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President - Stuart Calhoon From The Driver's Seat



I'm writing this a couple days after our first big autocross event of the year – **Malcolm's** Marina Madness. Malcolm did a great job on his very first autocross! It went

well, with about 92 people on Saturday and 54 on Sunday. While we haven't run the numbers yet, this attendance assures us that we will make some money on this event – always a good thing!

Looking into August, we've got lots of great activities planned, starting off with a pool party, Hot August Nights in Reno, 4 car shows, and an autocross. Make sure your Corvette is ready to go, and join us as we celebrate summer.

With July gone, we have about 6 weeks left before our Corvette Spectacular (Sept. 16). We've got to kick our efforts into high gear to make sure that everything is ready and that people will have a great time. As I've been asking for some time now, please do everything you can to help SCC make this a success. If you're not sure what's needed, ask **Roger Wiley** and **Gregg Selzer** how you can help.

We've had some budget uncertainty this year, but the good news is that additional money continues to flow in, and our projected year-end deficit is shrinking. Who knows – depending on how Spectacular goes, we may yet end up with a budget surplus by the end of the year. Let the good times roll!



Stuart

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Editor's Note: **Greg Selzer's** column on "Corvette History" is taking this month off as he is also one of the prime helpers in putting together our club car show

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Cover Car: Where are the next Corvetters? **Kris and Collins Orton's** 10 year old grandson, Caden Orton, shown alongside our 2009 Z06 at the Abel Car Show. Kris and I purchased this car from SCC club member **Doug Johnson** in April 2017. It has been great for all kinds of driving including extended excursions, Auto-X and HPDE Track Days. Not long after we purchased the car, we were off on a 4,000 mile trip led by **Jack & Yolanda** on the "Run to Colorado." The car had the problematic GM cylinder head issues and is now equipped with American Heritage heads installed by Abel Chevrolet. This car also has Coil-Over Shocks, 5 point racing harness and harness bar. 3 sets of wheels and tires for Street, Auto-X and Track Days. Installed SS Braided brake lines and Stoptech Track Day Brake Pads. Graphics have been modified a bit, from what Doug had done, by B&B Custom Design (**Jack & Yolanda**). This car also is equipped with a front end Splitter designed and installed by **Doug and Jack**. CB Radio for communications on long excursions. We are fortunate to be able to enjoy this car after all the work **Doug Johnson** put into it. Can't thank Doug enough for all his work and agreeing to sell it to us — **Collins Orton**



Welcome!

Cliff Martin - Membership Director

Summer is upon us, and what beautiful days we are enjoying! We have so many club activities in which to participate. July 19th was TGIT at the Lazy Dog restaurant - what a great place! The food and service were excellent and interacting with fellow club members is always a treat. I will be joining with approximately 20 other SCC Vettes, heading South for a three day adventure: "Cars, Boats and Presidential Musings". I'm really looking forward to the beautiful scenery along the way as well as the relaxing drive. Our annual Picnic on July 22nd was another opportunity for club members to get together and enjoy the park setting and some fantastic tacos. Thanks to **Gary/Geneva Leighton** and **Ron/Carol Beck** for all their time and effort organizing these events.

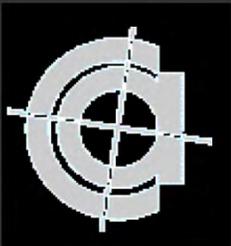
Although I was not able to attend, I understand that **Malcolm Lawton** and his Autocross team had a very successful autocross event on July 14th and 15th. This year Malcolm stepped up and took on the leadership role as Motorsports Director. His devotion to is truly appreciated and we look forward to future autocrosses with his lead. I also want to thank **Gary Linford** our SCC

Publication's Director. The many hours Gary devotes to our club Magazine is very much appreciated. Many of the club members do not have the opportunity to witness Gary's talents in bringing together all the articles, pictures and other information to develop an outstanding First Class Glass magazine; Thank you Gary.

For those club members that joined SCC to not only enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Vetter's but also to share your wealth of knowledge and experience within the SCC - here is your chance: The 2018 Spectacular will be held Sept. 16th in downtown Los Altos and **Roger Wiley** and **Greg Selzer**, Spectacular Co-Chairs, would love to have you sign-up to help out. There are numerous sub-committees involved in bringing this event together, please volunteer to help. I use this opportunity to share some the information regarding events taking place within the club not only to keep everyone updated, but more importantly to demonstrate that our events happen because of all the people who volunteer their time. Thank you all!

In closing, please join me to welcome our newest member, **John Tury**. 182 members strong!

Cliff



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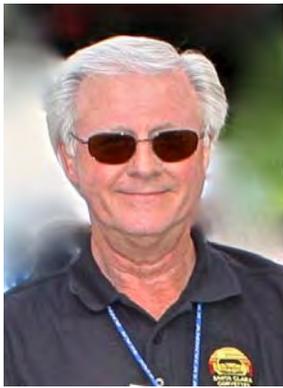
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Well, now that the 2018 SCC Annual Picnic is in the history books, here's how it went.

With over 80 attendees, a catered taco lunch and 37 members bringing something to share there was no shortage of food. An old-fashioned game of water balloon toss got most of the group up and wet. With all the extra balloons there were a few "skirmishes" after the game. The frisbee toss was a real challenge with a breeze and an up-draft. Several "Corn hole" games were challenging as the bean-bags flew in all directions. The 4-card poker game resulted in 4 Ace's and a royal flush being the winners of Starbucks cards. The main drawing was for gifts of Costco gift cards, bottles of wine, and cooler bags. Gloria Furness scored the \$25 Costco gift card. The weather couldn't have been better to complement a fun day. We thank all who helped and shared food, including the kittens who helped in all areas. A number of people assisted in set-up and clean-up and

the help was certainly appreciated. Thank you to all these helpers.

Now we sit back and anticipate an even better SCC Annual Picnic in 2019.

Our July 19th TGIT at Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar was also very successful and enjoyable for 33 of SCC club members attending. The atmosphere, service, food, and happy hour added up for a great time. Management was very accommodating by arranging for all of us to sit together on their nicely organized patio. In addition, parking was good with a 5 story parking garage strategically located across from the Lazy Dog. We will be going back.

Big thanks to your Social Directors and their spouses.

Gary and Ron



TGIT at Lazy Dog, July 19th

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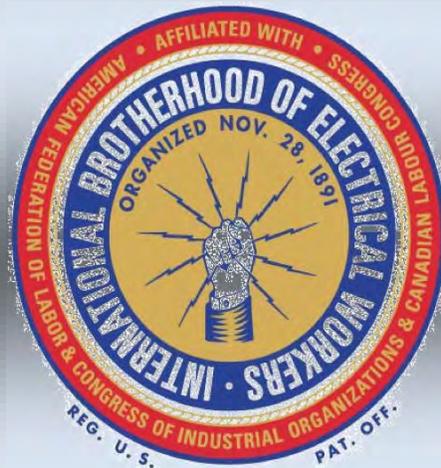
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Dave Johnston



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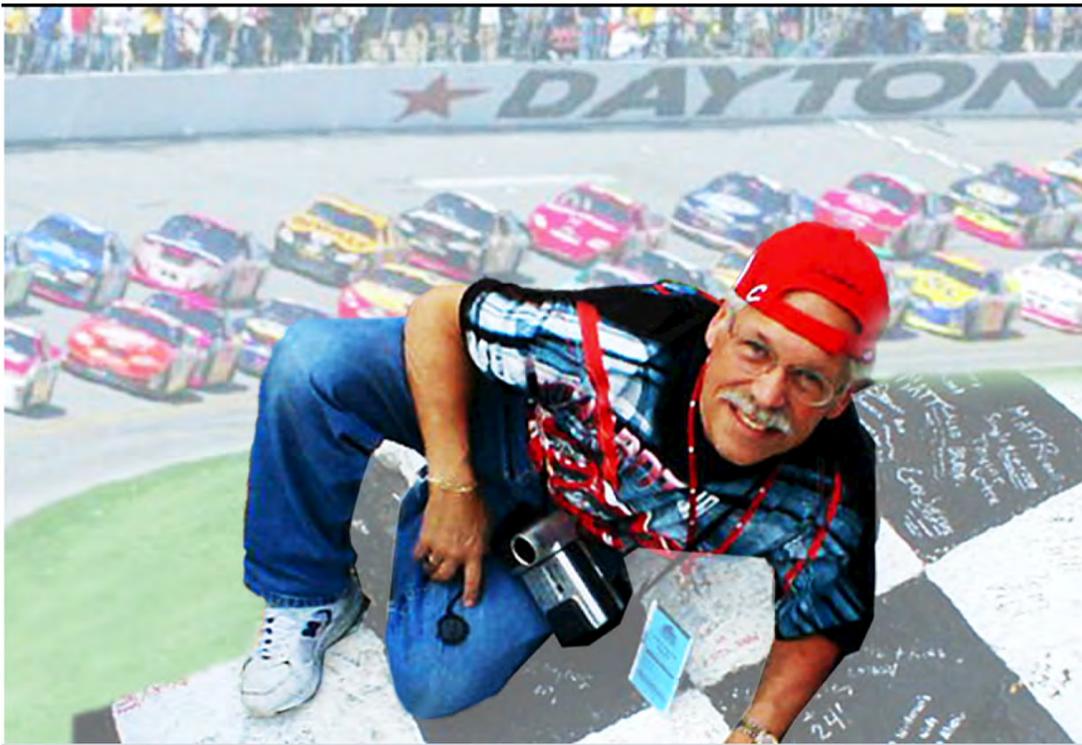


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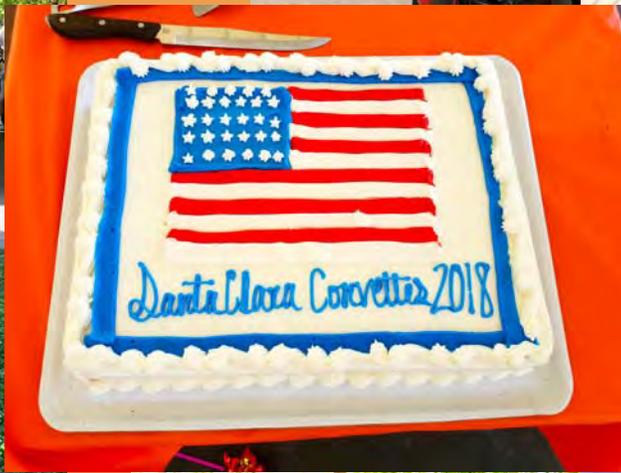
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Malcolm Lawton: Competition, Motorsports

Marina Madness was a Major Success!

Our first autocross weekend of the year was a huge success! As promised the weather was cool, the course was well liked

by all the participants, the coffee was hot and plentiful and there were lots of doughnuts (thanks **Mim** and **Chris**) Approximately 100 autocrossers participated Saturday with runs continuing until 7 PM and 50 ran on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mike Giordano for TOP TIME MAN and to **Mary Pozzi** for TOP TIME WOMAN. Don Herzer received the DISTANCE AWARD and NBCA received CLUB PAR. Interestingly, the award recipients were the same both Saturday and Sunday! Many thanks to the Autocross Army for set up, smooth running, and tear down! It takes an Army to run an autocross.... Special thanks are in order to **Collins** and **Kris Orton**, **Keith** and **Sandy**

Mendia, **Stuart Calhoon**, **Rick Bronner**, Helen Landis and **Mary Pozzi**.

As always safety is paramount and through the efforts of the course workers and participants all had safe runs. One Corvette suffered a mechanical breakdown and left on a flatbed, hope it's running again soon! Many of us who stayed overnight Saturday enjoyed pizza and beverages at Mountain Mikes.

Our next Autocross is August 25th. If you haven't tried it, come out and watch, do a ride along, or sign up and run. We'll be glad to provide an experienced coach for your first run(s). It's a great social event and your Corvette is designed to do this. You'll be glad you tried it!

See you at the Autocross!

Malcolm



See Back Cover For More Pictures



TRAVELING CORVETTE ENTHUSIASTS: AT GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

During a 3200-mile road trip vacation covering 5 states, 2 National Parks and several national forests, **Gary** and I enjoyed meeting a couple corvette enthusiasts and their wives traveling in the Grand Teton National Park. Our meeting was a bit awkward in that while I was driving into Grand Teton National Park, I found myself traveling between two corvettes – a white 2006 convertible in front



and a fire engine red 2014 convertible behind. The two vettes looked great against the magnificent backdrop of the Grand Tetons. Gary thought a picture of them would be perfect for FCG, and encouraged me to continue to stick with them in hopes they would pull out together somewhere so we could meet.

Eventually that did happen, but not before the drivers of the two vettes wondered why this little blue Subaru kept following them!



Wayne and Eldon Gallaher of Illinois and their wives were traveling together in search of the same turnout with a view of the Tetons where 12 years previously the two brothers had taken pictures with their Harley Davidson motorcycles. They wanted to duplicate those pictures, but now with their two corvettes instead.

Gary asked if we could take their picture for our FCG magazine, and the brothers were more than happy to comply. We exchanged information and have since received copies of pictures with both brothers and their wives on their Harleys at the same location where Wayne and Eldon now have a picture of their 2 corvettes.

The picture above is one taken by Nancy with the Grand Tetons in the background.

The pictures below and on page 19 are pictures sent by Wayne and Eldon showing their Harleys 12 years ago, along with their current corvettes at the same location.

Nancy Linford





Harleys and Corvettes at the Tetons



WE WANT YOU!

Raffle Committee:

Besides additional raffle items, we need two additional volunteers for the day of the event to locate and hand out raffle prizes to the winners.

AND, we need one person who has either a truck with a covered and lockable bed (or a large SUV with seats that fold down or are removable) to load and transport raffle prizes from Shoreline Blvd/Hwy 101 area to their home for the night before the show and then bring them to the event the following morning.

Contact: Cyndy Jacobson (650) 969-2668; 1075 Space Park Way, Mountain View, 94043; d_c_jacobson@yahoo.com

Set-Up Committee:

We need someone with a vehicle capable of pulling the SCC trailer from the storage lot in Morgan Hill and then to Main Street the following morning-to arrive at 5:30am! The timing is very important because most of the "set-up" items are inside the club trailer. If you are late then we have people who bothered to arise early but have nothing to do.

Contact: Ron Minearo (408) 859-8302; rminearo@cbnorcal.com



David Johnston: Competition Car Show

July was one of those lazy, hazy, crazy months of summer as far as car shows were concerned-there was only ONE! The second of two

Thursday Night Live!

events in Mountain View went off without a hitch after initially giving me a scare that we would fall short of the minimum number of Corvettes pledged to attend. As usual, SCC members came to the rescue and provided 19 cars (including Stuart's faux Vette) for the show. No individual awards and no club par awards were given out but we rocked the 400 block of Castro St with many strollers, gazers and fingerprint makers. For those who missed this casual, no- stress show we have (at least verbally) been



invited to return next year and you will have another chance to participate.

Don't put away those bottles of detail spray and microfiber towels just yet as August will provide more than double the car shows compared to July-two of which are WSCC Type V shows. August 12th will feature **Vette Magic 43 at Blackhawk Plaza in Danville**-always a pleasant venue with shopping and restaurants next to the show. There is no pre-registration; just show up and register once on site

(\$25). August 18th we will attend the **6th Annual Family & Friends show, Hot August Days, in the Applebee's**



parking lot in Vallejo. Pre-registration forms available on their website or distributed at the August General Meeting. If you pre-register the cost is \$25, day of show is \$30. Please sign up for both shows at the August General Meeting.

Also in August, on the 19th, we are driving to **Stama Winery in Lodi for a Corvette car show**, lunch, wine tasting and tour of the winery. This show is open to all Corvettes (we have invited other WSCC clubs to participate) and the winery is hoping for as many as 60 cars. Sign up sheets are available at the August General Meeting and the winery will need a head count in order to provide the proper amount of food.

The most amazing car show will be the **Annual Carmel Mission Classic Car Show and Blessing of the Automobiles.** Santa Clara Corvettes was invited to participate for the second consecutive year and was allocated 12 spaces directly in front of the Mission. The deadline to register (be accepted) has already past but those who participated last year know what a treat is in store for them at this show. Automobiles that have been at or are worthy of the Pebble Beach Classic will be present on August 22nd.

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SCC Upcoming Events!

AUGUST 2018

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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- 1 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 4 SCC Annual Pool Party
- 7-12 Hot August Nights, Reno
- 12 Vette Magic 43 Car Show
- 18 Family and Friends Car Show
- 19 Hot Summer Sundays Car Show
- 19 Stama Winery Lodi, Corvette Day
- 22 Carmel Mission Classic Car Show
- 25 SCC Autocross, Marina
- 26 Lotus Club Autocross, Marina
- 29 Board Meeting, starts at 6:30pm

- 1-2 SCC Autocross, Marina
- 5 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 6 Tahoe 50 Car Show
- 7-11 Corral/Track Day at Laguna Seca
- 8 Hot SJ Nights/Orinda Car Shows
- 9 Vette Magic Drag Race/Grand Prix
- 16 SCC Spectacular Car Show
- 21-22 Ironstone Winery Concours d' El
- 24-30 Deutschland 2018
- 26 Board Meeting, starts at 6:30pm

*Some dates may be added after this goes to press so always check the sccorvettes.org website for the most current information

August Birthdays

- 04 – Shirley Martin
- 05 – Susan Marie Johnson
- 08 – Robert Courtney
- 15 – Betsy Franco
- 15 – Beth Mostovoy
- 16 – Ron Beck
- 16 – Kraig Kurucz
- 16 – Chris Petersen
- 17 – Reesa Lawton
- 21 – Teri Brickey
- 25 – Roger Pendenza
- 28 – Liz Bronner
- 28 – Stan Cotton
- 30 – Larry Polyak

Anniversaries

- 1998 – Keith Mendia
- 1998 – Sandy Mendia
- 1998 – Steve Merrick
- 1999 – Andy Hoepfner
- 2003 – Jim Barnes
- 2003 – Walt Kimball
- 2004 – Jerry Banks
- 2004 – Lois Banks
- 2004 – John Lux
- 2007 – Liz Calhoon
- 2007 – Stuart Calhoon
- 2011 – James Andersen
- 2013 – Gary Linford
- 2017 – Anthony Olea



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