who are passionate and would like to be more involved. Specifically, Virginia and I have elected to step down from the board at the end of this term. After a five-year run it is time to let others take a seat at the table. So, we join Mike and Judy, who have already announced they too are stepping down to make way for new people and ideas. For our contributions to the board, this includes setting up the Taste of the Town, and putting together the monthly Newsletter. So, if you have any interest in either one of these activities (or any other board seats), please talk to us, and we will be happy to give you more details.

This year is a grand opportunity for both new and seasoned members who are interested in bringing in new ideas and approaches to what is arguably the best Corvette club in all of Santa Clarita!



But this is just my opinion,
Scott

Sometimes people come into your life, and they need to stop doing that.