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# SCC TGIT AT BLUE PHEASANT, APRIL 11, 2019





# President - Wayne Dorsey



Here we go, another fun month to play! Last month we had autocross and some car shows kicking off! Let's show our SCC pride and have our cars cleaned and ready for the upcoming car shows. Hopefully you enjoyed Funkana! This was a fun WSCC event for all of us to participate and have fun with our cars. Our social crew led by **Cameron** and **Cliff** has been doing a tremendous job of creating fun new events! I hope a lot of you have been participating in some of these cool events. If you see a new member in our club, please introduce yourself to them. Show our SCC hospitality and help them out in any way you can. Sometimes it is challenging for a new person to figure out what we have to offer.

I'm really looking forward to seeing what kind of fun charity events we can come up with. I really appreciate all of your support in this new endeavor. We have the best club on the planet and it will show up big time in the coming months! I'm really looking forward to the Concours d' Elegance at Coyote Creek golf course. It should be a beautiful setting with a lot of beautiful cars! I encourage you all to sign up and have fun at this event. If you're

interested in judging this event, **David Johnston** is looking for some more help. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their help.

Looks like the big date for the C8 unveiling will be July 18, 2019! Can't wait to see this new work of art by Chevrolet! Who will be the first one to own one of these beauties?

We would not be the club we are today if it wasn't for the hard-working members. We are happy to give you a little more fun this year. The free picnic on June 8<sup>th</sup> is just one example. As for me, thank you all for the get well wishes and cards!! I really appreciate the support!! I did not want to have back surgery at this time, but it was something I had to do. Hopefully I will be back soon! I know you are in good hands with this excellent board. Can't wait to get back with the group! Let's get those cars shined up!! It's Showtime!!

## Wayne

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**All the best...  
Save the date –  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Cover Car Story: Roger Martin's** silver C5 convertible and his contagious smile. On April 13, 2019 the Santa Clara Corvettes joined Roger's Celebration of Life event and in the process created an impromptu car show along Minardi Ave with the help from **Cindy Martin** and **Dave Johnston**. There were two parts to this event: The first was "The Run" to Jason-Stephens Winery, Gilroy in which there were 31 Corvettes taking part. "The Run" started at Roger's home and took the back roads to the winery and returned to Roger's home via Hwy 101. At the winery people enjoy a tasting. The final part was a celebration at Roger's home in which there were 51 SCC members present. Dave Johnston wrote a very nice summary of Roger's life from the perspective of the club and that was printed in the April 2019 FCG. Details of the Celebration of Life event is chronicled on page 8 in this issue.

**Cover Photo courtesy of Dave Johnston**



# Welcome!

## Al Thompson - Membership Director

**Shari** and I took some time off and hit the road. We headed north on 101 to Windsor CA to spend the weekend and enjoy some wine. The old saying "April showers bring May flowers" is

true. All the rain made the hills green and lush. We enjoyed our ride as the roads were clear, the sun was shining, and the tunes were blasting. California backroads are made for the Vettes we drive.

Hard to believe it's May already and 2019 has seen our membership increase. So far this year nine people have joined Santa Clara Corvettes. This month we have new members that joined our SCC family, **Jeff** and **Julie Bradford**. **Jeff** and **Julie** found out about our club via our website. A big thanks to all of you who have talked up the club and encouraged fellow Vette lovers to check us out.

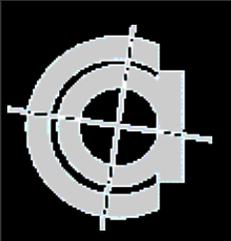
We now have 183 members. Please welcome our new members in attendance and share your experience as a

member of the SCC. Share with them events you have participated in, you have volunteered for, or even planned.

If you are interested in sharing with others what SCC has to offer, feel free to stop by the membership table. There you will find Santa Clara Corvette informational cards, business cards from our vendor partners and occasionally schwag.

Until next month, enjoy the journey and remember what's behind you doesn't matter

*Al*



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# Social Directors Cameron Brown & Cliff Martin



SCC members like to share good times at locally recognized restaurants. This year we have been to Metro City, BJ's, The Blue Door, and Blue Pheasant. On **May 9th**, join us at **Pizz'a Chicago** in **Santa Clara**! Our TGITs offer all manner of culinary delights.



At **Pizz'a Chicago** you might like Great Chicago Fire, The Sears Tower, The White Sox, The Harry Carry, or The Unforgettable. Delicious! Pull up a chair. Let's taste-test a few pizzas!

Cameron and Cliff have had some new ideas in mind and have batted around a few others. On **May 15 (new date)** is the **Computer History Museum** docent-led tour.



Please plan to arrive **by 11:00** for our **11:30** tour. Keep in mind that traffic on Shoreline Blvd. can be heavy during the morning, particularly between 9 and 10 a.m. Please allow

additional travel time to ensure on-time arrival. **New price: \$8.75**

The traditional **Annual SCC Picnic** brings many SCC members and their families together. This year, the picnic is on **Saturday, June 8**. The set-up committee will be ready for everyone at **noon**. At the new Martial Cottle Park, our picnic area accommodates 300 people. It would be fun to fill it up with friends and family! Bring your kids/grandkids who will want to explore Uncle Monte's Discovery Farm next to our picnic area. We are inviting SCC sponsors although they will probably be working on Saturday. SCC Chefs will be at the **LARGE** built-in grills preparing your steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken. Plenty of space on the many tables will accommodate your side dishes! If you're not into cooking: sign up to bring outdoor games (drones are not permitted in the park).



Parking? No problem. Nearby and a lot of spaces! Restrooms? Nearby and clean! **\$10** reserves your place! Alcohol is permitted only in the picnic area. Bottled water will be provided. The county park entry fee is \$6.00

Bocce is always a good idea in the fun atmosphere of **Campo di Bocce** in **Los Gatos**! The game is easy to learn. It is more fun to play. Bocce is not complicated but it will bring out your competitive spirit. Courtside we will

enjoy local vino that pairs very well with Bocce and SCC dessert! Space is limited to the first 24 paid members (\$40 per person) joining us on **Sunday, June 30**

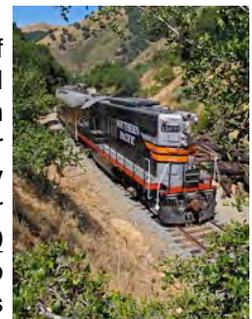
SCC Night at the **San Jose Giants Game** is on Thursday, **July 18** at the **San Jose Municipal Stadium**. The **San Jose Giants** offers a special lineup of craft beers on **Thursdays!** On **July 18th**, the **Giants** will play against the **Rancho Cucamonga Quakes**. Root for the home team! Your cost: **\$15.00** (general admission plus tailgate party). Parking: **\$15**.

Before the 7:00 game, meet at **5:00** for the **SCC Tailgate Party**. A hot dog at the ballgame beats roast beef at the Ritz and your classic salted pretzel with cheese tastes like summer! Consider **NOT** driving/parking your Corvette **BUT** plan to ride with your friends, neighbors, or family members who are welcome to join SCC members! There is **NO** limit on the number of members/guests for the ball game – just sign up and pay \$15.



**Saturday, July 27 beginning at 1:00** is the **Annual SCC Pool Party!** **\$15 per person** (along with your side dish or water weapon)! Check the SCC website calendar for details! How many SCCers will fit in Andy's pool?

With a little bit of rhythm and a lot of soul, let's "DO THE LOCOMOTION WITH ME" (Little Eva, 1962) on **Sunday, August 18**. SCC will charter a private **Niles Canyon Railway** passenger car for the *only* wine tour during 2019. We are limited to **30 seats** for SCCers and friends to sample 4 wines with hors d'oeuvres and a dessert during an hour-and-half round trip through the canyon.



We will caravan from Milpitas to Sunol, ride the round-trip rails then caravan to nearby **Elliston Vineyard** for a tour and wine tasting. The total cost is only **\$65** for the combined event.



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*Cameron and Cliff*



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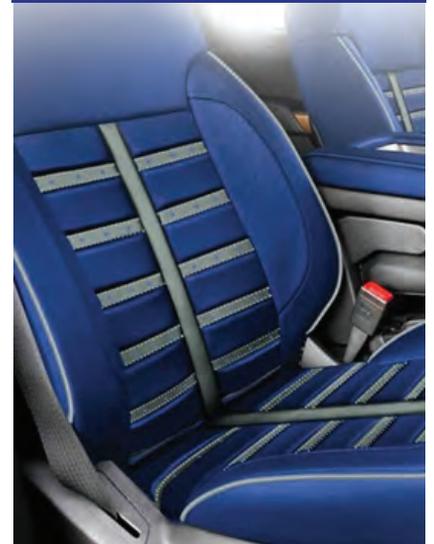
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# ROGER MARTIN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

BY DAVID JOHNSTON



It was a beautiful, sunny, warm Spring day when a swarm of Corvettes descended upon the old farmhouse on Plummer Avenue. Every color you could imagine, coupes and convertibles and models from 1972 to 2018. Attendees from as close as San Jose to as far as Meridian, ID (thank you **Dave Spellman**). Neighbors and passersby as well as attendees took photos and videos with their cell phones at the ready. It was a photographer's delight and **Bob Nastasi** captured it all with his special camera.

Everyone parked along one side of the long block to the side of Roger's house, in a slanted arrangement as if they were at a car show (a car show of their own making to be sure). Shortly after the appointed time they all took off in orderly fashion headed for The Stomping Grounds in Gilroy. The long line snaked along the South Valley county road, past the green hills, around the many bicyclists- eventually arriving at our destination near Leavesley Road and Highway 101.

**Cindy Martin** had arranged with her life-long friend Jason Goelz, owner of Jason-Stephens Winery, to provide a wine tasting in the guest patio next to the tasting room. We had a toast to Roger with a lovely Rosé in the patio where everyone had gathered and then departed for the return trip to Roger's house for



the Celebration of Life.

Cindy and her support staff of volunteer neighbors and friends had prepared the back yard in orderly fashion with Spring-like decorations. There were light refreshments, some adult beverages



(including some wines from Roger's own Pasatiempo Cellars) and an abundance of desserts that included a five or six-layer cake made to look like a wine barrel with Roger Martin's name on it. She really wanted the event to be more smiling faces, pleasant memories and a happy atmosphere. She definitely got her wish as everyone was talking, smiling, laughing as they talked about Roger and their memories of him.

Cindy had arranged a program where several designated speakers recounted their memories of Roger. There was Jim Jensen who first met Roger in the Third Grade and they had been best pals ever since. Other co-worker friends and neighbors spoke with interesting tidbits from Roger's past. Our own **Ron Minearo** and **Keith Mendia** spoke about Roger's impact on them and others in the club as well as stories of incidents involving Roger. The whole event was light but with some very sentimental parts that had several of us tearing up.



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### SANTA CLARA CORVETTES HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE LIFE OF ROB LEZAMA

**What is/was your occupation?**

Financial analyst for medical research clinical trials

**For how long have you been an SCC member?**

I joined SCC in 2013.

**Top six favorite things you love about your Corvette:**

1. the 650 HP Supercharged V-8
2. it's like racing a motorcycle on 4 wheels
3. all my sponsors' graphics on my car
4. the aggressive feel of the torque on the rears
5. an awesome sound system for my music (Elvis?) and paddle shifting
6. racing track settings and launch control

**What is the first Corvette that you owned?**

2013 Grand Sport/Coupe

**What is something that someone would be surprised to know about you?**

I am a HUGE Elvis fan, "thank you very much"

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

A professional Factory Racer (motorcycles). At a young age I was exposed to racing in Argentina. I was born in Cordoba, became a US citizen in 1976.

**If you could have dinner with one person (dead or alive), who would it be?**

My mom, we were very close.

**Of your accomplishments, what are you most proud?**

Graduating from SFSU. The birth of my son, Rob Jr. is 28 years old, graduated from Menlo College with a degree in Sports Marketing. He worked for the Giants, went to the World Series, and has a ring!!

**What is one of your hidden talents?**

I love to sing (privately) Elvis songs

**What is one thing someone would be most surprised to know about you?**

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# Collins Orton & Stuart Calhoon: Competition, Motorsports



We just held our first autocrosses –  
Mar 30-31 at Marina Airport

We had a great turnout on Saturday somewhat fewer on Sunday which is typical. Attendance as follows:

Corvettes -- 57 Sat and 51 Sun = 108 total  
Non-Vettes -- 24 Sat and 6 Sun = 30 total

Took in a total of \$6,656

Had expenses of \$5,290

NET INCOME: \$1,366

The course was fast and open. We received lots of positive feedback!

Rich Willhoff and Carrie Willhoff, of Delta Corvettes, took TTOD man and woman both days. Rich is the head the Director of Service at Abel Chevrolet.

Their cars are highly modified, prepared Vettes, with 800+ HP. (C6 Z06 and C6 ZR1)

Please see the Club website for all of the Auto-X Results

We had some issues with MotorsportReg.com – limits on Run Group size applied incorrectly. This has been fixed. We've also reduced to 2-3 run groups on Sundays.

**RON MINEARO**, has very generously, contributed 2 Leaf Blowers to SCC for use at our Auto-X events. Thank you for you kind generosity Ron!

We want to thank **Blair Barbour** for volunteering to help **Sandy Mendia** to produce our Pre-Registration forms through Motorsports Reg.com

**APRIL EVENTS:** [Editor's Note: at the time of FCG production these events were still in the future.]

We hope to see a number of our members participating in this thrilling event.

April 24 – Williams Luncheon and Tour of Coastal Hills, ending at Thunderhill.

April 25 – Hooked on Corvettes at Thunderhill

April 26 – Bonus track day at Thunderhill

Please go to [www.hookedondriving.com](http://www.hookedondriving.com) to register for these events.

## MAY EVENTS:

May 4 – 5: SCC Autocross at Marina. Registration is open at MotorsportsReg.com (Registration as of 4/15: 16 people have registered. Don't know how many were one-day vs. two-day.)

## JUNE EVENTS:

June 1 & 2 -- NBCA Autocross at Thunderhill tarmac.

June 22 – SCC Autocross at Marina #5. This will be Saturday only. We cancelled the Sunday (June 23) event to help SCC support the Concours d' Elegance at Coyote Creek. We encourage everyone to participate.

Anyone having questions or other input regarding Auto-X and Track Days, please get in touch with Stuart or Collins.

## **Collins and Stuart**



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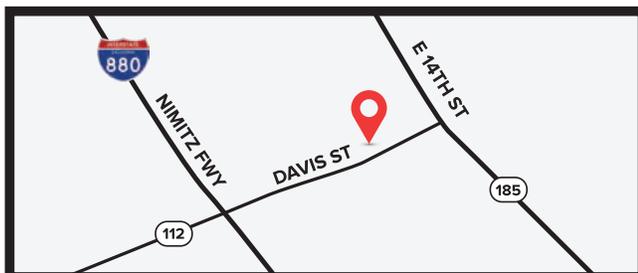
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# K1 SPEED RACING, APRIL 15, 2019





# David Johnston: Competition Car Show

I was planning on writing to let you know about several car shows that were scheduled for April, but between the weather not cooperating and several shows occurring after the deadline for this issue of the

newsletter, all you'll be reading about is all the fun coming up in May. Sorry 'bout that-you'll have to take your complaints to a higher power.

The last two car shows in April are now piggy-backed into one weekend. On April 27 we will be attending the show at **The Villages** which promises to be a laid-back Saturday in the eastern foothills of San Jose. The following day we will be in Sacramento for the Annual **Hooters** show sponsored by Just for Corvettes-the first official WSCC Type 5 Car Show of 2019.

Next up will be the Type 5 **Legends on Display** hosted by NCCA at the Blackhawk Plaza in Danville on May 4 followed a week later by the **Woodside Wildcats** Car Show held at Woodside High School with the proceeds going to the school's softball program. Following the trend of car shows on Saturdays in May, we also have the **Annual Abel Chevrolet Car Show** at our sponsor's dealership in Rio Vista. A piece of advice, you might want to bring your checkbook as several have bought cars at this event in past years-they have had some enticing deals on display for the show! Not to be left out, the monthly **Coyote Creek Cars 'n Coffee** will be on Sunday, May 19th at the picturesque golf course-site of the **Concours d'Elegance** on June 23rd. One final show for this period will be our first adventure at the **Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival**. This will be similar to the Mountain View Thursday Night Live! that we have participated in for the past several years-with one notable exception...you can leave whenever you want to. This is a two-day event where you can park your Vette, bring out your chair, people watch, check out the art on display, have a glass of wine and enjoy the day. You may attend either or both days-Saturday June 1/Sunday June 2.

Time is getting short to register for the **Concours d'Elegance at Coyote Creek!** If you want to enter your Corvette in the judging competition you have until May 23 to do so. Remember that they are also planning **The Drive** the day before the Concours. After some pastries and coffee you will



receive a goodie bag and drive the backroads to Laguna Seca, have a catered lunch in the pit area and, hopefully, take a few parade laps around the track. You can attend and participate in this event whether or not you enter the Concours. We are still soliciting judges for the Corvettes entered in the Concours. You only need be familiar with WSCC Type 1 rules and do not have to be entered in the show to be a judge.

September may seem like it's in the distance but the organizers are already in third gear planning Corvette Spectacular. Staffing is the main concern at this point as

we would like to seem like a well-oiled machine come event day. We still need: a few **Judges** (remember this is for a Type 5 show so it will be an easier task; someone to take care of **Advertising/Publicity** (compiling and distributing press releases and the like); someone to assist in **contacting downtown merchants for Merchant Support**;

a few for the **Safety Committee** (be familiar with the safety plan and it's implementation); a few for **Set-Up** (unloading the trailer, setting up pop-up tent, chairs and tables, trophies, raffle items); and a few to assist the **Raffle Committee** (selling tickets and providing winners their treasures).

Also, everyone has an opportunity to be immortalized by sponsoring a **Specialty Award** to a deserving Corvette owner at Spectacular. The \$55 fee for each Specialty Award allows you to choose the title of the award, choose the Corvette that best matches your criteria and (if you wish) present the award to the fortunate winner. Just imagine the smile on the winners face when you present your award!

As you can see, car shows are ganging up on us at this time of year and we have to be equal to the task. Keep plenty of detail spray and microfiber towels at the ready, slather on the SPF 100, grab your favorite hat and enjoy the camaraderie of your Corvette buddies.

*Dave*



# What's News?

At last month's Business Meeting, **Doug and Susan Johnson** said goodbye while their car was featured on the cover of the FCG. While the FCG editors hope this doesn't start a new trend, the club sends them best wishes on their new journey moving to southern California. Their C6 Corvette is also shown in a beautiful setting on the back cover of this issue.



**Gloria and Al Fuerniss** sent us this great picture of the hood of their Corvette showing off the "Jake Skull" decals from **Jack and Yolanda Atkinson**!



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# SCC Upcoming Events!

## MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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## JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 1 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 4 Legends on Display 39, Blackhawk
- 4-5 Auto-X #3 and #4 at Marina Airport
- 9 TGIT at Pizz'a Chicago, Santa Clara
- 11 Wild Cars for Wildcats, Woodside
- 15 Computer History Museum
- 18 Abel Chevrolet Car Show & BBQ
- 19 Coyote Creek Cars'n Coffee
- 29 Board Meeting, starts at 12noon

- 1 Sunnyvale Arts & Wine, Car Show
- 1-2 NBCA Auto-X #1 and #2 at Thunder
- 5 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 8 SCC Annual Picnic
- 15 Vette-O-Rama, Concord
- 16 Coyote Creek Cars'n Coffee
- 20 TGIT at LaPoloma in Santa Clara
- 22 Auto-X #5 at Marina Airport
- 23 Concours d' Elegance @Coyote Ck
- 26 Board Meeting, starts at 12noon
- 30 Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos

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

### May Birthdays

- 6 - Lois Banks
- 12 - Dave Spellman
- 13 - Raymond Taylor
- 14 - Scott Fuerniss
- 16 - Rick Bronner
- 16 - Liz Calhoon
- 20 - Rick Craig
- 20 - Keith Mendia
- 20 - Mark Rea
- 21 - Joannie Nastasi

### May Anniversaries

- 2006 - Collins Orton
- 2006 - Kris Orton
- 2012 - Al Fuerniss
- 2012 - Gloria Fuerniss
- 2012 - Scott Fuerniss
- 2012 - Charles Powars
- 2012 - Marilyn Powars
- 2014 - Malcolm Lawton
- 2014 - Reesa Lawton
- 2014 - Roberto Lezama
- 2015 - Harry Hsu
- 2015 - Julie Hsu
- 2016 - Cheryl Valentine
- 2017 - Greg Selzer
- 2017 - Lisa Selzer
- 2017 - Dot Shows
- 2018 - Kraig Kurucz
- 2018 - Beth Mostovoy



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