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Stuart Calhoon From The Driver's Seat



As Good as it Gets, Santa Clara Corvettes

In case you missed it, 2016 is off and running. So far this year, **David and Nicole Wilson** graciously opened their recently-acquired Fremont home for a house-warming; two Award Banquets (for 2015 awards) have been held – WSCC on the 16th and SCC on the 23rd; the Atkinson's first grand tour of the year departed on the 24th; and our first ever TGIT (for Thursday) happened on the 28th.

We're just getting warmed up, however. Look for a Super Bowl party on Feb. 7, and our first TGIF on Feb. 12. The winter months are naturally slow for a car club, and you will notice that most of these events do not require Corvettes. Hopefully all of yours are snuggled safely under car covers in your garage, waiting for the sun. (cue the song by The Doors.)

And the wait should be worth it. From discussions with your Directors, I think 2016 is going to have some great activities, including a few things we've never tried before. Be prepared to agitate some asphalt.

A major piece of good news came in last month – the FAA approved the use of Marina Airport for autocrosses in 2016, allowing us to solidify our autocross season. This has been an annual hurdle for the past several years, as the FAA keeps threatening to shut down non-aviation activities at the airport.

We are still working to firm up a couple of the dates, trying to avoid the Memorial Day weekend. Please refer to the various Director's columns for additional details on all of these topics.

Winter is the time for taking care of club business. February is the month for presenting the new budget to the club for approval. You should have received a summary of the budget for your review several days ago, and hopefully you've had an opportunity to raise any questions, and get responses to them. I plan on reviewing the budget briefly and summarizing any questions that were raised. Then we will be voting on the 2016 budget at the general meeting tonight (Feb. 3).

I also plan on presenting the 2016 goals for the club at this meeting. They were approved at the Board meeting a week ago, and they will include any goals that were suggested by club members and approved as well.

I mentioned last month that all appointed positions but one had been filled for 2016, and I am now glad to report that I have filled that position as well. The Hospitality Chairs for 2016 will be **Gary and Geneva Leighton**. They will be handling the important job of making sure the dining room is set up properly for each general meeting, which includes not only the tables and chairs, but also providing cookies and coffee. Please give them a hand when you are able, and acknowledge them for their contributions.

Stuart

Cover Car

When I approached retirement, I was thinking about buying a Corvette and did a little looking on the internet. My first priority, however, was to buy an every day driver and preferably an SUV. I was at a dealer looking at SUV's and on my way out of the dealership, I spotted a silver corvette convertible sitting on display in the front lot. It happened to be one that I had seen on the internet. So, guess what? I went in looking for a SUV and came out owning a Corvette. Just what I wanted. A C5 roadster with a 6-speed. Yea. This was in 2004.



The car is pretty much loaded

with options available at the time. It has the 1SB preferred equipment package, CD 12 disc changer with Bose sound system, magnetic selective ride control, polished aluminum wheels, and a few other goodies. The color is Quicksilver Metallic with a black leather interior.

I have made a few minor additions such as a Bluewing SLP air intake system and filter with a high flow intake coupler, ground effects side skirts, hood and trunk graphics, black out running lights with LED strip lights, an MTI Racing short-shift kit and ZO6 sway bars.

A nice thing about California is that I can drive with the top down much of the time. I love it.

Roger Martin

Editor's Note: The photo to the left as well as the cover shot were taken at Jason - Stephens Winery near Gilroy. Jason grew up with Roger's daughter, Cindy, so Roger is treated very well there-almost like family.

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Welcome! Gary Kono Membership Director

Hi Everyone,

Please remember to update your profiles in the SCC on line roster, and also to make any changes and corrections to your Yahoo Group. If you have any questions regarding how to do this, please contact me or our webmaster Scott Simpson. If your information is not up to date, it will be difficult for us to inform you of events that are coming up in which you might want to participate.

We had a few renewals that happened since our last meeting. We currently have 113 memberships with 184 members. Last year we ended up the year with 153 memberships and 243 members.

Gary

Readers: For a future article of interest, please let me know about the first time you drove 100mph (or faster), which car were you driving, how old were you, who was with you and on which road were you were driving. Please send input to davidjohnston101@comcast.net



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Keith Mendia: Historian

The year is 2014 and Zora is viewing some very recent visions in the "Rear View Mirror" of his C1 Corvette as he cruises around Silicon Valley. I wonder how many people will recognize him?

2014 was the first year of the fabulous C7 Corvette. The new styling seemed to be a real hit with Corvette buyers as a total of 37,288 units were produced. Of this total 26,565 were coupes and 10,723 were convertibles. Almost 57% of the year's production included the Z51 package. It was interesting to see that 65% were equipped with automatic transmissions (rush hour traffic takes its toll on clutches). The most popular colors were: Torch Red, Arctic White and Black in that order. There was a great deal of excitement about the upcoming 650 HP Z06 that would debut the next year.

2014 saw the final edition of the Jay Leno Tonight Show and the opening of the new World Trade Center in New York. The Best Picture to come out that year was "Birdman". We lost some great entertainers that year including Joan Rivers, Robin Williams, Lauren Bacall, James Garner and Philip Seymour Hoffman. The Winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia. Seattle Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 42-8 in the most lopsided Super Bowl ever. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was a very popular winner of the Daytona 500, Bubba Watson won the Masters AND our own SF Giants won the World Series for the 3rd time in 5 years.

Santa Clara Corvettes began their 39th year and averaged over 200 members as reported by our **Membership Director, Ken Jacksteit**. **Our President was Keith Mendia** who came back for an encore after his 2004-2006 terms. **Our Vice-President was Lee Kibbler** who did a great job in relationships with our 20 plus club sponsors. **Our Secretary was Victoria Wilson** and our **Treasurer was Shirley Svindal** who reported our bank balances at the monthly Business Meetings which were held at the Masonic Building in Los Altos the first Wednesday of each month. **Our Publications Director was David Johnston** who continued to produce this amazing monthly magazine. Most issues were 28 pages in length, 12 of which were in color. Most front covers that year featured members Corvettes. In addition to all the pictures of the club events, there were many interesting articles which were contributed by our members. Some of these articles were:

"Sting Raying through Hell" by Lou Marinovich; "Come over to the Dark Side" by David Johnston; "Corvette Braking and Stopping Distances" by Tom Pavelko; "Go to the Bar Often" by David Johnston; "How some Automobiles got their Names" by Keith Mendia; "Signature Corvette Racers" (4 part article) by Lou Marinovich; "The Need for Speed" by Stuart Calhoon; "Torque vs Horsepower" by Cris Schiebold. In addition a new

feature appeared titled "What's New(s)?" where members tell of interesting things they have done that month.

Our Social Directors were Andy Hoepfner and Florene Kibbler (VP Lee's wife). It was a crazy year of Social Events that began with a New Years Day Ladies Run. The biggest Social followed shortly afterwards being the SCC Awards Dinner held at the Bella Mia Restaurant in San Jose. The Major Award Winners that night were:

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| Most Participating Woman | Sandy Mendia |
| Most Participating Man | John Warner |
| Most Competitive Woman | Mim Petersen |
| Most Competitive Man | Chuck Vivian |
| CORVETTER OF THE YEAR 2013 | DAVID JOHNSTON |

A very popular Participation Award was the black SCC windbreaker jacket with SCC logo on the back that was awarded to 51 members.

Santa Clara Corvettes members attended the WSCC Awards Banquet which was held at the 4-Points Sheraton in Pleasanton. SCC hosted the Hospitality Room. The major awards won by SCC were:

Best Newsletter First Class Glass (David Johnston)

Most Competitive Club

Most Participating Club (Car Show)

Most Participating Club (Autocross)

As you can see, it was another big night for our club and members who attended.

Here is a listing of some of the SCC Social Events: Green Scavenger Hunt; Beach Banquet Babylon Show in SF; GoKart Racing; Super Bowl Party at the Bronner's Home; Run to Bodega Bay; Borelli Tech Session; Cave Run to the Black Chasm Caves; Trailer Clean-up Day at the Petersen's Home; SW Run (15 days) organized by Jack & Yolanda Atkinson; Leal Winery Run; SCC Night at the SJ Giants; Track Preparation Seminar; Ronald McDonald House; Santa Cruz Run; Hawaiian Pool Party at the Bronner's Home; Los Altos Art and Wine Festival Booth; Boat Day on the Delta; NCM Caravan to Bowling Green, KY; United Family Day at SFO; JW House Dinner; Veterans Day Parade; SJ Classic Chevy Car Show and Toy Drive. In addition to these were our big SCC Annual Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos and our Holiday Party. As if this wasn't enough entertainment for our members, we had at least one TGIF per month and included in this was a search for the Best BBQ Place in the South Bay. Wears you out just thinking about doing all of this.

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New members of our growing club can't get to know everybody right away. Through this monthly column I plan to introduce some of our members and have them share their cars, hobbies and other information we might be interested to know.

I was born and raised in San Francisco until 1964 when our family moved to San Rafael, CA. I attended and graduated from Terra Linda High. I then attended one year at Marin Jr. College before being notified that my "draft number" was 3. As I did not want to spend my time in the mud, I enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves and was shipped out. I spent two years on an "LSD" (USS Monticello, LSD-35 to be exact) as a Radioman 3rd Class Petty Officer. The rest of the time was at Treasure Island, San Diego and San Rafael. After my six year tour I returned to real life and got married.

I have been married and divorced twice (hoping for a "yes" answer to make it #3 someday). I have three children from my first marriage. They are daughter Kristie (39), son Jim (36) (fourth generation Calif. Law Enforcement) and daughter Amanda (31). Amanda will be graduating from Nursing School this May and getting married this August. I have three grandchildren from Jim and his wife. They are Morgan (11), Mason (9) (he's already told me he wants to be 5th generation police) and Madi (3 1/2).

I started working when I was 14 while in high school. I have worked in an ice cream store (later I owned one), a bakery and a super market. I worked as a "Data Line" installer at Pacific Bell and ended up in Law Enforcement for 37 years, retiring in 2011. During my law enforcement career I worked as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Investigator, Field Training Officer, Hostage Negotiator, Patrol Deputy, Bailiff, Rescue Unit Driver, Jail Training Officer, First Aid Instructor and Radar Instructor. I also worked in the "Office of Emergency Services" as a liaison between Law Enforcement and Rescue services. I was also the "Press Information Officer" for the San Mateo Sheriff's Office during 9/11. I even served on a "Presidential Security Detail" while one of the President's visits to Woodside.

My hobbies and interests are cars, history, cars, collecting police memorabilia, cars, genealogy, (did I mention cars?) and Corvette memorabilia. I have restored several cars including a 1966 Mustang 2+2 (before they were valuable) and a 1972 Datsun 240Z (same quote). In 1990 I wanted to restore a "cop car" or "muscle car" I couldn't do both so I decided to build a "cop/muscle car". I found a 1966 Dodge "E-Class" pursuit vehicle in Southern Calif. It was a former CHP car (assigned to the Bakersfield area) but not just a regular patrol car, it was 1 of 15 test cars that came with the "426-Street Wedge" (not available to Police), disc brakes and push bars (being tested at the time). When I completed the restoration I entered it into various police and civilian



car shows. At one of the CHP/Police shows I won the highest award given, the "CHP Commissioner's Award" for the best Police Car. I later sold the car to the Highway Patrol Museum where it is now on display. I have a large collection of police patches and other memorabilia, mostly CHP. I also have a large collection of Corvette die cast cars and other memorabilia (it just seems to keep growing and growing).



During my younger days (1989-1991) I raced in the Police/Fire Destruction Derby. I never outlasted anybody but I did win the "Best Looking Police Car Award" one year. I have participated numerous times in the police version (Emergency Vehicle Operators Course/"EVO") of auto crossing during my career. The final test is to chase a "suspect" for five minutes, through the training course, while the other students are completing their driving tasks. All this without hitting anything.

in my spare time (ha, ha) I volunteer once a week at Kaiser Hospital. The last two years I have played Santa in the Children's Ward during Christmas.

I joined SCC in 2014, liking the car shows, socials and trips the club sponsors. I have served on several committees and have even "chaired" a few. I am in my second year as being your Vice-President which I enjoy very much. In my first year of participation in Car Shows I placed First three times including our "Corvette Spectacular". I was also named "Rookie of the Year" for 2014.

I have owned four Corvettes to date: a black/black leather 1979 coupe with the L-48 engine and auto transmission; a 1978 "Silver Anniversary" edition/Oyster Leather coupe with the L-48 engine and automatic; a 1984 Red/Graphite Leather coupe with the L-83 engine and automatic; and my 2002 White/Gray Leather convertible with the LS-1 engine and automatic.



Thank you Santa Clara Corvettes for letting me be a member.....til' next month....

Phil



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Our Competition Director(s) for Car Show were **Dana and Ray Taylor**. There were 5 WSCC Car Shows on the schedule for 2014: Legends on Display; Run to the Lake; Vette-O-Rama; Vette Magic; and Corvette Spectacular. **SCC took Club Par at most of these shows.**

Our Competition Director for Motorsports was Stuart Calhoon. SCC held 7 WSCC sanctioned auto cross events of which 6 were at the Marina Airport (6/21-22; 8/23-24 and 9/27-28). In addition, we held a one day event on 8/2 at Crow's Landing near Patterson, CA which was in conjunction with SCCA. This course was 1.2 miles in length and very fast. We learned an important lesson about racing at Crow's Landing and that is it is very HOT in the summer. It was 107 degrees on Friday when our members were there to set up the course. There are no buildings or services there so we needed to bring in everything we needed for the event. In addition to autocross, we participated in the annual Vette Magic Drags (104 degrees that day) and Wednesday Night Drags at Sears Point. A good number of our members took their Corvettes to Thunderhill Raceway for a 2 day Hooked On Driving event in October.

Corvette Spectacular was held on 9/21 in Los Altos. Roger Hector was our Chairperson and did a great job organizing the show and also doing the artwork. We had around 160 Corvettes attend and the weather was great. A very successful event.

WSCC Convention was held in Medford, Oregon July/6-14. The title of the event was "Rogue Valley Roundup". It was a very well attended event and lots of fun. The weather was very hot all week with temperatures in the high 90's. The event had a western theme and SCC had their famous Hospitality Room entered in the competition. Ours was an old west saloon complete with hay bales, saddles, and saloon storefront and real wood bar inside.

David Wilson was in charge of making this all come together and did a fantastic job. Our members populated the saloon and looked like we all were comfortable back in the late 1800's. SCC's **Sandy Mendia was the Chair Person in charge of the Drag Race** which was held in the late afternoon at Champion Raceway just outside of town. This was a very fun event and was filmed by a local person using his new drone. **SCC also was in charge of the Bowling Tournament which was chaired by Rick Bronner.** The beautiful bowling facility was very popular on the hot afternoon.

As mentioned above, **Lee Kibbler** worked with all our sponsors and along with **David Johnston**, they all advertised in FCG. Here is a list of our Sponsors in 2014: Boardwalk Chevrolet; Automotive Enterprise; Ron Fellows Performance Driving School; Capitol Chevrolet; Courtesy Chevrolet; Fremont Chevrolet; Abel Chevrolet; Custom Alignment; Century Stereo; Active Autobody; America's Tire; Skip's Tire; Callaway; Corvette Clinic; B&B Custom Design; Amsoil; Campbell Auto Restoration; Borelli Motorsports; Commonwealth Credit Union.

SCC also voted to donate \$3,000 to local charities and gave \$1,000 each to JW House, Next Door Solutions and One Step Closer Therapeutic Riding. In addition our members gave of their time helping at JW House, Ronald McDonald House and went as a group to Second Harvest Food Bank to donate over \$1,000 individually.

2014 was a very good year for our club and our members. I hope this brought back a few of those memories for you. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to get more involved in your club and make some memories yourself.

Keith

"As Good As it Gets, Santa Clara Corvettes"

We just completed a contest to choose an official club motto for Santa Clara Corvettes. The final three choices were:

1. "Join for the Car, Stay for the People"
2. "Corvette: Own it, Drive it, Show it"
3. "As Good as it Gets, Santa Clara Corvettes"

The winning motto was submitted by David Wilson shown to right with his prize (Corvette book) for the winning motto.



"As Good as it Gets, Santa Clara Corvettes" is the newly-elected club motto and now we need to determine what to do with it. Where should we put it? What should we put it on? Should it appear on our banner which is displayed at most club events? Should it appear on its own banner? Should it appear on club stationery like the logo? Should we make a transfer for the top of the windshield or the back window of our Corvettes?

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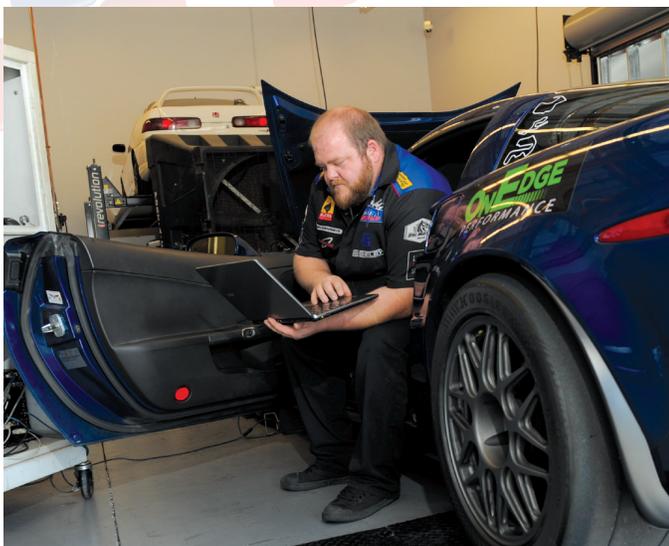
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other winners who couldn't be present

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WSSCC Year-End Awards Banquet



Most Competitive Club, Car Show (tie)



Most Competitive Club, Auto Cross



Most Participating Club



"Most Picturesque" Newsletter



Santa Clara Corvettes...Winners!!!



Collins Orton: Competition, Motorsports

We have great news to report!

Our Autocross Schedule at Marina has been approved. The FAA has approved Non-Aviation activities at the Marina Airport for calendar 2016.

Good for this year, but next year (2017) is in limbo, as it seems to be every year.

Marina Auto Cross Dates:

1. May 28 and 29
2. August 6 and 7
3. September 10 and 11

Trailer Cleanup will be scheduled shortly and will likely be held in April, weather permitting.

Track Day Schedule:

1. May 2, 2016: Hooked On Corvettes at Laguna Seca
2. Date and location TBD
3. October 13, 2016: Hooked On Corvettes at Thunderhill

Events 1 and 3 are coupled with other events. The Laguna Seca event takes place the day after the Weather Tech races. The track should be in great shape and there should be a lot to see. The Thunderhill event, in October,

follows the Corvette luncheon and drive through the hills from Maxwell to Thunderhill. There are usually a few parade laps on the track.

Looks like a full season of Motorsports activities coming up!

See you on the road, *Collins*

Important News on Helmets for 2016

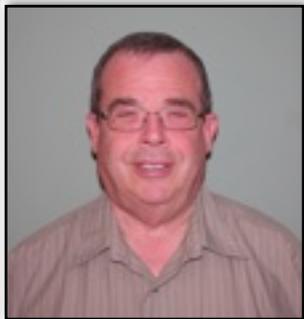
At a recent national meeting of Hooked on Driving Region Owners it was agreed to move forward with the following policy regarding SA (Snell Foundation, Automotive) helmet ratings:

SA2005 helmets will be allowed during the 2016 season and will need to be replaced by 1/1/2017 for HOD participation

SA 2010 helmets will be allowed at HOD through the 2020 season

We encourage everyone to care for your helmet, keeping it clean and protected from UV rays. If at any time your helmet is dropped hard or damaged in any way, replace it!

Lastly, there are currently highly reduced prices on SA2010 helmets at Wine Country Motorsports. These helmets will have a minimum of 5 years of usefulness with HOD.



Dave Katz: Competition, Car Shows

The WSCC awards banquet was held on April 16 at the Sacramento Marriott in Rancho Cordova.

The following members received awards.

Car Show:

Stock 63-67: **Rick Riccardi**. Stock 05-14: **David and Debbie Hutchings**. Modified 97-04: **Geno and Teri Brickey, Roger Martin, Phil Moser and Jaye Ericksen**. Modified 05-13: **Lowell and Janice Vivian, Ray and Dana Taylor, Jim Bailey**. Modified 14-present: **Dave Johnston**. Custom 69-82: **Dave Spellman**. Custom 97-04: **David and Cyndy Jacobson**. Custom: 05-13: **Ron and Carol Beck, Doug and Susan Johnson**. Competition: **John and Barbara Warner**.

Park & Show:

53-67: **Dan and Tish Niehans**. 84-96: **Gil Garcia**. 05-13: **Tom and Nancy Kalivoda, Dave Katz, Gary and Geneva Leighton, Rob Lezama, Jerry and Shirley Svindal**.

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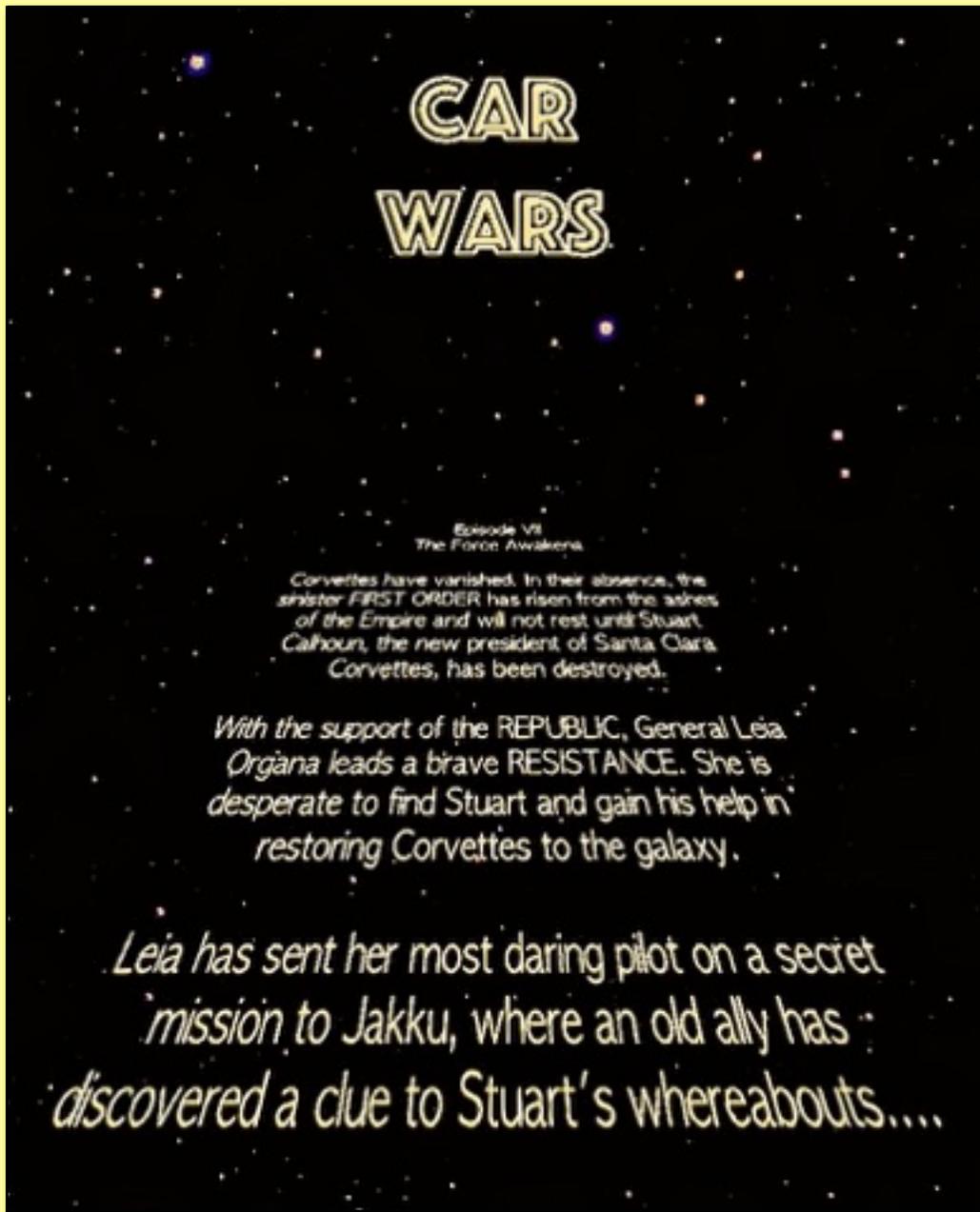
Gary Kono

We finished tied with DVC for the most competitive club in car show. Congratulations to all the winners.

At the WSCC general membership meeting, **all the proposed changes to the Competition Code were approved**. The change that affects car show is a list of unacceptable conditions. The Comp Code has stated that cars entered in Car Show will be judged on condition and cleanliness. Few, if any, judges actually deducted points for condition because the term was not clearly defined and because most of the cars are regularly driven and show signs of normal wear. The following are examples of unacceptable conditions: cracked windshield, cracked bumper, broken lights, significant body damage going beyond such common problems as rock chips in the hood, torn seats or seat covers, poorly fitting seat covers, cracked dash, holes in carpets or floor mats, paint runs, modifications coming loose or not properly attached to the car and broken/cracked mirrors.

We are working to make sure that people entering in Car Show are aware of the changes and that judges have been properly instructed.

Dave



Speaking of Star Wars...

Hot Wheels commissioned the "Darth Vader Corvette" that previewed on Jay Leno's Garage recently. They started with a stock C6 Corvette chassis and then designed and constructed the body panels to resemble that infamous villain, Darth Vader. Jay definitely got some "double-takes" while driving down the road near his garage in SoCal.

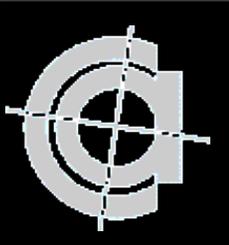


Andy Hoepfner was feeling bad, all his friends received nice awards and all he got was a glass.



New Year's Eve there was a show by Mike Hennessy, Local Car Guy, that was well-attended by SCC members. Mike opened his garage to attendees of the impromptu car show and there were an eclectic group of cars for everyone to see (and discuss).





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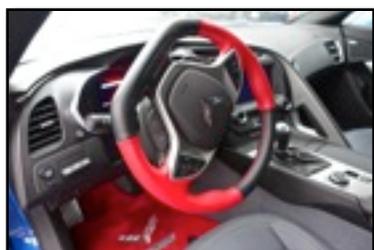
Jerry & Lois Banks took delivery of their 2016 Corvette Stingray at Boardwalk Chevrolet. The beautiful Blade Silver exterior and Kalahari interior compliment each other nicely. The car has the Z51 package, an 8-speed automatic transmission, blacked-out grill, carbon flash metallic (black) side view mirrors and spoiler. They have wanted a C7 for some time now but were unable to justify a new car with a 2010 GS already in the garage. His and her Corvettes in matching exterior colors...what could be better than that?



Rob Lezama, Cliff Martin & Dave Johnston all went to both the San Jose Auto Show at the SJ Convention Center and to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville in January as part of their "Starbuck's Runs". These runs are mid-week (to avoid traffic issues) excursions from some local Starbuck's for some "fuel" and then driving to places of interest in the Bay Area. These runs are almost spur-of-the-moment events and are open to anyone who wants to come along.



Geno Brickey celebrated with birthday with some SCC friends at the Rancho Cordova Marriott after the WSCC Awards Banquet. Guess that beer and ice cream works for some people.



Cliff Martin lost the use of his Corvette for a couple of weeks in January because he sent his steering wheel away to Texas to be re-wrapped with bright red leather. This is the same place Rob Lezama had his steering wheel done a few weeks before-though SCC sponsor Bascom Trim & Upholstery. The red color definitely is striking and breaks up all the black interior.

The RED-C group made a mid-week "run" to Davenport for lunch on one of the few days it didn't rain. AND, no one hit a deer along the way.



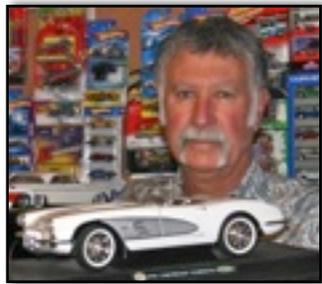
Rick Bronner decided to keep his C5 which had already been specially equipped for autocrossing when he purchased his like-new C-7. He found one helluva deal in Montana on a 2015 Stingray, Sunset Daytona Orange, 3LT interior, Z-51 package...fully loaded in other words. Due to snowy conditions between Montana and San Jose Rick elected to have the car shipped via enclosed transport. It arrived in his driveway with 1,200 miles on the odometer and no scratches/dings/chips anywhere. As a bonus, when he looked in the "trunk" he found an official C-7 duffel bag with a car cover inside. It also came with both exposed carbon fiber and clear tops. The only "mod" he plans to install are floormats and a "Jake" on the hood. Needless to say, Rick is a happy camper!



Reesa & Malcolm Lawton have a new puppy, Stella, who is a herding dog mix and is very sweet and very smart. The Lawton's also report that they had a visit from one of his childhood friends (Jim on far right) who promises to buy Malc a new C-7 just as soon as he wins the lottery. Reesa his hoping for sooner rather than later.



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Social Directors Keith Mendia & David Wilson



We have hit the ground running in 2016 on our quest to provide some fun and interesting Social activities for the club. The **WSCC Competition Awards Banquet** on 1/16/2016 was a big success and great fun. We are looking ahead to the **SCC Awards Banquet** and reporting on it in the next issue as well as **our first TGIThursday quest for the best Pizza joint in the South Bay**. In our discussions with these independent Pizza establishments, it quickly became evident that meeting on Fridays was not a good idea or even possible for most of them. It is their busiest time and they cannot accommodate a group as large as ours. We asked about Thursdays and determined that would work. We took a vote at the SCC Business meeting about doing this on Thursday and it was agreed that this would work for us. We are therefore doing the Pizza search portion of TGIF's on Thursday. Let's see how this works out.

The major Social event for March is the SCC Grand Prix Indoor Kart Racing at UMIGO in Livermore, CA. We have done this at UMIGO several times and it was a big hit each time. They have a fast track and very quick karts and will accommodate our group that should be around 40 racers. We will meet at 8:45am at Starbucks, 1197 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, and depart at 9:00AM for UMIGO. We will park together for a photo op in the UMIGO lot then go

It's time for the shortest month of the year. Our first TGIThursday is in the rearview mirror. So far, House of Pizza is the clear leader in our **Pick the Best Pizza series**. This month we'll be visiting one of the top rated pizzas parlors in the South Bay. Pizz'A (as in piece of) Chicago (1576 Halford Ave., Santa Clara) has been serving up amazing pies and cold beer since 1991. As discussed at our last meeting, we will be doing our Pick the Best Pizza events on Thursday nights so that we can visit places that may not be able to accommodate our group on a Friday night. Pizz'A Chicago is a perfect example. They only have around 55 seats so please show up early to avoid being put on a wait list for a table. All of our TGIT/TGIF events will begin at 4pm.

inside and register. They will have a short safety briefing and we will start racing at 11AM. Each racer will have a 10 minute qualifying session with 10 karts on track. We will then have individual race sessions of 10 karts that will last 10 minutes each. The top two finishers of each race will then race the "A-Main" race for the championship. We expect to finish about 1:00PM and will go have lunch afterwards and do some bench racing discussing our exploits on track.

You must wear closed toe shoes. If you are bringing young family members, drivers 10-15 years old need a parents liability release and also will need to take an 8 minute Driving Session course @ \$25 additional cost. Driving suits are available but not required. Helmets are required and must be full-face style. They have loaner helmets available at no cost. Spectators are welcome and can watch from the lobby. You must be at least 10 years old and no shorter than 4' 10" to race.

The cost of this event is \$45 per person to race. You must preregister and prepay by March 11, 2016 as we have to guarantee the head count. So plan to spend a day racing with your buddies and get the racing season underway. Sign up with Keith or David and let's go racing.

Off we go...

Keith

Super Bowl 50 may be in Santa Clara, but the real place to be is Fremont. Nicole and I will be hosting an **official club Super Bowl Party**. We'll have three flat-screen TV's setup for your viewing pleasure as well as a Super Bowl Pool. The festivities start at 2PM. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish to share. There is no cost for this event, but a headcount is needed so we know how many people to plan for.

"Live For Today...Plan For Tomorrow...Party Tonight!"

David



Ken Jacksteit advised that on January 19th and 20th he took the two day school at Spring Mountain in Pahrump, NV. He took advantage of the new Corvette owner school which GM subsidized. It was a great class with great instructors and he highly recommends anyone with or without a C7 to sign up for the class. These classes fill up very quickly, so you may have to schedule this a month or two in advance.

The Garage...Shelter for the Car(s) or ManCave? ...a Continuing Series

When Sandy and I bought our current home in 1988 it came with a 3 car garage. The only vintage car we owned at the time was our 1960 Corvette. We had extra garage spaces and decided to fill them with some cool vintage cruisers. The first one was the 1966 Lincoln Continental 4-suicide door Convertible which we purchased in 1988. The next year we found a totally restored 1956 Cadillac Coupe de Ville with a continental kit. It was blue and white and a stunning car. Both the Lincoln and Cadillac were Sandy's cars. Later in 1989 we found a beautiful 1960 Cadillac Coupe de Ville which was a one-owner car from Montana. It was complete with fender skirts and autronic eye. We had it repainted the original color and added radial wide white wall tires. All 3 of

these beautiful cars resided in our garage while the 1960 Corvette resided under the covered porch. The other 3 cars were way too big to fit and won the garage space. During the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the 1956 Caddy was slammed into the front garage wall and the 2 "dagmars" pushed holes in the drywall. The good news was that it made about 6" more parking space. The holes are still there today. These were great cars to cruise around in. All three made many trips to Hot August Nights and many local shows. Needless to say, the garage was really full when they all were parked there. This picture was taken in 1990.

Keith and Sandy Mendia



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1990 vs 2015
(the 2016 view is a
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different...delete
the C5)



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Will with his C5 Convertible Z51



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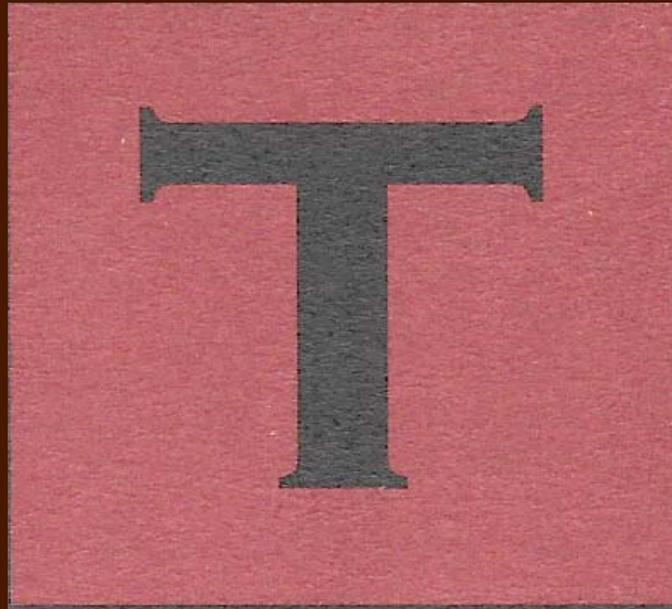
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FEBRUARY 2016

3	General Meeting	7:00
7	Wilson's Super Bowl Party	2:00
11	TGIT @ Pizza Chicago	4:00
14	Valentine's Day	
24	Board Meeting	6:30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MARCH 2016

2	General Meeting	7:00
10	TGIT - TBA	4:00
19	UMIGO Kart Racing	8:45
27	Easter	
30	Board Meeting	6:30

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FEBRUARY



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- 1 - Bill Hughes
- 3 - Benjie Mendez
- 6 - Pete Osel
- 12 - Mim Petersen
- 12 - Marie Buck
- 14 - Pete Taylor
- 17 - David Wilson
- 17 - Lee Klynn
- 19 - Roger Wiley
- 22 - Joe Castellano
- 25 - Barbara Warner
- 26 - Scott Simpson

- 1991 - David Profio
- 2001 - David & Cyndy Jacobson
- 2006 - Richard & Nancy Shockley
- 2006 - Pete Osel
- 2007 - Richard & Pamela Brown
- 2010 - Bill & Pam Erickson
- 2011 - Tim & Sue Kennedy
- 2013 - Peter Taylor
- 2013 - Frank & Yara DiPaola
- 2013 - Roger & Cindy Hector
- 2013 - Roger Pendenza
- 2013 - Scott & Rosangela Simpson
- 2013 - Benjie Mendez & Steven Shonk
- 2013 - Betsy Franco
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