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Stuart Calhoon – President From the Driver’s Seat



Convention in Las Vegas is over!! I’m writing this a day after I returned, so I’m still trying to decompress a bit. It was an action-packed five days with lots of great activities. From the attendees I’ve talked to, folks enjoyed it.

Beginning on Tuesday with a Meet & Greet, Wednesday autocross and scenic drive, Thursday track day, Taste of the Track, and Hospitality Suite, Friday Poker Run and Car Show, and Saturday another scenic drive and the Awards Banquet, there was no lack of activities.

And SCC scored well on the awards. At the autocross, we took home 3 first place class awards plus got Club Par, as well as TTOD for both Men and Women. We won Best Food and Best Theme in the Hospitality Suite competition. At the Car Show, we won some of the 6 awards presented. And to top it off, we got Most Participating Club at the Convention.

Overall participation at the Convention was down (about half of 2015’s), and WSCC lost money on several of the events. SCC hosted the autocross, but with only 43 participants, it probably covered our expenses, but didn’t begin to cover WSCC’s, which included paying several thousand dollars for the site.

We’re still trying to understand why attendance was down, and what can be done about it, but WSCC has some real soul-searching to do before it puts on another Convention. The times, they are a changin’.

Last but not least, we are definitely hurting in terms of members willing to step up and run for Board positions. Volunteers are the life-blood of any organization, but we’re not finding them. With over 200 members, we should have no problem finding potential leaders, but we are. What’s going on? (This topic will come up at the November Business meeting.)

Stuart

SCC featured on Chinese TV

Back in April of this year, I was contacted by a representative from the Chinese TV travel show *Travel Channel China* regarding doing a feature on SCC and our Corvettes. After several conversations, we agreed to a production date of May 23. I pulled together 3 other members with a spread of Corvette generations to participate—Keith Mendia – C1, Rich Kelly – C3, Phil Moser – C5, and myself – C7.

We agreed to meet at a scenic location in Las Altos Hills for the shoot. They brought a van-full of cameramen, technicians, and “talent.” They did some group shots and interviews, and then went one-on-one. They interviewed us, went over our cars, and then had the host ride with us as they continued filming. In all, we were there for 5 hours. The person in charge told us it would all get boiled down to about 10 minutes (it’s actually 8).



Then we heard nothing for five months. Finally, while at Convention, I received word that the show had been broadcast, and received a link to see it. The 24-minute program has other Corvette material, too, but our segment runs from about minute 11:00 to 18:50.

<http://tc.hnntv.cn//ly/ydyzdy/ydyzdy2016/28720195.shtml>

CC is now known world-wide!!

Because it was made for a Chinese audience, it’s fully narrated in Cantonese. Where we were interviewed in English, there is a voice-over translation. Nonetheless, the production quality is quite good, and I think it’s worth watching. After all, how many of the clubs you’re get featured on Chinese TV?



Stuart





Cliff Martin – Membership Director Welcome!

Hello fellow SCC members. Hope you're all enjoying this warmer weather we are now experiencing. It's a great time of the year for a run. Just recently went on the Rick's RED-C run to Santa Cruz Wharf and had lunch at Gilda's. We had eight Vettes and had a great lunch. I would encourage any members interested in a mid-week run to jump on the REDC train and enjoy the day with your fellow club members.

So now that we have Spectacular and the WSCC convention behind, us it's now that time of the year to renew your SCC membership. The renewal form has been updated and is much easier to read and complete. You can go to our SCC website, download

the form, and mail it with your check. Keep in mind though, if I receive your renewal form after Dec 15th, you go to the penalty box and will be required to pay an additional \$26. At this time I have only received 35 membership renewals out of our current 145 memberships. Please do not wait until the last moment. Keep in mind, once I receive your form, it takes time to process and update our membership profile spreadsheet. Thank you for your assistance...

Ok, now for the rest of the story. We currently have 145 memberships; 69 Individual and 76 Family, with 221 total members.

As I sign off I want you to go out and enjoy a safe and pleasurable run.

Cliff



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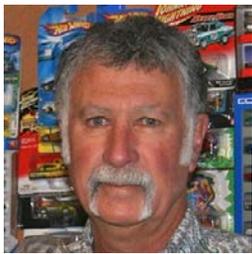
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Keith Mendia & David Wilson Social Directors



Those of us fortunate enough to attend the WSCC Convention in Las Vegas, October 17–21 have made it

back home and have gathered lots of memories of some really good times. While you can consider the whole Convention a Social Event it was full of all kinds of things to do including the SCC sponsored Autocross in the huge parking lot where NASCAR races, the Track Day at Spring Mountain, Car Show in the Tivoli Village (think Santana Row, SJ), Scenic Drive, Poker Run, and the Awards Banquet on Saturday. Oh, I forgot the **Hospitality Room Competition**, which Santa Clara Corvettes joined. Our theme was the Cantina Santa Clara which transformed our 2,000 square foot room into a Mexican Cantina. **Cheryl Klynn** and her band of revelers transformed the bare room into quite an authentic Mexican scene complete with round tables covered in Mexican flag motif, a bar serving Corvette Margaritas and authentic Mexican beers, a street taco station with delicious chicken soft tacos, and a photo station—and all of this with authentic Mexican old style music playing in the background. It was great to see the room filled with our fellow conventioners enjoying our party. They must have all liked it, as we were voted the **Best Theme and Best Food**.

Special thanks to all our members who helped plan and decorate our room, our bartenders, our food servers, our greeters, and especially everyone who helped clean up afterwards. As the saying goes, “It takes a Village.”

After **Spooktacular** at the Wilson’s home on 10/28, our last big Social Event of the year is our **Holiday Gift Exchange Party** Saturday, December 16, 2017 from Noon – 4pm at Harry’s Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. The cost of the event is your bringing a wrapped gift valued at least \$25 (please bring something nice enough that you would like to take home). You will exchange your gift at the door for a drawing number which entitles you to pick a gift under the tree, or “Steal One” from another member. Gifts can be stolen twice, then they have their permanent home. All great fun! Lunch is Hofbrau style, and you pay for it when you choose your food. Beverages are purchased at their full bar, which also has an extensive offering of beers and wine. Dress for the party is *Festive*. This party is always a big hit and draws around one hundred members. We hope to see you there for the good times.

Keith

In October, we revisited one of our favorite TGIT spots of 2017, Knockouts Bar & Grill. They set the bar high during our last visit and once again didn’t disappoint, delivering outstanding service, delicious food, good beer selection, and a great overall atmosphere. I foresee this becoming a potential regular spot in the years to come. As sad as I was to hear that Bennigan’s in Santa Clara had closed down, we have visited some other great locations over the last two years and have put together a solid list of new favorites.

On Thursday November 9th, we will be holding our final TGIT of the year, revisiting another favorite: Athena Grill in Santa Clara. As usual, the festivities begin at 4pm.

This was my fourth overall year and second consecutive year with my good friend Keith Mendia as your Social Chair, and I hope you have enjoyed attending our events as much as we have enjoyed planning and hosting them. My favorite part of being on the board is when the events come together and I can see our members enjoying the fruits of our labor! It’s a rewarding job, and I highly encourage you to think about taking the gig on for a year (or three!). I promise you, even if you plan to run solo, you’ll have plenty of help throughout the year. I know I myself am planning to put on a few major social events in 2018, as will Keith. It’s a rewarding job and I’ve had a great time doing it.

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David



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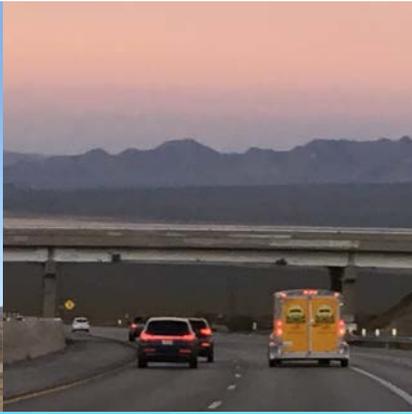
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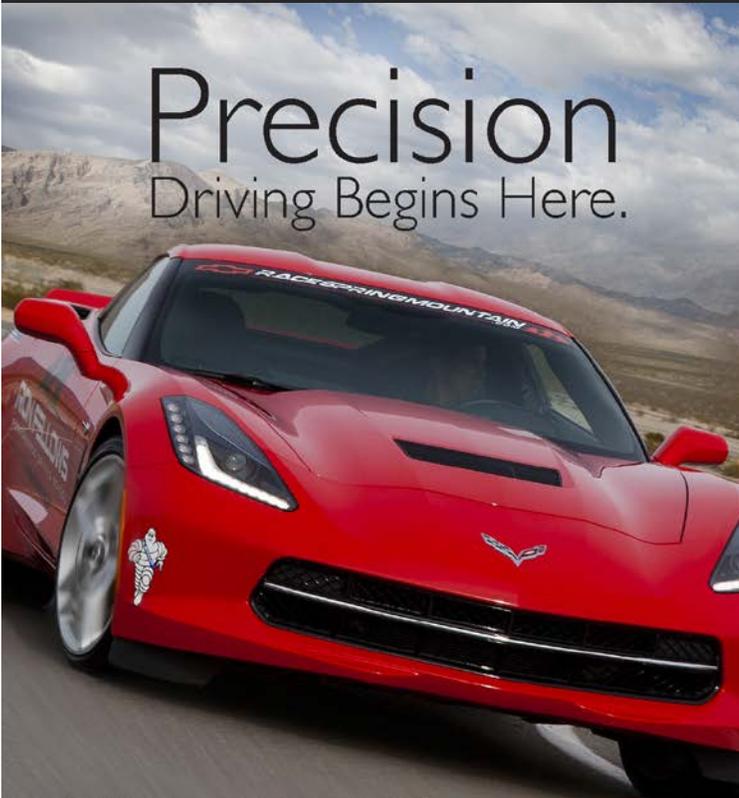
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What's News?

David and Nicole Wilson had an amazing time in Europe in late September. They started off in Munich, where they met with friends from Philadelphia, visited the world's oldest brewery, and of course had a few visits to Oktoberfest. Their travels continued north through Germany's wine country, visiting Nicole's relatives in northwest Germany, and enjoying a few days in Berlin. From there they headed east to Prague, which may just be their new favorite city. If you've never been, it's a must-visit—five days just weren't enough! The atmosphere, beer, people, and food were all fantastic. Then it was back to Munich with a final visit to Oktoberfest with our German club member *Peter Osel*. All in all, an amazing trip!



Liz and I just saw the movie that Betsy Franco wrote and acted in. *Entitled Metamorphosis – Junior Year*, it was shown at the Mill Valley Film Festival. It was about all the trauma that high school students have in their lives, and it was largely created by Palo Alto High School students doing all the production roles, as well as some of the acting roles. It was a real family project, with her son Tom creating artwork and acting in the film, and her other son James giving workshops and being an Executive Producer on the film. It was an excellent movie, and afterwards we had the opportunity to ask questions of Betsy and several of the key people in the film. The photo shows Betsy answering a question



during the Q & A, with her son Tom to her right. This is another example of what talented folks we have in our club, and some of the amazing work they're involved in.
Stuart.

More of What's News

In August, Gloria and Al Fuerniss traveled with the group from the National Corvette Museum. This is part of the "Museum in Motion" tours. The theme was *California Dreaming*. They met the group at Kingman, AZ. Their first stop the next morning was Oatman, AZ (donkeys roaming the streets), then they went to the Queen Mary, permanently docked in Long Beach, CA. This was the Hotel for the rest of the trip. They parked in the Director Parking spaces (super close to the ship.) Great to see most of the Corvettes together. Over the next few days they had VIP passes to Paramount Studios and the Peterson Car Museum. The following day they went to Santa Catalina Island (an optional trip), and took a golf cart to tour the island. Nice ride! The Fuerniss' are looking forward to many more "Museum in Motion" trips. That group plans everything.



Dave Thomas reports: Christos Panayiotis Thomas joined our family this afternoon. Stephanie is resting and thrilled. Papou Dave (me) and Thea Bunny are packing to visit.

Christos is named after his Maternal Grandfather, Christopher and Paternal Grandfather, Panayiotis. He weighed in at 8 pounds 13 ounces, and asked if the race car was fueled and ready. He seems to be thinking ahead....

He is the 3rd child of Fr. Simon and Pres. Stephanie. Sister, Elpinike age 12, and brother Demetri age 8, were dancing in the hospital hallway, cheered on by MD's and staff. Ice cream and baklava were served with Ouzou for the adults.

Next time you are near Memphis, drop by for a celebratory libation!



Ray and Betty Gee are proud to announce the newest addition to the Gee household. On October 22 we adopted a 2017 C7 Grand Sport. What color you ask? Black of course! We couldn't be more pleased with all the features and high tech gadgets on the car. Nothing that the current C7 owners don't already know but it's a steep learning curve on how to operate everything and the owner's manual is not your friend. I've been spending a lot of time on You Tube lately. I've already started to Geemitize the car and wearing a hole on the old VISA card. BTW—I'm selling all the mods from the C6 so please contact me if you're interested in any aftermarket parts for your C6. Also please contact me if anyone is interested in a clean, well taken care of C6.

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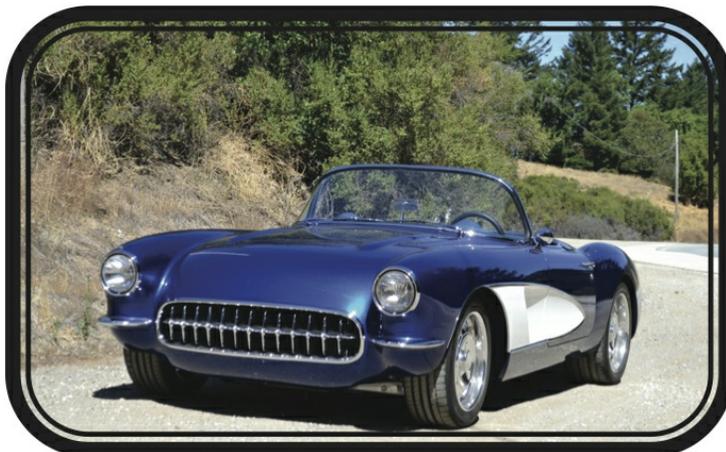


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Collins Orton – Competition: Motorsports

I would like to thank the SCC Board for giving the “Green Light” to procure a new timing system for our Auto-X events. We have purchased a system called Polaris from Farmtek. The system is state of the art, wireless, easy to use, and very reliable. It will allow for timing results to be directly connected into a laptop computer, in real time. We have also purchased a couple of antennas to help boost the wireless signal at long distances. The system was put to the test for the Auto-X event at Convention in Las Vegas on Oct. 18th. Sandy Mendia was very happy with the performance of our new Polaris system.

SCC was responsible for design, setup, and operation of the Auto-X event at the WSCC Convention. We had a 1 million square foot site at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The course was gigantic, 0.9 miles in length and very twisty/turny. The course was the brain child of our president, Stuart Calhoon. We used all of our equipment. I would like to thank all those club members who helped to setup, operate, and tear down this spectacular event. One of the great things about our club is how everyone pitches in when we need help. The guys that did setup, the ladies running registration, and all who stayed late to help load our trailer with all of our equipment. This was a big undertaking. Very special thanks to Paul “Big Tow” Petach for towing our club trailer all the way to Las Vegas and back. Top Time of Day went to Stuart Calhoon. All of the results are available on the SCC website.

We had a Track Day at Spring Mountain, in Pahrump, NV as part of Convention. What a great day in the sun. The weather was spectacular. The track at Spring Mountain is really quick.

Teri Barrett, of Hooked On Driving, organized the event. SCC supported HOD with our radios, cones, transported helmets, etc. We had many drivers doing the Track Day and a handful of drivers doing Taste of the Track. Stuart did get “Meatballed” for excessive smoke from his new C5 Race Car. We certainly hope this is an easy fix.



The SCC Motorsports Director position is open—I will not seek re-election. It is time for someone, who likes auto racing and organizing complex events to take on this critical job.

See You at the Track!

Collins





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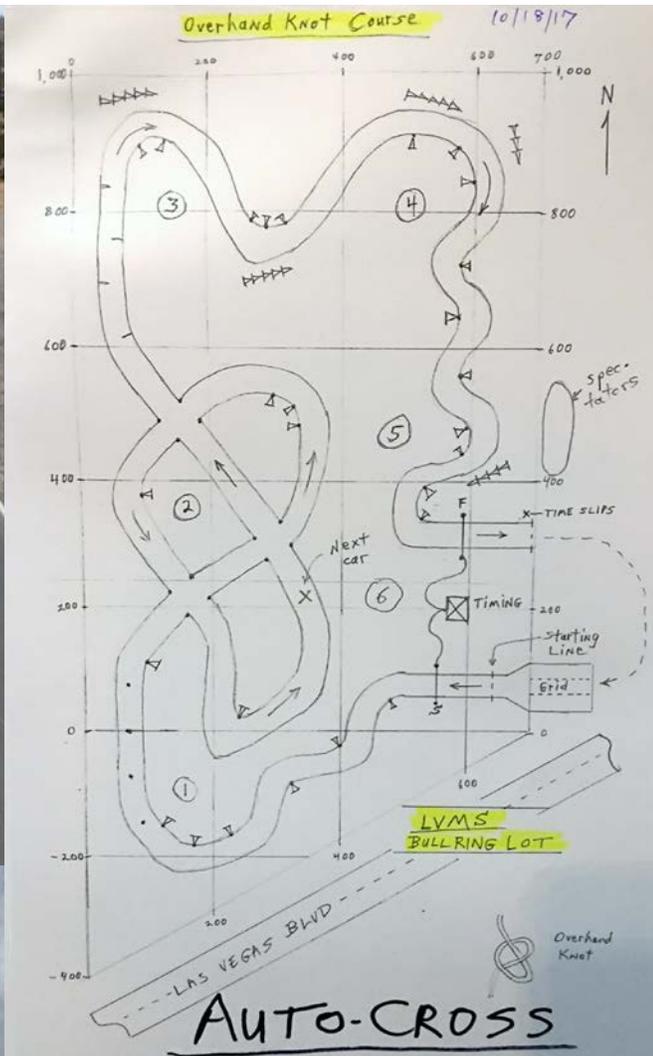
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Convention – Autocross



Jerry Svindal on Track Day





Dave Katz – Competition: Car Show

The Type I car shows are over for 2017. SCC won the club par at *Vette-O-Rama* and *Vettes Under the Oaks*. Since a club cannot win club par at its own show, we couldn't win club par at *Corvette Spectacular*. The year-end WSCC award for car show participation is ours. Thank you for supporting car show this year. If you competed in at least two of the three shows, you will receive a year-end competition series award from both WSCC and SCC. If you entered your car in the exhibition or do not judge class, it will not count toward a year-end competition series award.

I don't know what will happen with the Type I car shows next year. Gary Nolan, president of Southern High Sierra Corvettes, would like to host another *Vettes Under the Oaks* car show. Some of his members felt the show was too much work and don't want to host another Type I show. Without a third Type I car show, there will be no competition series. *Vette-O-Rama* and *Corvette Spectacular* would likely become Type V car shows.

There were suggestions last year that DVC and SCC should combine forces to host a third Type I show. There was little support for a combined show last year, and I do not think it will be supported this year. The SCC Board of Directors is evaluating our options.

Please remember the San Jose Classic Chevy Club Car Show Toy & Food drive at the Cathedral of Faith church on Saturday, November 4. We will meet at the Curtner Avenue VTA lot at 7:30 and head over to the Cathedral of Faith at 7:45. This will be the last club event car show of the season. The San Jose Classic Chevy Club likes to see the Corvettes roll in together, so let's not disappoint them. Entry is at least one new, unwrapped toy and one non-perishable food item.

Second Harvest Food Bank has someone coming in at 10:15 on November 4 to accept donations from those who wish to walk across the street and make a contribution. They cannot accept food donations because their warehouse will be closed that day.

Dave



Steve Wells – Publications Director Found between the Seat and the Console

The month of November is here—a month famous for the ubiquitous turkeys. They're everywhere! Turkeys getting elected. And re-elected. Or Tweeting up a storm. Or hypocritically blaming the Tweeter in Chief for everything wrong. But we'll focus instead on turkeys served for food and that very festive holiday, *Thanksgiving*.

At my home, I always commemorate the holiday with a traditional food from the (apocryphal) first Thanksgiving dinner on February 22, 1630. Supposedly, Massasoit's brother, Quadequina, brought several bushels of *popped corn* to the English colonists, their first introduction to this delightful food. Every year since then, or at least for about the past century, movie theater owners have given thanks for this essential snack food profit center, as welcome to them for inaugurating the holiday season as the upcoming crop of pre-Christmas movies.

During Thanksgiving dinner, we should ponder the wonderful inventions of modern civilization, and give appropriate and hearty thanks. Each has an honored place, our existence elevated far beyond that of the participants at that first Thanksgiving. As we wash our hands, we enjoy the marvel of running hot water. A few centuries ago there was the common belief that washing was a harmful

activity, a potentially surprising notion until one thinks what a New England winter bath might be like without hot water. After our meal, the delicious turkey is consumed, but its somewhat fibrous meat gets impacted between adjacent distal and mesial tooth surfaces. Then we pull out a length of the next miracle, waxed nylon dental floss. No hunting around for vines, long hairs, or bits from stringy plants. Dental relief in moments.

Hours after overeating at dinner, how do we really spell *relief*? No, it's not that antacid mint. It's that most impressive porcelain seat of relief, the modern flush toilet invented by the famed 19th century British plumber, Sir Thomas Crapper. We honor his accomplishments whenever we use his innovations, yet in a strange bit of irony, the name of one of society's greatest benefactors is used to describe inferior quality. If only it were easy to dispose of those *crappy* Election Day misfits with a quick flush of the *crapper*.

Well, there's a neat twist. With that last thought, it seems we've come full circle to the verbal imagery of the first paragraph. And... That's what I found between the seat and the console.

Steve

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November 2017

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- 1 Business Meeting
- 4 San Jose Classic Chevy's
Toy & Food Drive Car Show
- 5 Car Show for the Vets – Menlo Park VA Hospital
- 9 TGIT – Athena Grill in Santa Clara
- 11 Veterans Day Parade in San Jose
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Board Meeting

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- 6 Business Meeting
- 16 Holiday Gift Exchange Party – Harry's Hofbrau
- 25 **M** **r** **y** **C** **h** **r** **i** **s** **t** **m** **a** **s**
- 27 Board Meeting
- 31 Goodbye 2017
- 1 Welcome 2018

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11/01 – Bill Kojak | 1994 – Buzz & Ruth Marston |
| 11/01 – Kris Orton | 1994 – David Plumb |
| 11/04 – Sharon Kuwada | 2016 – Dawson Mabey (1 year
absence since 2000) |
| 11/05 – Pete Dyer | |
| 11/07 – Richard Brown | 2004 – Alan Templeton |
| 11/09 – Les Brandin | 2007 – Jim Bailey |
| 11/15 – Yolanda Atkinson | 2009 – Dan & Tish Niehans |
| 11/16 – David Ireland | 2012 – Ron & Carol Beck |
| 11/19 – Cheryl Guzzetta | 2012 – Leslie Boone |
| 11/21 – Dawson Mabey | 2012 – Gary & Mary Ann Kono |
| 11/25 – Pete Sommer | 2013 – Rick Riccardi |
| 11/26 – Cindy Grant | |



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Adam Rogers drove his car from Colorado. He uses it for fundraising to support kids at a cancer center. His organization: *Corvettes Conquer Cancer*. Every year, he has the kids paint his car with removable paint. He says it's like a balance between vandalism and creating art!

The gold car above won for "best paint" even though it's vinyl-covered.

As always, Lowell Vivian wins the delight of children with *Best Mustache*.

Santa Clara Corvettes is a not-for-profit organization formed to appreciate the Chevrolet Corvette. Our monthly business meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Building, 146 Main Street in downtown Los Altos (½ block up from San Antonio Rd.) Meetings start at 7 PM. All interested Corvette owners and enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information, contact anyone on the Board of Directors, or write to: Santa Clara Corvettes. Visit us on the internet at www.sccorvettes.org for information, pictures, and the latest events.