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Stuart Calhoon – President From the Driver’s Seat



This newsletter will be handed out at the December Business meeting. December 6 is an important date for the club, as we take three key votes – 1) Board members for 2018, 2) charities to support, and 3) 2017 Corvetter of the Year. I hope we get a good turn-out for this important meeting.

As this year is drawing to a close, it’s about time to look back and review how it went. Looking at WSSC-sanctioned events on our calendar, we had 24 social events, 12 driving tours, 11 car shows, and 11 autocross days. We also went to 3 track days and 4 parades. That adds up to 65 opportunities you had to enjoy your Corvette and the camaraderie of the club in 2017. Clearly, SCC offers its members a lot to do every year.

But let’s not forget December—it’s a pretty slow month

for SCC, but we do have our big Holiday Gift Exchange party on the 16th. Hope to see you all there.

Even though 2017 isn’t quite over yet, there’s still a lot to do to prepare for 2018. Probably the main task was making sure we had candidates for all the Board positions leading up to the election. Since we ended up with just one candidate per position, the outcome shouldn’t be too much of a cliff-hanger—the important thing is we do have a full slate of Directors for 2018.

And unless there’s a revolt amongst the members, I expect I will have been elected to lead the club for another year as President. I take this honor seriously, and I’m looking forward to 2018, as I hope you all are. Let’s plan on having some serious fun.

Stuart

Second Harvest Food Bank



Santa Clara Corvettes Volunteer

Our club has a long history of helping out with good charitable causes. About two dozen Corvetters (seen above) provided time, effort, and food to feed the hungry in our locale. Thank you for your generosity with Second Harvest.

Why are there two pictures that are almost the same?

Second Harvest – Second Picture. Sounds thematic, but no, that’s not it. Jerry Banks sent in these two pictures taken at almost the same time but from slightly different lateral positions. (Okay, the dog moved, but you can’t have everything, and if you could, where would you put it all?) He probably didn’t realize that they make a great stereo pair. At normal reading distance, if you look at these two images somewhat cross-eyed so that they overlap, and you visually merge them, you’ll get a nice 3D view. That’s called cross-eye “free-viewing,” because you don’t need any funny glasses or special equipment to view the stereo pair in 3D. If the two pictures were swapped, you could try “parallel” free-viewing, but that’s usually harder to do unless the pair of pictures is much farther away than normal reading distance, and then they would be so far away, you couldn’t see the details. Some people can easily superimpose images like the ones above, some have a hard time, and some just can’t get it to work at all. Try it. It’s free. And thanks again to the Second Harvest volunteers.



Cliff Martin – Membership Director Welcome!

First of all I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I can't believe how warm it was—I think 75°.

Well here we are in December 2017... Wow has this year shot by. I can't believe 2018 is right around the corner. It's been a great year for Santa Clara Corvettes. We have had numerous fun and exciting events throughout the year, all brought to us by members in the club stepping up and offering their time and knowledge. I hope this coming year we see some new, as well current, members help out with club activities. Remember, our club is only as strong as its members.

I want to again remind all members who have not yet renewed their membership to please do so now. Renewals for 2018 will cost you \$68 for an Individual and \$82 for a Family membership. The down side... If I receive your renewal after Dec. 15th you will be required to pay a late fee of \$26 in addition to your initial membership fees. As I have mentioned in previous business meetings, we have

221 members, and as of this writing, we have had 110 members renewed. So with fewer than ten days until the Dec. 15th deadline I would like to remind the remaining members to get those renewals sent in. For the renewal form, go to our SCC website site; at the top of the page click on the word About then Documents, scroll down to the 2018 renewal form, print it, and mail to the SCC PO box. Yeah, I agree it's too easy! As a reminder, you only need one form. Your renewal fee is inclusive of both SCC and WSCC; no need to send anything to WSCC.

Well, as I sign off, I want to thank the SCC Board and all SCC members for their outstanding service to our club. As the incoming Membership Director for 2017, I want to thank you all for making my first year on the Board personally rewarding. Again, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all club members who have devoted their time and effort towards the many exciting and fun filled adventures we have all shared.

Cliff



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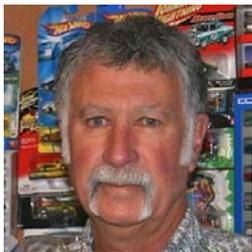
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Keith Mendia & David Wilson Social Directors



Well here we are closing out the Social Events for the year already. We have a couple of really big ones

left for you.

On Saturday, December 16, 2017 we have our annual **Holiday Gift Exchange Party** at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave. San Jose running from **Noon – 4PM**. Dress is festive and you order your meal Harry's buffet style and pay the cashier. Entry into the gift exchange is a wrapped gift valued at least **\$25 (no white elephants—bring something you would be happy to take home yourself)**. When you put your gift under the tree, you will be given a drawing number to schedule when you get to choose your gift. Gifts can be stolen twice, at which time they will find their “forever” home. This is great fun and usually draws around 100 of our members. Please sign up for this event so we can get a head count.

The last event of 2017 actually takes place **January 27, 2018 from 6–10pm** at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, and that would be our **Annual SCC Awards Banquet**. This grand event will be a celebration of all the successes of our club and of the members who in 2017 excelled for the Competition Series (autocross and car shows), Participation Awards (top 25%), Most Competitive Man and Woman, Most Participating Man and Woman, Rookie of the Year, and Corveter of the Year. In addition, we will be thanking our outgoing board and appointed officers and presenting lots of special awards as well. We will be having our popular slide show running that features our members and events of the past year. Mariani's is preparing a great buffet for us featuring prime rib, chicken marsala, baked salmon, pasta primavera, rosemary roasted potatoes, and basmati rice, and of course the chef's selection of cakes and pastries. Sound good??? **The cost of the event is \$30 for members, \$60 for non-members**. No-Host Bar opens at 6pm; dinner is served at 6:30pm, and the Awards Presentation takes place right afterward. *You must preregister and prepay for this event, and the last day to do so is January 22nd*. This is our most important event of the year, so please plan on attending and sharing the success with your buddies. The club subsidizes most of the cost of this event to make it affordable to everyone in the club.

Thanks to **Rick Riccardi** for putting together the Red-C & Turf Run to Moss Beach on December 1st and to **Tish and Dan Niehans** for organizing the “Turning Wheels for Kids” bicycle-building team on December 2nd. More on the results of those events in the next issue.

I personally want to thank all of you who participated in our social events this year and especially thank those of you who stepped up to do one yourself. Also thanks to those who offered assistance when needed. By doing these things you earn Participation Points, as well as good feelings for having helped.

Lastly, thanks to my **Co-Social Director, David Wilson** for sharing the fun of this position the past 2 years. Working with a friend like David makes all of this a joy and not a job.

Keith

Spooktacular turned out to be yet another successful SCC event. The 30 attendees showed up in their best costumes. From pirates and sheiks and motorcycle babes and flappers, our members stepped it up once again. In the end, Andy Hoepfner was voted to have the best male costume with his over-inflated skin-tight leopard printed motorcycle outfit. For the ladies, Scarlett Reed in her matching motorcycle outfit ended up tying with Teri Brickey in her stunning Cleopatra ensemble.

Now that 2017 is coming to a close, it's important that we look forward to the Social events for 2018. Ron Beck and Gary Leighton have accepted the nomination for Social Directors, and we need to support them in their adventures. At the last meeting, our members promised that they would step up and plan / host social events over the next year. If **you** are reading this article, I challenge you to do just that. Think of something you feel the club would enjoy, and make it happen. Look into what it would take to do it, propose it to Ron and Gary, and **make it happen**. Nicole and I already have a list of potential events we'd like to organize. We will definitely be hosting at least one event in our home, and we're planning on at least one road trip. Andy and Scarlett have offered to do the pool party again. Keith will be planning the San Jose Giants game. What are you hosting?

It's been an incredible honor co-chairing Social with Keith yet again. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped over the past two years. Without all of our amazing members we wouldn't have the exciting adventures that we do.

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David



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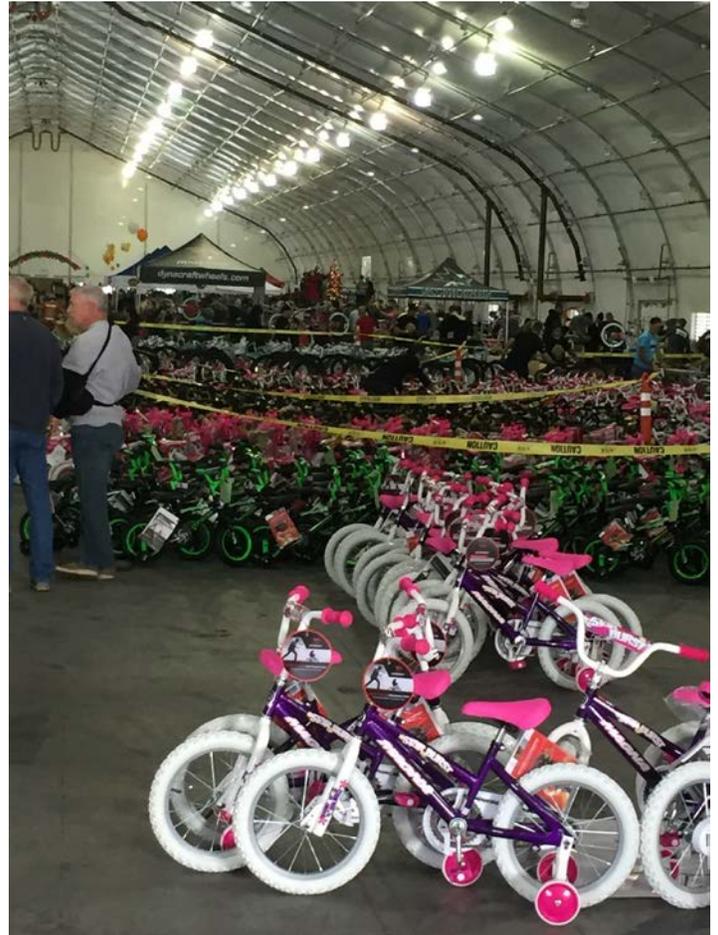
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Big Bike Build

Almost 20 SCC members participated in the 13th Annual Big Bike Build on Saturday, December 2nd at the San Jose Convention Center. Nearly a thousand participants assembled 2,440 bicycles that will be distributed by local charities to deserving children during the holidays. The BBB is organized by Turning Wheels for Kids, an offshoot of the Valley Medical Center Foundation.



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Veterans Day Parade

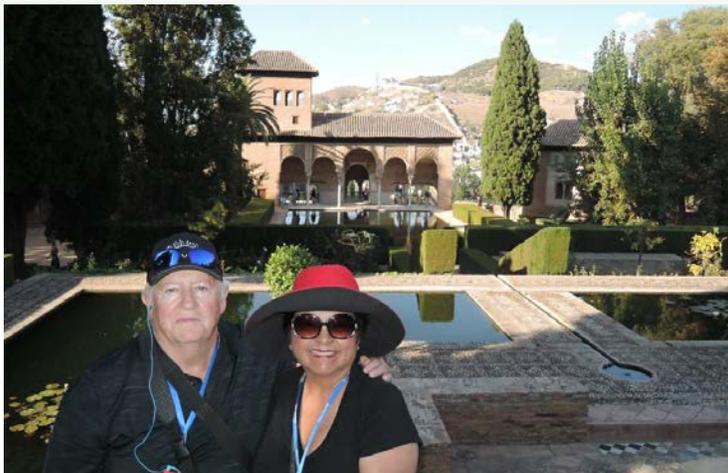


Veterans Day Parade



What's News?

In September and October Gloria and Al Fuerniss traveled to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. This was a 20 day trip. Cities visited in Spain included: Madrid, Salamanca, Seville, Torremolinos, and Granada; Portugal: Lisbon; Morocco: Fez, Marrakesh, Casablanca and Tangier. There was a lot to see. Actually went to many more cities, but did not stay overnight. The most memorable places were Fatima; the Medina in Marrakesh; Gibraltar; Torremolinos along the Mediterranean Sea; Alhambra de Granada, and much more...!



Knittin Kittens

We've been busy making hats and scarves through the spring and summer and just recently heeded the call of One Warm Scarf to distribute our work consisting of 15 scarves and 45 hats. Sandy Goldstein (who manages OWS) has recently donated items to:

Santa Rosa Fire Victims, Tenderloin Street People, CORA Battered Women's Shelter, Home First Shelter in Sunnyvale and San Jose, Next Door Solutions in San Francisco, and the River Street Shelter in Santa Cruz.

We welcome any items that other members would like to donate to this cause. We are happy to facilitate seeing warm accessories delivered to those who are in need.



This is a lot of hats that the net and kittens produced in the last two weeks.

Cheryl Klynn

Taking our time at the reviewing stand...

It was my honor to have my friend and veteran, Pete Taylor, Staff Sergeant, US Air Force ride with me in our 1960 Corvette at the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade. We crammed ourselves into the Vette as the parade was forming up and got in line. We were really enjoying the crowd and getting lots of waves and smiles as we slowly progressed along Santa Clara Street. As we turned onto Market Street and headed towards the park, I mentioned to Pete that this would be a very bad place to break down. As we approached the reviewing stand and the announcer, the motor stopped and would not restart. We coasted in front of the reviewing stand and came to a stop. This would not be a good place to abandon the Vette. All of a sudden we started moving and I looked back to see 3 Veterans pushing us along. It is not easy pushing a 3,000 pound car not including 500 pounds of passengers but these guys had our backs. We needed to go almost 2 blocks to get off the parade route and as we moved along the original crew tired and backed out only to be replaced by more Veterans and helpers from the crowd. We made it all the way to San

Carlos Street, went through the barricades that were opened by the police and came to rest beside the Marriot Hotel.

We thanked our final crew for all their help as they went back to enjoy the parade. A call to AAA for a tow truck was soon answered and my beauty was on the back of the tow truck and heading home. As we passed the House of Pizza where all our club members headed after the parade, I saw the parking lot was full of SCC Corvettes. My tow driver, Bill asked if I wanted to get out to join the party but I needed to get the Vette home and safely in the garage, which we did.

I want to thank all of those Vets and others who came forth to help get us through the parade and to a safe location. We did not ask for this help, it just came to us when we needed it. So, THANKS to all of those who helped, and I hope it did not put too much strain on your backs. You had our BACKS FOR SURE!!!!

Keith





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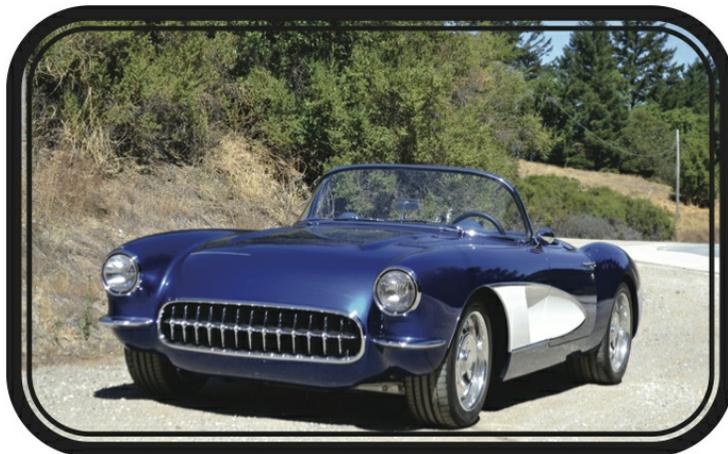


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Collins Orton – Competition: Motorsports

Well our motorsports season has drawn to an exciting close. Our last events were in Las Vegas at Convention. As reported previously,

SCC hosted the Auto-X event at the WSCC Convention and supported Hooked On Driving at the Track Day event at Spring Mountain.

As most of you know, we will be electing a new Motorsports Director at the Dec General Business meeting. I hope you will all join me in support of the nominee. The new director will need the help of the Auto-X Army.

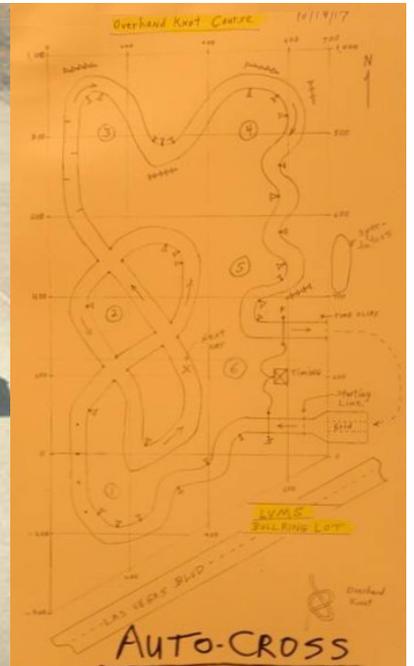
It has been my privilege to have had this position for the last two years. During that time, we have established the Cow Palace as a bona fide Auto-X location. We also acquired a new modern timing system (shown on the left) and made many new friends.

We are looking forward to the SCC Awards banquet January 13, 2018. We have many really cool awards to distribute to our Auto-X participants and winners.

See You at the Track in 2018.



Collins





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Dave Katz – Competition: Car Show

It looks like the weathercast of possible downpours and sprinkles kept many folks from attending the San Jose Classic Chevy Club’s Toy & Food Drive Car Show at the Cathedral of Faith in San Jose on November 4. I’d say attendance was about half of usual. We had 28 members who overlooked the threat of rain and supported the show, compared to 48 last year. All the proceeds from this car show go to help the needy.

We donated \$1,210 to Second Harvest Food Bank. This year an anonymous donor matched our contribution. \$2,420 will enable Second Harvest Food Bank to provide 4,840 meals. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Thirty-two SCC members with 25 Corvettes participated in San Jose’s Veterans Day parade on a beautiful Saturday. I would like to thank WSCC for once again coordinating Corvette participation in the parade. Thank you to all the veterans in SCC.

With the uncertainty over whether or not Car Show will be a competitive event in 2018, I would like to encourage everyone to attend the WSCC awards banquet at the Stockton Hilton on January 13. The registration deadline is January 4. Members are encouraged to dress in attire from their favorite decade. I believe there will be a special award for anyone who wears an item that they actually wore in the 70s or earlier and can still fit into.

The SCC awards banquet is on January 27.

I’ve enjoyed being Car Show Director for the past three years, but I feel like I could use a break. Fortunately, we have Dave Johnston taking over. I would like to thank everyone who participated in Car Show.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Dave

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

It's now December, a month known for bright lights, holidays, festivities, and spending too much money, so let's recall again those major devotions: **Judaism** ✡, **Christianity** ✚, and **Nordstrom** \$. In the middle of December, we greet the *Festival of Light*. Vulcans all over the Alpha Quadrant begin lighting their Chanuka candles on the evening of December 14th. You probably didn't know that Vulcans were Jewish, but we know that's so from the Vulcan hand sign that goes with the greeting, "Live long and prosper." Ever wonder where that sign came from? Leonard Nimoy, the first Vulcan, (and definitely Jewish) recalled the gesture from his childhood experiences at the synagogue, where he observed the hand sign used during holy ceremonies. The sign represents the Hebrew letter שׁ (Shin, with an SH sound) which is the shape of the hand held up with those spaces between the thumb and index finger, and between the middle finger and ring finger. It is meant to remind us of El Shadai, a name for "The Almighty."

That's from more than five thousand years ago, but there are other more recent religious traditions to ponder for the month. Let's look for the famous Christmas Star that appeared at the time of Jesus's birth at Christmas in the year 0. Well, it wasn't exactly a star, and it certainly wasn't in the year 0 of our calendar, if for no other reason than that there was no year 0. Our Gregorian calendar (and even the Julian calendar of a couple millennia ago) ran from 1 BC (= 1 BCE) to 1 AD (= 1 CE). That CE is the "Common Era" for those who don't mix religions with their calendars. So what was the star, and why didn't regular folks notice it, only wise men? The star was the triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BCE. Historic records of

other events strongly suggest that Jesus was born in the springtime. So why is Christmas in December? Let's recall that early Christians were not treated well in the Roman Empire. Nero used to put them on crosses (often X-shaped), doused them with pitch, and lit them on fire, just for his amusement at seeing Christians give off light. With treatment like that, the best time to celebrate Christ's birth was during the Saturnalia around the winter solstice when all the Romans were celebrating and not paying attention to other people's rituals. So it's **Merry Saturnalia** and a **Happy New Year**. And **Festivus** for the rest of us.

Let's not forget that great 20th Century religion, Nordstrom. It exhorts its practitioners to spend lots of money in December. As Corvette owners, we surely understand that seasonal ritual. After all, when we hear of cars that are cheap to purchase and inexpensive to customize and maintain, a Corvette is not usually what leaps to mind. Are we too close to behaving like the radical orthodoxy? The less devoted practitioners of the season celebrate at Costco. I remember my distinctive first visit there, when another neophyte shopper unfamiliar with bulk packaging, loudly exclaimed to his wife, "Look! Teriyaki sauce in a gas can!" Now, the premier goods on display are giant flat-screen UHD TVs. The product lineup has advanced with technology, providing shoppers with a great way to see the best of this holiday season.

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- 2 Abel Chevrolet Buick 7th Annual Toys for Tots Drive
- 6 Business Meeting
- 14 Board Meeting – Handoff to the New Board
- 16 Holiday Gift Exchange Party – Harry’s Hofbrau
- 25 **M**er y **C**hristmas
- 31 Goodbye 2017

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 1 Welcome 2018
- 3 Business Meeting
- 13 WSCC Membership Meeting
- 13 WSCC Competition Series Awards Banquet and Party
- 27 Annual Santa Clara Corvettes Awards Banquet
- 31 Board Meeting

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 12/01 – Myra Tallerico | 2000 – Steve Wells |
| 12/03 – Sue Clark | 2006 – Jeff & Wendy Sprague |
| 12/05 – Mary Pozzi | 2007– Judy Ventimiglia |
| 12/05 – Carol Beck | 2008 – Jack & Yolanda Atkinson |
| 12/09 – Jacky Tran | 2012 – Dave Katz |
| 12/14 – David Jacobson | 2013 – Ralph Kauffman |
| 12/14 – Cyndy Jacobson | 2014 – Dave & Nancy Spellman |
| 12/14 – Ralph Kauffman | 2014 – Tim & Sue Kennedy |
| 12/16 – David Plumb | 2015 – Mary Pozzi |
| 12/17 – Ken Jacksteit | 2015 – Joe Castellano |
| 12/18 – Jerry Mouton | 2016 – Mark Feldman |
| 12/19 – Greg Selzer | 2016 – Dawson Mabey |
| 12/20 – Dwight Martin | 2016 – Scarlett Reed |
| 12/22 – Geneva Leighton | |
| 12/24 – Jerry Svindal | |
| 12/27 – Ron Minearo | |
| 12/31 – John Warner | |



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