

Corvette



Gazette

Our 46th Year



Santa Clarita, California USA

March 2024

SCVCC Needs Members To Fill Board Seats



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Business Meeting

1st Thursday of each Month

April 4th 7:30 PM,

Santa Clarita Lanes

21615 Soledad Cyn Road, Santa Clarita

Taste of the Town

3rd Thursday of each Month

6:00 PM, April 18th

Maria Bonita's Mexican Restaurant

20655 Soledad Canyon Rd, Canyon Country

From the Driver's Seat

Mike Woodings President's Message

It is still snowing in our local mountains, but officially, Spring is here. We have started Daylight Saving Time again, nobody has heard anything from Dr Fauci in a long time, and you all have Corvettes, so there is really no excuse for staying home. I am anxious to see many of you who are still hibernating in your warm places somewhere.



We still have monthly meetings on the first Thursday, thanks to Santa Clarita Lanes and Taste of the Town on the third Thursday, just because. Our Activities team is very busy planning events and runs and even invites YOU to contribute suggestions and leadership in that area. Come and join us...you are missed.

This past month we again had new prospective members checking out the club at our meeting. It is great to be able to share the Corvette experience with others and we have room for more. There are many Corvette owners in our community who haven't joined us yet, so let them know about our club.

In between the storms, we had some dry periods in March and many of us enjoyed getting together in, what else, our Corvettes! On March 16, we were given a special tour of the new Santa Clarita Los Angeles County Sheriff Station on Golden Valley. Few get to see the jail by going through the front door. The LASD is an important asset to our community, and we thank them for their contribution and our safety. Our long-awaited run to Ojai was a Sunday event on the 24th. Our numbers were small, but our enjoyment was large. Thanks to our Activities team for making it happen.

In April, we have an overnight get away to Cambria. There is still time to get on the list and join the run and fun. Corvettes are made to be driven and a weekend together adds to the enjoyment. We are also getting together for the KHTS Home and Garden Show at Central Park on Sunday, April 28th. It is a great opportunity to show our Corvettes to the community and maybe recruit at the same time!

April is time to begin our election process for club leadership as well. We will be accepting nominations for board director positions and preparing ballots for the 2024 – 2025 club year. Your input and upcoming votes are important. This is your club. Your vote is your voice.

Once again, thank you all for your continuing membership and support. Do not hesitate to address any concerns to your board members.

And hey, Save the Wave!

Mike





SCVCC Activities Planning 2024

Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club

3-Month Event Planner

April

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| 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 Fogcatcher Inn \$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.FogCatcher Inn - Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Group Dinner location TBA ** Sign up at the General Meeting to participate** NOTE: Hearst Castle Ticket fee plus \$5 Event Fee due to Dennis Monden by March 20th For the Caravan we will leave Friday meeting at Rye Canyon Walmart at 1:00 PM to sign waivers – Depart 1:30PM. If you don't make it you are on your own driving to Cambria |
| 27 | Saturday | Love My Ride – AVCC Car Show – Dry Town Water Park, Palmdale 10 AM to 3 PM – NON-CLUB EVENT |
| 28 | Sunday | 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** |

May

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| 11 | Saturday | Irwindale Speedway- Join us for Saturday night at the Races NASCAR! We will meet at 2:00PM at Walmart 26471 Carl Boyer Drive to sign waivers and pay the \$5 Eventfee (please bring exact change). We will Caravan to the track where we will park as a group in a designated area. Tickets need to be ordered in advance Please use this UPC code to order your tickets. |
| 18 | Saturday | Lions Automobilia Museum- More Details TBA Come join us for a visit to this historic museum exhibiting memories and tribute to one of Drag Racing's most iconic So Cal Dragstrips and the history of Drag Racing DATE: Saturday, May 18 th -We will meet at 8:00AM at Walmart 26471 Carl Boyer Drive to sign waivers and depart sharply at 8:30AM. Group Price for the first 25 members \$29 per person Plus \$5 Event fee. The event will include tickets, Coffee and Doughnuts and a Box Lunch-DETAILS TBA Payments will be made to Dennis Monden ASAP Before April 4th. |



JUNE

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| 6 | 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 <u>members</u> . <u>Come join us for our monthly meeting and see what we are up to!</u> |
| 15 | Saturday | SCVCC Annual Picnic Steckel Park Santa Paula: Meet up at Rye Canyon Walmart @ 27931 Kelly Johnson Drive at 9:30AM to sign waivers. Be sure to bring \$5 parking fee. We will Caravan to the park in Santa Paula. Please bring, Drinks, Side Dishes and Desserts. The club will be providing Burgers, Hot Dogs and Chicken thighs. We are planning to have an Ice Cream Truck there. If you are competing in the Chili Cook off (please commit in advance), please bring the Chili in a Pot so that we may reheat it on the grill for you. Chili Cook off contest will be \$5 per ticket and best voted <u>winner</u> take all. There will be lots of Games. Let's have fun! |

NEW CLUB FEATURE!

If you see an event you would like to attend and are not able to attend a meeting or forget to register at a meeting please send me an email with your contact information and the number of participants I will enter your registration and send you a confirmation. rehaas1951@gmail.com

April Celebrations

Here Are Our Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cheers!

Please let us know if your name has been missed!



Birthdays!

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|-----------------|--------|
| Jim Allen | Apr 2 |
| Tina Torp | Apr 2 |
| Joe Torp | Apr 7 |
| Robyn Webster | Apr 11 |
| Mike Woodings | Apr 12 |
| Judy Tomlinson | Apr 13 |
| Judi Lewis | Apr 16 |
| Melody Reid | Apr 23 |
| Fred Zullo | Apr 23 |
| Les Hershberger | Apr 24 |

Anniversaries!

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| Torp | April 5, 2003 |
| Ramieri | April 7, 2001 |
| Jewett | April 15, 1991 |
| Markley | April 24, 2003 |
| Jenkins | April 29, 1978 |



General Meeting
March 7, 2024 7:30 PM
Recorded by Secretary, Dan Stern
Santa Clarita Lanes



Mike Woodings called the meeting to order!

- Thanks to Santa Clarita Lanes for allowing us to use the room.
- Daylight Saving time coming up.
- In 2014 SCVCC had a run to Cambria and Hearst Castle.
- Sign-up sheets are at the first table for everyone to look through.
- Virginia Gregory is working on Taste of the Town.
- Discussion open for new or old business.
- Mike Woodings said that Dan Stern stepped up to fill Vice President position. He is now both Secretary and Vice President.
- Minutes are posted. Mark Ware has them on the website.
- Run to the Petersen Museum was enjoyed by all.
- Run to In-n-Out on 2-22-24 at 2:22 pm was a success. Twenty-four showed up for fun time.
- Bob Haas had the sign-up sheet for the tour of the Sheriff's Station. It will be interesting to see how they are set up.
- Run to the Farmers Market in Ojai is on March 24th. Don't forget to sign up for the run!
- Board elections will be held in April! Please start thinking about a position you would like to fill!
- Our Club is doing well, let's keep it going! The club has 164 past members, yet we are at full strength!
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Treasurer Report was given by Dennis Monden

Membership: Judy Woodings

- Visitors: Keith Shaw, Nancy Lewis from Texas, Cyndi – Raul's girlfriend, Marcia Pinto – Dr. Phil's wife
- Dr. Phil Pinto is inducted into SCVCC, now a member of SCVCC.
- Next Month Bob Cox will become a member of SCVCC!

Activities: Coordinator Bob Haas

- Lyons Automobile Museum, May 18th.
- Marconi Museum scheduling in progress.
- Overnight run to Cambria and Hearst Castle. Overnight accommodations FogCatcher Inn.
- Irwindale Raceway in progress for first weekend in May.
- Picnic June 15th planning in progress for burgers, hot dogs, chili cook off, cash prize best chili.
- June or July run to Cold Springs Tavern for breakfast.

Quartermaster: Leslie Monden

- Flags and hats are available for purchase.

Newsletter: Scott Gregory- Newsletter is out!

Car talk:

- Mike Woodings talked about road damage to his car. Repairs waiting parts.
- Jim Watkinson discussed stolen catalytic converter taken from Corvette.

Birthdays this month recognized. No anniversaries this month.

Keith Shaw draws Badge it or Lose it. Mark Hooper drawn and not here.

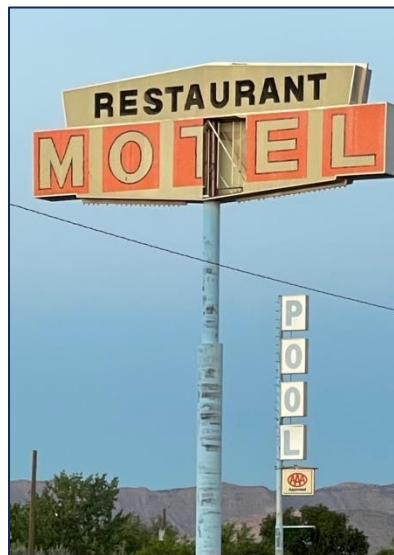
Meeting Adjourned



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



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



Let's get ready for those spring road trips!

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the April 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

Denny's Diner

Thursday, March 21st



It was a fun and relaxed evening when our crew of dedicated Taste of the Towner's gathered at Denny's, America's Diner, for a surprisingly enjoyable evening of good food and pleasant conversation. This was our first Taste of the Town at this local diner, and it's safe to say that we have found yet another Corvette friendly restaurant!



Be sure to join us next month at Maria Bonita's!

Sunday Run

Ojai Famers Market

Sunday, March 24th

El Nino weather issues caused rescheduling of our earlier planned run to Ojai for their Sunday Farmers Market. We put it on the calendar again for March 24 and the weatherman threatened us with rain once again.

Nevertheless, a few hearty members gathered at Walmart to sign in and caravan out CA 126 for a much-needed Corvette run. The ongoing winter storms had washed out a portion of CA 150 north of Santa Paula, necessitating routing to the 101 to CA 33 entry to the beautiful Ojai valley, but it was in Corvettes, so what was the worry.



It has been several years, and a virus scare since our last Farmers Market Ojai run, but the Sunday event is still going strong. The produce was plentiful and fresh, and the vendors were many. While we did not match our February 24, 2019 attendance number of 44, the SCVCC logo was once again recognized in Ojai.



Caravans call for a meal and the answer this time was Boccali's Pizza & Pasta before our rainy return to the Santa Clarita Valley. The Corvettes and the famous Boccali Strawberry Shortcake made it all worthwhile.



It was a beautiful sight in 2019 and just as much fun in 2024. We missed you on the run, but Activities has more in store!



Corvette For Sale


Our fellow members, Ken and Michelle Veasman, have an acquaintance who is selling their mother's C6 Corvette. The owner has become too elderly to drive and would like to find a new home for her beloved Vette.

This Daytona Sunset Orange, 2005, C6, Corvette coupe, with an automatic transmission, and cashmere interior, clock's-in at only 34,000 miles! Although it has not been registered for four years, the family starts it every other day, and recently obtained a one-day permit to take it out for a smog test, and an all-day road trip, and it still runs great!

The family is asking \$25,000, and if you, or anyone you know, would like any more information, or to see the care in person, contact Julie at 661-312-0955!



Corvette tells you what's happening under the hood – an instrument panel crammed with gauges keeps you informed: water temperature, oil pressure, ammeter, tachometer, rally clock, brake system warning light, even a fiber-optic monitoring system for the running lights. The rest of the message you get from your fingers on the wheel and the seat of your pants. It's a meaningful man-machine relationship.

Corvette 

The car that talks back.



Corvette Sting Ray Coupe, Sports Class winner of *Motor Trend's* 1968 Achievement Award

**Are you, or anyone you know, interested in joining the club's
Board of Directors?
Elections are right around the corner!**

SCVCC Officers 2023 / 2024

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All SCVCC Members,

The SCVCC By-laws give us the following guidance for the constitution of our Board of Directors:

- Board of Directors and shall number not less than three
- Directors shall be regular members in good standing.
- A Director shall hold office for a term of one year
- Any person qualified to be Director may be nominated by the method of the nomination authorized by the Board
- The Directors shall be elected by written ballot

The club by-laws specify the Officers shall be a Chairman of the Board, President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Activities Chairman, Newsletter Editor. We currently have one Activities, one Quartermaster and one Communications positions over the mandatory positions and the current board desires to maintain those offices.

The current term of office for the 2023 – 2024 Board expires on June 30, 2024, therefore nominations for 2024 – 2025 Board positions begin in April 2024.

Several changes in board makeup are anticipated. Club members in good standing are eligible to hold board positions. All interested members are encouraged to make their interest known. Your talents are important to our club. It is time to consider what you personally can contribute in the way of service.

If you wish to nominate a member, please discuss first with anyone you would *nominate*. Consider self-nomination as well.

Board Elections are scheduled for May 2024 and once again will be conducted by US Mail.

Please let your board know how you can serve in the new club year and submit nominations NLT April 30, 2024. Nominations should be sent by US Mail to our Secretary, Dan Stern, at Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club, Attn: Secretary, PO Box 800943, Santa Clarita, CA 91380-0943

Thanks for being part of this great club. The Corvettes got us together, but it is you who KEEPS us together!



The Easter Cheesecake

This is always a perennial favorite, originally contributed by Judy Tomlinson.

Ingredients

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. sugar, divided
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 3 cups (12 oz.) raspberries, divided
- 1 Tbsp. each zest and juice from 1 lemon
- 4 pkg. (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 4 eggs



Directions

1. HEAT oven to 325°F.
2. LINE 13x9-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides.
3. Combine graham crumbs, 2 Tbsp. sugar and butter; press onto bottom of prepared pan.
4. Bake for 10 min.
5. RESERVE 1/2 cup raspberries and 1 tsp. lemon zest for later use.
6. BEAT cream cheese, lemon juice, remaining zest, and remaining sugar in large bowl with mixer until blended.
7. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended.
8. Gently stir in remaining raspberries; pour over crust.
9. BAKE 35 to 40 min. or until center is almost set.
10. Cool completely. REFRIGERATE 4 hours.
11. Top with reserved raspberries and lemon zest. Use foil handles to remove cheesecake from pan before cutting into bars.



The Editor's Desk



Editorial By Scott Gregory

Bringing Up the Rear

Just when you think you have heard it all, Honda filed a lawsuit this week against General Motors claiming the design elements of the side intake vent trim on the C8 Corvette—the distinctive trim piece often referred to as the “Boomerang”—violates one of Honda’s many design patents.



San Francisco (AP) — Honda Motor Company Ltd. filed a lawsuit against General Motors in California Superior Court in San Francisco this week, claiming the design elements of the side intake vent trim on the 2020 to 2024 C8 Corvette violates the design patent for the taillights on the 2016 to 2021 Honda Civic Sedan. The infringement lawsuit alleges that pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 411(b)(2), the design is substantially similar to the plaintiff’s patented work, and that similarity exists between the overall visual effect.

We know the C8 has been plagued with problems, complications, and setbacks since its release in 2020, and this is just one more for the list. We also know the C8 has been a significant design shift to our quintessential American sports car, borrowing much of its design inspiration from other iconic brands such as Ferrari, Porsche, Nissan, and even Jeep. But Chevy’s desire to make the C8 more appealing to the younger import crowd may have landed them in hot water by borrowing a little too much inspiration from the folks over at Honda.



General Motors offered no response to the lawsuit, stating they don’t comment on pending litigation. However, a source inside Chevrolet says the original design was the product of work-for-hire by an outside contractor, and thus the design team was not directly involved with this part of GM’s product development.

...While many on the design team expressed doubts as to validity of the suit, in January, Superior Court Judge Doc Hudson, ruled that the plaintiff’s claim showed sufficient cause to proceed. Stating, “The Corvette’s side intake trim draws clear and distinct similarities to the design elements already in use by Honda”. If found to be so, it could be an infringement of Honda’s trademark and design patents.

The case is set to go before the court in mid-April, although the court has said it is unlikely it will ever hear the case because the date falls after the April 1st deadline for April Fool’s Day, and I just made all this crap up. Although, you may never look at a Honda Civic taillight the same again.

But then, that’s just my imagination.

Scott



Comparing our classic Corvette’s 0 to 60’s to a Tesla is like comparing a grill to a microwave - it might cook faster, but nobody wants a microwaved steak.