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# President - Stuart Calhoon From The Driver's Seat



With August gone, we have just 2 weeks to go before Corvette Spectacular on Sept. 16. Efforts are in high gear to make sure that everything is ready and that people will have a great time. I hope all of our members have registered for the show and are helping out as needed. This is our club's biggest production of the year, and an important money-maker. All of the members who participate are really supporting the club, as well as getting to enjoy a great social, Corvette event. How can you go wrong? Now we just need the great weather to hold on a bit longer.

**Malcolm Lawton's** last 3 autocross dates occurred over the past two weekends, too late to report on in this column. I hope they went well.

Wanted to give a shout-out to the Willhoffs, Delta Corvette Club members within WSCC. Rich Willhoff, Abel Chevrolet Service and Parts Director, is well-known to many SCC folks from Corvette autocrosses and track days and service work at Abel. Rich piloted his C6 Z06 to the Overall Championship of the big LS Fest West competition

in Las Vegas this year. Accruing 96 out of a possible 105 points, he came in first in 3 out of 4 driving events. He's on the cover of the November issue of Vette magazine, with a feature article about his success there. Also very impressive, Rich's wife Carrie competed and came in 8<sup>th</sup> overall in her C6 ZR1. See more at <https://www.lsfest.com/willhoff-crowned-2018-ls-fest-west-grand-champion/>.

Some of us are getting ready to go to Germany on another **Andy** and **Scarlett**-led trip. It is being timed to coincide with Oktoberfest – a great time to be in Germany. As it will carry over into October, I will be missing the next Business meeting. Your VP **Jerry Banks** will have the helm.

## 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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Thanks to **Dave Johnston** for this photo.



# Welcome!

## Cliff Martin - Membership Director

Hey, has anyone else noticed how quickly this year seems to be shooting by? I know -- it's just another "Getting Old Thing".

We have had many fantastic events taking place within SCC with more to come. The big fundraiser for our club is coming up soon -- our club sponsored car show "SPECTACULAR". I want to share with you all a few thoughts regarding this year's event.

We have transitioned from a Type 1 to a Type 5 car show. The major difference for show participants is the opportunity to browse around viewing all the beautiful rides. Also, while the entry fee is lower, it is higher than other car shows we enter. This is because we are required to pay \$2,000.00 for the use of Main St, whereas other clubs get the use of their space for free. In the past, we would spend hours before and during the show wiping off every little smudge and then standing guard in hopes no one touches the car after rags down. You will now have time to stroll around and possibly see things you have not seen before. This year we will continue to offer first, second and third place awards for each C1 through C7 Vette. Some other car shows under the WSCC umbrella,

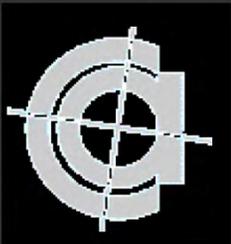
only offer First place awards. Additionally, we will be offering nine Specialty Awards as well as other awards.

I am sharing just a few highlights for our upcoming Spectacular car show so you can appreciate our club's sincere devotion to hosting a top notch show. Numerous club members have signed on to help out either by serving on committees or by offering financial support to ensure another successful event. Nevertheless, we still need additional club members to jump on board. We have 185 club members but only half or less have committed to help. This is SCC's largest fundraiser of the year. I have heard members say that they have other commitments that day or they just don't know how they can help. Please ask a Board member or any club member how you can get involved. We can also use your financial support. Each year we have a raffle at the show offering numerous prizes. This is another way to support Spectacular: purchase a gift to donate or offer a cash donation so the club can purchase prizes.

In closing I want to thank the numerous SCC members who have continually supported Spectacular, you are truly appreciated.

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*Cliff*



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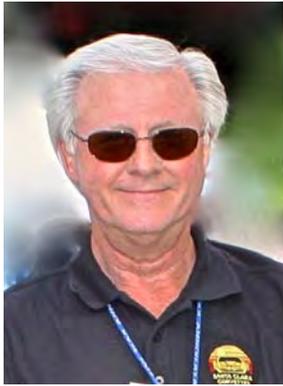
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# Social Directors Gary Leighton & Ron Beck



Reagan Library, Nethercutt Museum and Channel Islands Trip:

12 Cars and 23 SCC members set out for a Great trip to Southern California at the end of July.

café in the pavilion where we enjoyed the view of the former Air Force One. We continued touring the rest of the enormous museum, and capped off the day with a Sean Spicer talk.

Then we were off to Port Hueneme for a pizza dinner in the hotel's hospitality room with excellent shared food and vino. An impromptu dinner turned out to be a fun gathering with good friends in a relaxed atmosphere. In the morning we packed our bags and off to the pier for a wildlife boat tour to Channel Islands National Park. We saw a few whales, lots of dolphins playing in the boat's wake ending an outstanding 3-day weekend. We then proceeded homeward! [See pages 12 and 13 for photos.]

Our August TGIT was held at Metro-City Restaurant and Grill, their newest facility, located on E Duane Ave, in Sunnyvale. It was a smashing success with one of the highest member participation TGIT events, which was "43". Everyone enjoyed the food, ambiance, and socializing due to the space reserved for our club. The service was excellent and a TGIT venue that we "must do" again. [TGIT photos below.]

Your Social Directors:

## **Ron and Carol Beck, Gary and Geneva Leighton**

Blasting down 101 with a stop for lunch at Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant, we enjoyed homemade style food in a private venue. - great food and company with lots of pictures. Then off to Simi valley for a two-night stay. The first night we enjoyed a dinner at a very unique restaurant called the Junk Yard. We were greeted at the door by nostalgic items such as antique washers, stove, soda pop machines, and the interior walls and ceilings were completely covered by old gas pumps, signs, barbie dolls, and just about anything you can think of from previous eras. It was dazzling and amusing!

Saturday morning we all headed off to Nethercutt Auto Museum with an enormous collection of antique classic cars of pre- 40 restorations. All vehicles were in running condition. After lunch was a tour of the private section of the wonderful old cars, music boxes, pipe organs etc, Dinner was at a BBQ restaurant with a celebration of current birthdays and a cake welcoming Barbara back. Good food, several bottles of wine and a good time for all.

Sunday was a beautiful day at the Reagan Library. We enjoyed a private tour followed by a great lunch from the



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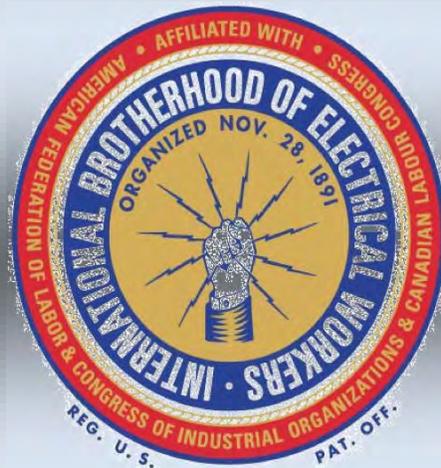
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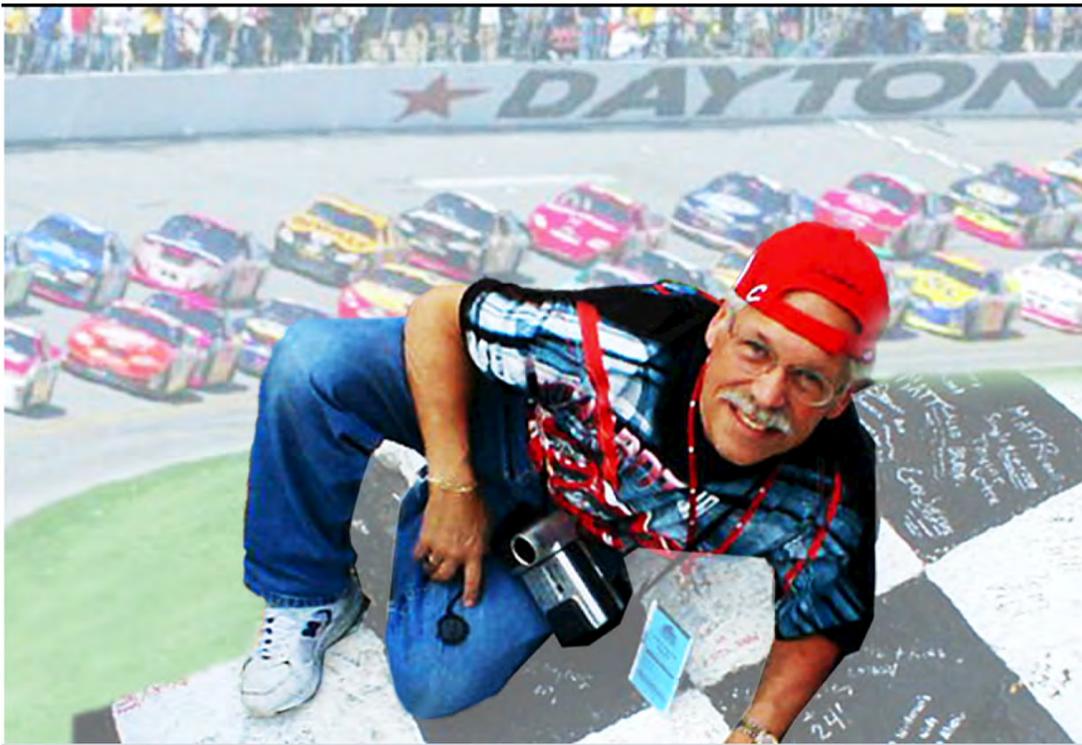
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# WHAT'S NEWS?

**Gary and Mary Ann Kono** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in July by going to Hawaii for a Family Reunion with all of their kids and their spouses, and their grandchildren. There were a total of 20 of us; 10 adults and 10 grandchildren. We spent the first 5 days on the Big Island and a week on Oahu at a couple of Marriott Vacation Club Timeshares. We were also able to get together with Gary's family on Oahu. With the 11 Hawaii family members we had a total of 31 people. The weather was warm, so we had to spend a lot of time in the ocean and swimming pools and had a lot of adult beverages.



**Valerie and Steve Bolaris** along with two of their children and 6 of their grandchildren watched the cruise on Virginia Street at Hot August Nights in Reno. Hot August Nights in Reno is a fun annual event with thousands of cars and many thousands of visitors. The Cruise was special with a number of Corvettes. Many of the drivers in the Cruise tossed candy to the kids lined up on Virginia Street. One Cruiser even stopped in front of us and handed each of the kids a small toy car. Very classy people! We hope to go back next year; maybe a group from SCC could go as a social event again. See the back cover for car photos.



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# Malcolm Lawton: Competition, Motorsports

## A Busy Autocross Season!

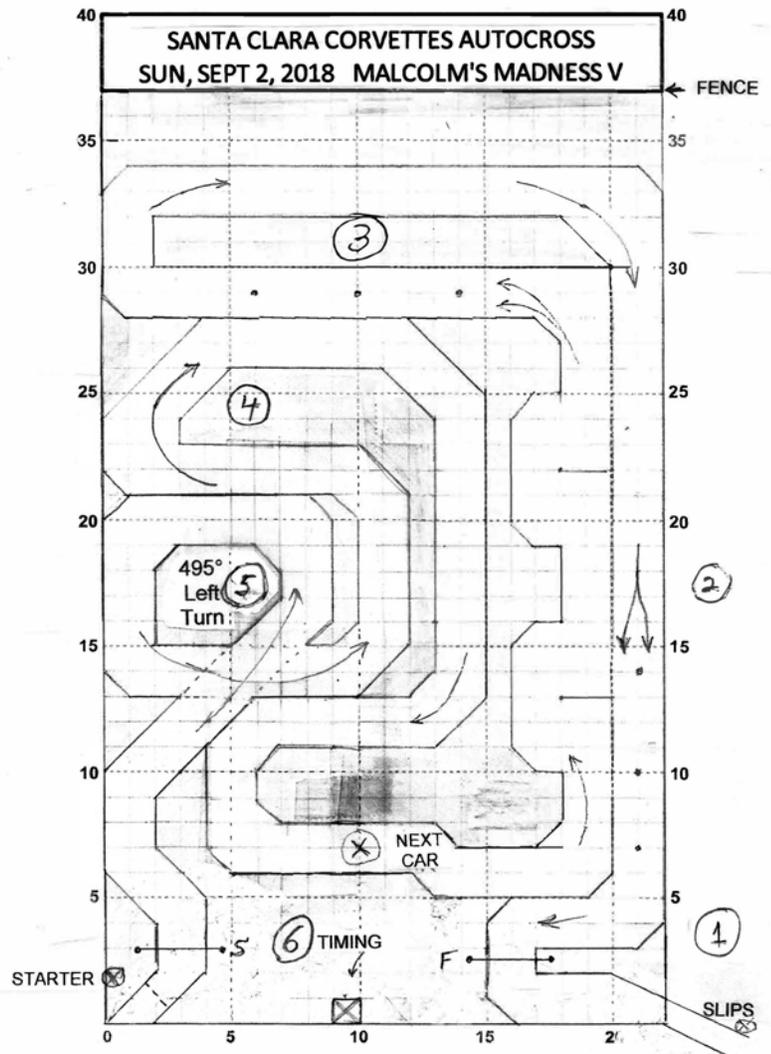
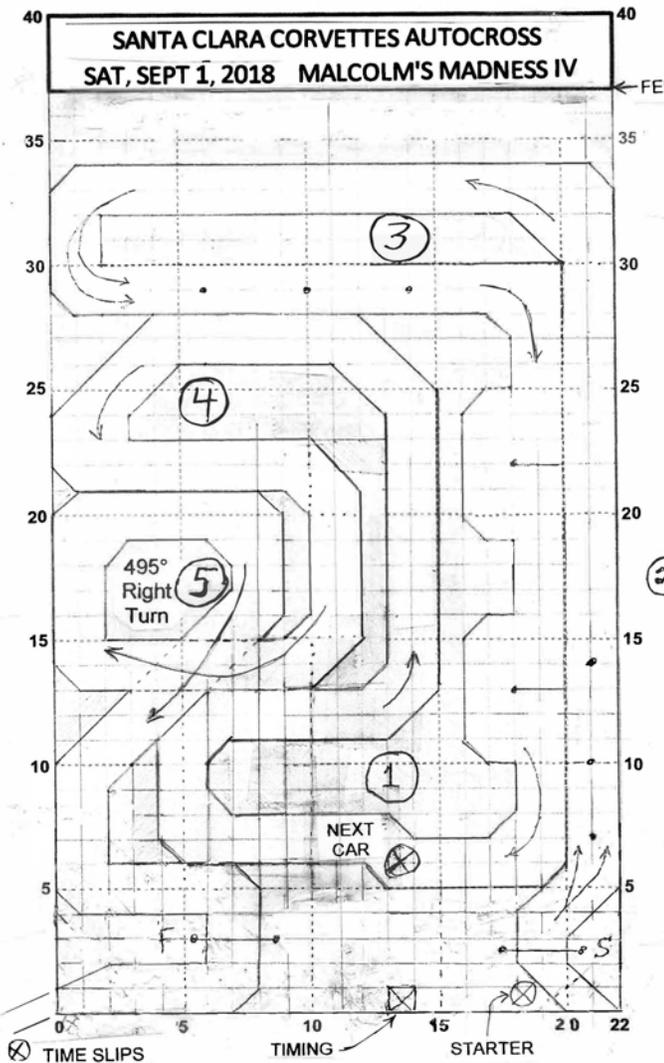
Welcome to September! I am writing this in mid-August, before the three final days of Autocross this year. By the time you read this, our season will be done. The Sea Scouts have

volunteered to assist us with the August 25<sup>th</sup> Autocross, and the September 1<sup>st</sup> Autocross will be followed by the Sausage Extravaganza at the Beck's house in Monterey! Many thanks to **Mary Pozzi** for allowing us to store the trailer at her place from August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

I am including the course maps for those who did not have the opportunity to participate in these events. I'll have the exciting results from these events in next month's article! I hope you will resolve to come down, watch, do a ride-along, and perhaps run the course during the next season. We have many weekends reserved for Autocross at Marina next year, so some dates are sure to fit in your schedule.

During these months of the off season, I encourage you to check the condition of your vehicle after the season of Autocross. Is it time for new tires, brakes, etc.? I'm thinking about some new tires for the C6 Z51 that I can drive on the street as well as autocross. Maybe Bridgestone R-71s, Any suggestions?

**Malcolm**



# STAMA WINERY, LODI, CORVETTE DAY, 19 AUG 2018



# FAMILY & FRIENDS CAR SHOW, VALLEJO, 18 AUG 2018





# David Johnston: Competition Car Show

August was a busy car show month with four events, all were well-attended and well-received by the club.

**Vette Magic 43** took place on Sunday, August 12th, at Blackhawk Plaza in Danville. 15 cars arrived together in a caravan to join the 2 cars already at the venue making 23 members present at the show. There were not one but two



ZR-1s present on display-virtually identical sporting the newest color-Sebring Orange Tintcoat. Those two cars drew everyone's interest as people wanted to familiarize themselves with the ZR-1 in real life. Fortunately for the owners, people refrained from touching as they looked. **Brian Barlow**, new to our car show circuit, brought

his beautiful '63 that garnered quite a bit of attention as well. **Geno and Teri Brickey** won an award for **Best C5** and SCC took home the **Club Par Trophy**.

The following weekend we did double duty with back-to-back shows. First was the **Family & Friends Show** in the Applebee's/Home Depot parking lots in Vallejo. Nine cars and 10 members made the uneventful trek to Vallejo. SCC made a better showing with fewer cars with **Tom Kalivoda**

winning First Place for his C6 Grand Sport and **Wayne Dorsey** taking First in the C7 Stingray category. They both received very nice awards where a photo was taken of them beside their cars and then it was laminated into the trophy plaque they received. AND, we took yet another **Club Par Award!**



Next on the calendar was a hybrid event involving **Steve Bolaris** who came up with the original idea, **Gary Leighton and Ron Beck** representing the Social part of the event and me, representing the Car Show portion of the day. There was much emailing, calling and coordination involved amongst those members as well as the staff from **Stama Winery** where the event was held. Finally it all came together very nicely with 24 Corvettes (and one Viper) participating. Frank Stama, owner of the winery, had expressed an interest in filling his paved parking lot with Corvettes and he got his wish by 11:00am. We had invited other WSCC clubs to participate and



members arrived representing DVC, NCCA, Corvettes of Lodi, Cameron Park Corvettes, Just for Corvettes and Family and Friends. Everyone was treated to free wine tasting and then a

sausage sandwich with chips for only \$10. The winery also offered special rates on all purchases and I observed **Jerry Banks, Kris and Collins Orton** (and Kris' brother and sister-in-law) all taking advantage of the special rates.

The last car show of August was the **Carmel Mission Classic** which

had more high-priced cars than all the other shows put together. Seven SCC Corvettes were proudly presented outside the front entrance to the show so that everyone attending the show had to walk past them. The entrance fee included a delicious breakfast and lunch as well as free wine and beer tasting.



**Next up: Corvette Spectacular.** Please register now because by the time you read this there will only be a few days remaining to do so. Your registrations will help sustain our club for 2019 so please do your part in making this event truly **SPECTACULAR!**

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- 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 Show**
- 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**
- 30 **SJ Country Club 8th Ann Car Show**

- 1-7 **Deutschland 2018 (cont)**
- 3 **Business Meeting, starts at 7pm**
- 7 **10th Corvettes for Vets Car Show**
- 7 **Niello Concourse at Serrano**
- 14 **5th Annual SC Harbor Car Show**
- 31 **Board Meeting, starts at 6:30pm**

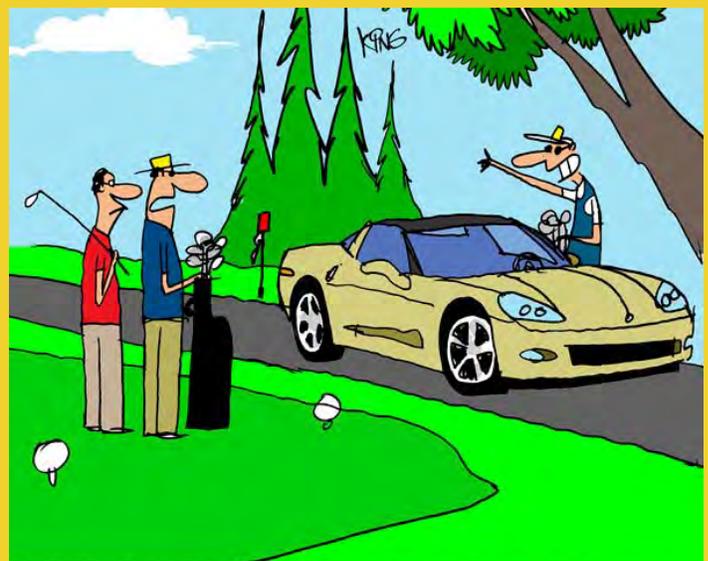
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### September Birthdays

### Anniversaries

- 01 – Gil Garcia
- 03 – Robert Kuwada
- 04 – David Katz
- 09 – Janet Radonich
- 11 – Malcolm Lawton
- 12 – Nancy Spellman
- 15 – Jack Atkinson
- 17 – Collins Orton
- 18 – Linda Lariz
- 22 – Lou Marincovich
- 24 – Lisa Selzer
- 26 – Alan Templeton
- 27 – Leslie Boone
- 28 – Debbie Hutchings
- 28 – Ralph Yonusoff
- 29 – Nick Feimer

- 2002 – Pete Sommer
- 2006 – Gregg Medaglia
- 2010 – Dwight Martin
- 2012 – Bill Clark
- 2012 – Sue Clark
- 2014 – Paul Petach
- 2017 – Gary Jones



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