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Stuart Calhoon – President
From the Driver's Seat

Corvette Spectacular is over!! Our big car show has come and gone, and it turned out to be Spectacular. It could not have been done without a *LOT* of member support, and we had fully half of our members helping out in one way or another (many folks did two jobs). So thanks to all those folks who volunteered to work. Even more important, thanks to all the people who volunteered to be leads. Most important of all, thanks to our two chairmen for this year's event—Cliff Martin and Robert Kuwada.

We were getting concerned because early registration was down, and other clubs' car show participation had been down this year as well. Fairly heavy day-of-show registrations boosted our total to 164, however, and we placed some vendors out on Main Street (for an added fee), giving us income comparable to 2016. Because of some higher expenses, however, our Net Income for Spectacular was ~ $7,000, down about $1,400 from last year, but only $300 under the budget projection.

Here's a little breakdown of registration categories, just for information:

Car Show entrants – 80.
Park & Show entrants – 39
Exhibition Only entrants – 36
Pre-registered "No-shows" – 9

Note that "Exhibition Only" has really been growing in popularity the past couple years. This seems to be indicative of trends in the Car Show world.

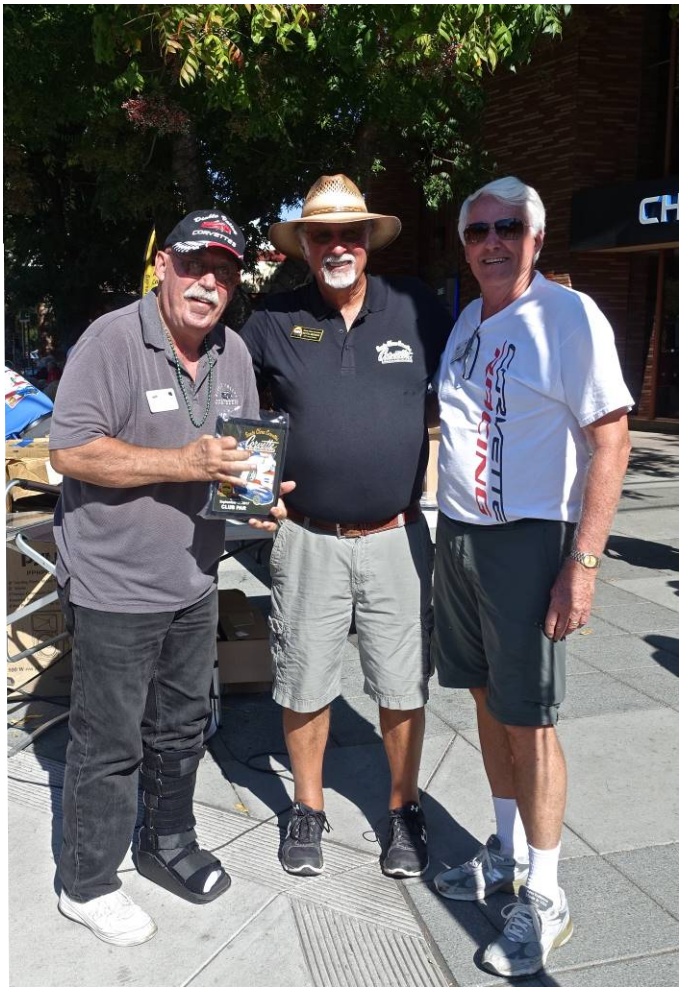
Last month I talked about needing nominations for three important purposes:

1) Local charities to which you would like SCC to contribute. These were due by Oct. 1. At the time I was writing this (9/25), I had received 4 nominations—Via West, JW House, Grateful Garment Project, and the Sea Scouts Challenger #145.

2) Nominations for our 2017 Corvetter of the Year. These should be given at the October or November Business meeting.

3) Nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors. These should be given at the October or November Business meeting. I will be announcing at the October meeting, which Directors have expressed interest in running again, and which would prefer not to.

Stuart



Cliff Martin – Membership Director
Welcome!

Hey fellow members, I took a drive over to Santa Cruz, and it was just a beautiful day. Driving over 17 towards the ocean was a very comfortable drive without much traffic. If you have never tried Riva's on the Wharf, you must go there. Excellent food and drink.

Well our Membership continues to grow—we now have 145 Memberships: 69 Individuals, and 76 Family memberships, which gives us a total of 221 members. This is fairly close to where we were at this time last year, but we dropped considerably due to some members not renewing their memberships going into 2017. So, I would like to kick off the SCC Membership Renewals now: an individual membership is $68 and family membership is $82. These renewal fees are inclusive of your SCC and WSCC renewals. I plan to have renewal application forms available for you at upcoming business meetings. My goal is to have renewals completed by December 1st. Keep in mind though, if your renewal is received after December 15, 2017—YOU ARE LATE! As with most things in life, if you go past the renewal deadline, you will be required to pay a late fee. The late fee for either the Individual or Family membership is $26, so don't be late. Thank you all in advance for allowing your team to receive and process your membership renewal applications in a timely manner.

Wow was Spectacular 2017 an exciting show. I had the pleasure of co-chairing this year's event with Bob Kuwada; Bob, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you, it was fun, exciting, challenging and personally rewarding. From my perspective, the show was in a word SPECTACULAR! Our SCC members really came through to ensure this year's show was a great success; we had 85 SCC members and 16 non-SCC individuals helping out this year. Additionally, we had numerous SCC members serving in multiple roles filling in the 172 volunteer slots for this year's show.

I wanted to share this information with you all to convey my deep appreciation for all the time and effort the 85 SCC members devoted to Spectacular 2017; thank you just does not express enough how much I truly appreciate all you had contributed. Additionally, I want to challenge the other 136 SCC members to get involved in next year's event as well as other club activities. As I have stated previously, SCC is only as strong as its Membership.

So as I sign off... drive safely, keeping it between the lines. And have FUN!!

Cliff

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Keith Mendia & David Wilson
Social Directors

We just got home from our **TGIT** at Pizz'a Chicago in Santa Clara where we watched the 49er's and Rams go at it. It was a very exciting game 41–39, and our Niners almost pulled it out. We had 22 members there for pizza, beer, and football, and everyone had a great time and delicious Chicago style pizza.

Earlier this month we had a very entertaining social event headed up by **Rick Riccardi** in one of his Mid Week C Runs. 13 members met in east San Jose for coffee, and then we were off to Lick Observatory driving a very curvy road to the top of Mt. Hamilton and the observatory. Once we arrived, a picnic lunch was consumed, and then we all went inside the observatory to hear about its history and see the 120" refractor telescope, which is the second largest in the world. The scenic view of San Jose from the top of the mountain is incredible. We all then descended the back side of the mountain into Livermore and did some wine tasting. We were then off to the beautiful home of **Dan and Tish Niehans,** where they prepared a wonderful BBQ with all the trimmings. It was so nice to spend time there talking about our adventures that day and just spending time together. Thanks to Dan and Tish for the hospitality and to Rick for putting this event together.

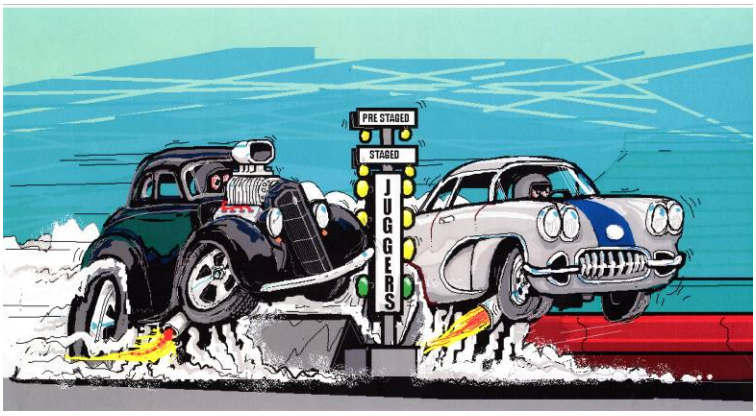
WSCC Convention in Las Vegas is October 17–22, 2017 and is loaded with all kinds of fun events from Car Show to Autocross to Hospitality Room Competition to Poker Runs and Track Day. Well time is running out if you have not signed up for all of this. A large group from SCC will be there, and hopefully it will include you.

Our October social event is ***Spooktacular,*** and it is on Saturday, October 28, 2017 beginning at 6pm at David and Nicole Wilson's home in Fremont. This was a great party last year and will push the envelope this year. Please come in costume and bring an appetizer or dessert and your favorite adult beverage. We will provide everything else. Cost is $10/person, and you must sign up and prepay ahead of time with Keith or David.

Mark your calendars for our annual **Holiday Gift Exchange Party,** which will be on Saturday, December 16th at Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose from Noon – 4pm. More information will be coming soon on this.

Keep your eyes on our website calendar for all the current information about the rest of our social events for 2017.

David and Nicole are touring Germany right now looking for potential new SCC members and social event locations. Tough Job.



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Tahoe 49 Event in Reno

by Dave Johnston

Last week, 9 SCC members attended **Tahoe 49** in Reno, sponsored by *Corvettes of Fresno* and billed as the longest running Corvette event in the world.

Ron Beck	Al Fuerniss	Ken Jacksteit
Carol Beck	Gloria Fuerniss	Dave Johnston
Wayne Dorsey	Scott Fuerniss	Cliff Martin

The event, held at the Silver Legacy, included a meet and greet with 2 free drinks (a special punch named "Stingray" was served), car show (very informal—no judging other than everyone choosing their favorite car), Poker Run over the mountain to Lake Tahoe, lunch afterwards, and a huge banquet with all-you-can-eat buffet. Everyone recouped their registration money in the form of event t-shirt, free drink coupons, 3 free breakfast buffet coupons, and lots of prizes at the Saturday night banquet. The minimum loot included $50 cash, $50 Gift Certificate from Eckler's and a bottle of wine.

Al and Gloria's white Z06 convertible had won last year's *Best of Show* and therefore was featured on every printed item we saw-including the t-shirt and program. Coincidentally, the winner of *Best of Show* this year was Scott Fuerniss' yellow Z06/mock Corvette Racing Team car.

A great time was had by all and everyone wants to return to **Tahoe 50**,which is scheduled to be even more spectacular.

Dave

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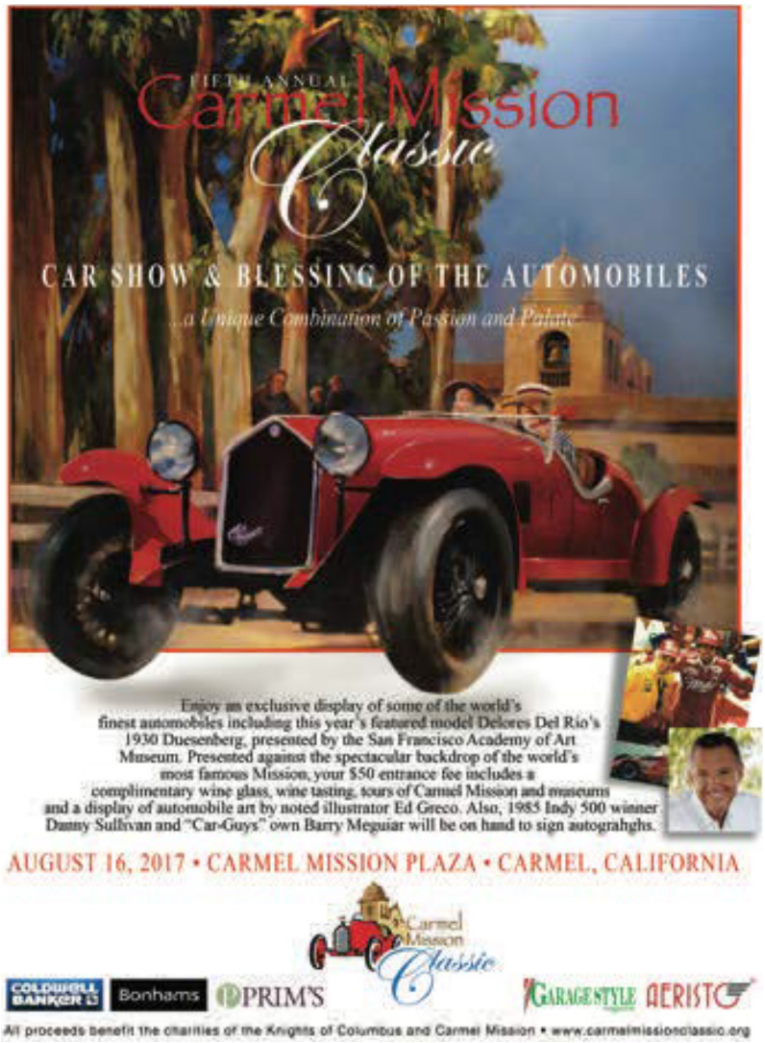

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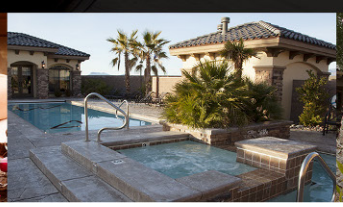

Spectacular 2017

More Spectacular 2017

What's News?

Gloria and Al Fuerniss went to Canton, Ohio, to enjoy the Enshrinement of the Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees. This year the Pro Football inductees were Morten Anderson (New Orleans), Terrell Davis (Denver Broncos), Kenny Easley (Seattle Seahawks), Jerry Jones (Dallas Cowboys), Jason Taylor (Miami Dolphins), LaDainian Tomlinson (San Diego Chargers), and Kurt Warner (Arizona Cardinals).

This event included: Pre tailgate event before the Hall of Fame game, enshrinement event, golf jacket event, private breakfast at the Hall of Fame. Much more—have pictures with Franco Harris, Marcus Allen, Hall of Fame Stage, plus much more. What a WOW. We even had time to go to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Al, Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Gloria

By the way, Kurt Warner's coach was Dick Vermeil. Dick Vermeil was Al's high school coach in San Mateo. Also, Dick Vermeil was the California Community College's Outstanding Citizen of the Year, same year Gloria (Villasana) was selected.

Marcus Allen of the Oakland Raiders and Gloria

Last month, Sheriff Rick DiBasillo presented Phil Moser's son, Jim, the local Rotary Club award for **Officer of the Year** for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office in Murphys, CA.

The Yojack Adventure on the road toward the Great Lakes.

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Collins Orton – Competition: Motorsports

Well, we have had quite a bit of Auto-X excitement this year. SCC hosted Auto-X events at the Cow Palace and at Marina. 8 days in total over 5 weekends.

We are about to start submitting dates for 2018. How many events would our club members like to see on the schedule next year? We need your input. The Cow Palace has developed into a really great location, and the site provides for slippery but fun courses. Marina is the Gold Standard for an Auto-X location. How many events would you all like to see next year?

The Auto-X Army came out in great numbers this year to help set up, operate, and tear down our courses. We have one more event to run at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Oct. 18 for WSCC Convention. This course is being designed by our own President for life, Stuart Calhoon. The site is very large and offers the opportunity for a very fast, wide open, and huge Auto-X course.

We will need the Auto-X Army to make this a successful event. If you have any questions about this one, please get in touch with me (contact info below).

Track Day at Las Vegas (Spring Mountain) October 19 at Spring Mountain near Pahrump, Nevada. The WSCC Convention includes a "Hooked On Driving" Track Day ($200) or Taste of the Track ($100). Convertible cars must have a roll cage. This facility is really nice, much like a country club. Many of our club members have had instruction at the Ron Fellowes Corvette Driving School, Spring Mountain. The Track Day cost is a bargain, so let's get out there and see what your car was really designed and built to do. If you have any questions about this one, please get in touch with me (contact info below).

The SCC Motorsports Director Job is an elected position. I feel we have accomplished a great deal in the last couple of years. It is time for someone else to take the reins of this job and the Auto-X Army. This is not any easy position, just to be honest, but it is very rewarding and key to the continued success of Santa Clara Corvettes. 650-208-9035, PipeDr96@aol.com

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

When I'm driving down the road, I often, or at least more often than you do, contemplate my good fortune to have had simian ancestors millions of years ago. All that running, swinging, and flitting around in jungles and forests generated eventual evolutionary traits to easily judge distances of moving objects while also being in motion, oneself. Stereoscopic color vision, good hand-eye coordination, opposable thumbs, and massive mental capabilities served enough of them well in the wild. But unlike my monkey, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, and gibbon ancestral cousins, I can use their bequeathed traits and abilities to navigate my beautiful *Magnetic Red Metallic II* Corvette more than a mile a minute on the roadways.

While evaluating all the nearby vehicles moving and veering at assorted speeds within the US Highway System, I dash into the ephemeral traffic openings across multiple lanes to reach my desired destination in optimal time. I drive the vast, nearly unidirectional autocross, where the cones weigh at least a ton and a half—and they all move, too. With my new-fangled jungle moves born of primordial traits, I reign in the roadway, as my ancestors reigned the jungle canopy.

Thank you, my distant kinfolk, for your genetic gifts down through the eons.

And that's what I found between the seat and the console.

Steve

Spectacular 2017 Volunteers

Group leads are in *italic text*

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Art Work
Dave Johnston

Master of Ceremony
Keith Mendia

Specialty Awards
Wayne Dorsey

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Dave Katz – Competition: Car Show

The weather was beautiful for this year's Corvette Spectacular. Thank you to our chairpersons, Cliff Martin and Bob Kuwada, and to everyone who helped make Corvette Spectacular a success.

The following members of SCC received top awards:

First place: Jim Bailey, Jerry and Lois Banks, Ron and Carol Beck, Geno and Teri Brickey, Wayne Dorsey, Michael Hoffman, Tom and Nancie Kalivoda, Dave Katz, Gary and Geneva Leighton, Dan and Tish Niehans, Rick Riccardi, Chuck Vivian, Lowell and Janice Vivian.

Second Place: Stuart Calhoon, Gil Garcia, Phil Moser and Jaye Eriksen, Ralph Yonusoff.

Third Place: Debbie Hutchings, Roger Martin, Greg Spencer.

Best Interior: Ray and Marie Buck

Most Maleficent: Richard Kelly

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated in Type I car shows this season.

We are working with Diablo Valley Corvettes to submit a proposed change to the WSCC Competition Code. We are recommending that the definition of Car Show Stock class be changed from the current "as delivered from the factory" to "as ordered from the factory". More details will follow.

The status of a third Type I car show for next year is uncertain.

The annual San Jose Classic Chevy Club's Toy and Food Drive Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at the Cathedral of Faith Church in San Jose. We will meet at the Curtner Avenue VTA lot at 7:30 am and caravan across the street to the Cathedral of Faith at 7:45. The entrance fee for each vehicle is at least one new, unwrapped toy and at least one non-perishable food item. There is no judging. I can almost guarantee you will enjoy participating in this show because of all the cool cars on display and knowing that you made a contribution to help the needy.

Since Second Harvest Food Bank won't be open on November 4, we will make arrangements to meet one of their representatives. Those who wish to make a contribution can do so. Since the warehouse will not be open, they cannot accept food donations on that day.

Dave

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Shirley Martin

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SCC Upcoming Events!

4	Business Meeting
7	Corvettes at the Castle Car Show and Wine Tasting
12	TGIT – KnockOut Sports Bar & Grill, Sunnyvale
14	Milpitas Veterans Commission 5th Annual Car Show
17	WSCC Convention in Las Vegas begins …22nd
25	Board Meeting
28	Spooktacular

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 (Location to be announced)
11	Veterans Day Parade in San Jose
23	Thanksgiving Day
29	Board Meeting

November 2017

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 – David Johnston
10/1 – Charles Powars
10/5 – Cheryl Klynn
10/5 – Gina Domenichini
10/6 – Destiny Bingham
10/8 – Barbara Osborne
10/10 – Renee Kojak
10/10 – Newsom Shows
10/14 – Dana Taylor
10/16 – Carolyn Perry
10/16 – Gregg Medaglia
10/16 – Steve Bolaris
10/17 – Jerry Banks
10/19 – Valerie Bolaris
10/20 – Tom Kalivoda
10/22 – Pamela Brown
10/24 – Jennie Tran
10/26 – Phil Moser
10/27 – Jim Andersen
10/29 – Jim Barnes
10/30 – Tim Swain
10/31 – Tom Clarkin

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1986 – Mikkl Hays
2005 – Steve & Valerie Bolaris
2009 – Jerry & Shirley Svindal
2015 – Bill Hughes

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