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# SCC TGIT AT BLUE DOOR RESTAURANT, MARCH 14, 2019





# President - Wayne Dorsey



Club members, do you know what time it is? That's right. It's finally that time of the year...Showtime and Race day! The weather is finally clearing up and car shows are upon us. Let's shine them up! Let's get ready for Marina and have those cars tuned up and ready to race. I just want all you to know this Board works 24/7 to try to make this club the best on the planet. I love the energy and the enthusiasm by this Board, which makes my job so much easier. They are all making progress with a smile on their face. Thanks to **Dave Johnston** and the crew for representing us so well at the Silicon Valley auto show! That was great exposure for our club.

I also witnessed first hand the autocross army getting the trailer ready to roll for this year. What a dedicated group of people. The trailer looks awesome. Great job by all!! Thanks to the social group we are upgrading our banquet site to Villa Ragusa. It will be awesome! Thanks for all your hard work. It's time to have fun!!

As of this writing, I'm still working out details for a revised charity policy that will be more of a cars and coffee car

show with net proceeds going to the three charities that members will be voting on. Proceeds will come from participants rather than our bank account. More details will be discussed at the April Business Meeting. I see it as a win-win for everyone!

It was great having our sponsors come to our meeting and let us know how well they are going to take care of us. They all have something very nice to offer us. I am very appreciative of what our sponsors are doing for us this year in donations. They are helping in all phases of our club and giving very generously. I can't thank them enough for their generosity. Please keep them in mind for all of your Corvette needs. This is one of the reasons why Santa Clara Corvettes is the best Corvette club on the Planet!! Buckle up it's time to roll!

## Wayne

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**Cover Car Story: Doug and Susan Johnson's** Corvette is a 2017 Z07, with the full aero package and carbon fiber brakes, and the graphics were done by **Jack Atkinson**. **Jack** also assisted in moving the wing from their C6 Z06 to their new car. The car is a beast yet easy to drive. It may be the only Corvette in America with the Competition driver's seat and a standard passenger seat. Rich Willhoff was able to order the Competition seat for them.

**Doug Johnson** took this photo in Shamrock, Texas on October 13, 2017. **Doug** and **Susan** were on their way home from visiting Washington DC with a group of Corvettes lead by **Jack** and **Yolanda Atkinson**. **Yolanda** found this "Route 66" old historic town now on Interstate 40. Apparently, the town is quite famous for its two old gas stations, the Conoco and the Magnolia. The Magnolia station had its grand opening on May 18, 1929, while the Conoco serves as the Town's Visitor Information Center.



# Welcome!

## Al Thompson - Membership Director

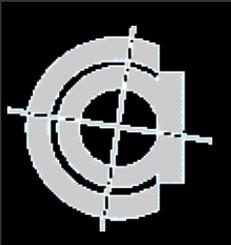
Spring is finally here, and SCC has lots of opportunities, events and shows on the calendar and as an added bonus we get an extra hour of daylight for an extra hour of drive time. Are you road

ready? If not, no worries. The General Manager and the Service Team of Chevrolet of Stevens Creek presented at the meeting last month and outlined their WSCC VIP plan and shared with the club their eagerness to partner with us on not just Corvettes but all things Chevy to get our cars road ready. Last month my wife and I took them up on their offer and made an appointment for service and I am happy to say they treated us like "rock stars". Please support our sponsors. Get the oil changed, check your tires, or get a five-point vehicle inspection. Let's be prepared for a good run this year.

This past month **Mark Noriega** and **Andrea Bortero** joined the SCC family during the Cars and Coffee event in Morgan Hill. **Mark** and **Andrea** are the proud owners of a 2019 Ceramic Matrix Grey Metallic Z06 Coupe. **Mark** and **Andrea**, we extend a big welcome to the Santa Clara Corvettes, and encourage you to take full advantage of your membership. This latest addition brings the membership total to 178.

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



Have you noticed the Santa Clara Corvettes sense of community? Many SCC members participate in car shows while ambitious others also autocross. Additionally, SCC has something for everyone with social events that have been the driving force of SCC since 1975! Simply sign up (and pay) for events and just show up at TGITs!

separation to sound like “piece of Chicago.” For REAL Chi- town deep-dish pizza, the best pizza place in the Bay Area is **Pizz’a Chicago**. It’s fairly small with a cozy interior – let’s pack it full at **4:00. TIGT!**

For a genuine Silicon-Valley experience, the **Computer History Museum** docent-led tour will be on **May 22** (Wednesday).

Our expert docent, Steve Russell, will share the 2,000 year-old computer history, pioneers, game-changers, and the roots of today's Internet and mobile devices. Come with us to see over 1,100 historic artifacts (including some of the very first computers from the 1940s and 1950s.



Food. Outdoor games! Food. Raffle with great prizes. More food! The free-to-members **Annual SCC Picnic** will be on **June 8** (Saturday) at Martial Cottle Park. Pay the \$6 park fee and easily find our huge, completely shaded picnic area. Bring family and friends to enjoy everyone’s delicious side dishes and the SCC chefs’ select BBQ!



We’re going to play bocce ball! You’ll save hours of therapy with lots of laughs during a great **Sunday** afternoon! There will be plenty of free nearby parking in Los Gatos at **Campo di Bocce** on **June 30**. We will have a private lunch then wine (no-host) and SCC dessert courtside.



Tuscany Dining Room



Courtside Games

Please consider three popular **April** social events to share good times! More members are welcome to join more than 40 members who will tour the **Moffett Field Society**



**Museum** with 2 docents on **April 6** (Saturday). This \$5 affordable and informative event cannot be matched by your top-of-the-line

home entertainment system! Lunch is at **Michael’s at Shoreline**.

The SCC **April 11<sup>th</sup> TGIT** will begin about **4:00** at **The Blue Pheasant** in Cupertino. Since 1974 this neighborhood restaurant has offered friendly bartenders, simple American cuisine, and a great view of the golf course. There is plenty of parking, reminiscent of the parking lot where several Corvette enthusiasts met and formed our club!



At noon on Tax Relief Day (**April 15**, Monday) we will race at **K -1 Speed** in Santa Clara. You might want to sign up for one of the 4 openings for the **SCC Mini Grand Prix**. With 6 openings for the **SCC Grand Prix**, racing both the SCC exclusive Mini Grand Prix and Grand Prix is an option. Prior Ron Fellows experience is not required. Head socks are provided for your grands



(and you) if the kids are on Spring Break!

Are we having fun yet?? On **May 9<sup>th</sup>** we will revisit **Pizz’a Chicago**. The apostrophe was put in the word “Pizz’a” to indicate a slight



*Cameron and Cliff*

# Coyote Creek Cars 'n Coffee, March 17, 2019



# WE'RE SURE GOING TO MISS YOU ROGER!

BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Roger Martin was born and raised in Stockton, graduated from San Jose State with a degree in Industrial Design and then proceeded to work for Container Corporation of America for his whole career (although the company name changed several times). His specialty was in box design in the paperboard division.

Roger joined Santa Clara Corvettes seven years ago, April 2012. Ever since he joined he was active in many SCC activities-particularly car shows and social events. More often than not, you would see him at those events-smiling and talking with other members. Those are two of his most memorable traits-smiling and talking. Roger could and would converse with anyone and everyone and his conversations were intelligent, thoughtful, humorous and very enjoyable.

Roger's favorite "+1" for SCC events and/or wine tasting was his daughter Cindy-"the love of his life". Cindy attended many events with Roger and was a delight to all.

If there was any word that described the way Roger interacted with people it was "affable"-defined in the dictionary as: "friendly,

good-natured, or easy to talk to: an affable and agreeable companion". When Roger met the ladies he always had a big hug for them with hearty handshakes or fist bumps for the men. Whether it was club members, neighbors, long-time friends from employment or newly-met people...Roger was the kind of guy whom everyone instantly liked.

He was a man who could talk to you about almost anything-but especially: cars; wine; and fly fishing. He had several cars in his garage: C6 Corvette convertible; 1953 Buick "convertible"; 1950 Mercury coupe; and a Chevy Trail Blazer. Roger liked to play with his toys-spending countless hours in the spacious garage fixing and modifying them.

The Corvette convertible was a newer replacement for a nearly identical C5 convertible (of course)-both silver with black tops and chrome wheels. But, he customized it by adding some vinyl accents and different hubcaps for the wheels.

The Buick was highly customized-Roger made a "convertible" out of a four-door sedan by chopping off



the top. He took this car to several non-Corvette car shows and it always was a magnet for other car guys to check out.

His least used/displayed car was his 1950 Mercury coupe, chopped, flat black



paint and purple flames, side pipes...a real rod! This would be a real hit with the "cars and coffee" groups but it was rarely seen.

When it came to wine, Roger had

done it all! He had visited all the wine regions within hours of home and had tasted/bought wine at many places where he remembered the stories behind each winery as related by those pouring at the tasting rooms. His favorites were Lodi, the Plymouth (Amador County)-Murphy's (Calaveras County) areas and Paso Robles where some of the tasting room employees and winery owners remembered him. Roger even made his own wine under the "Pasatiempo Cellars" label (which he designed).



Roger would go to Idaho every summer for the past 20 years to go fly fishing with "the guys". He would meet up with a group who formed a club which they named "Faw-Kinn-Ae" Sportsman Club.

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**Roger continued from page 8:**



Roger really enjoyed these fishing trips for the camaraderie, the fly fishing and the food (really fresh fish). And speaking of food, Roger was a self-taught cook who could compare with anyone.

Roger went on four of the Team Yojack road trips: Antelope Valley Poppy Run; Death Valley; Hearst Castle; Plains,Trains & Automobiles.



He really enjoyed getting to know those members participating in the trips as well as those others he met while on the trips.

Roger Martin was a loving father, a great club member who participated in many events, a true friend to all he met and someone whose affable nature and genuine friendliness will be sorely missed.

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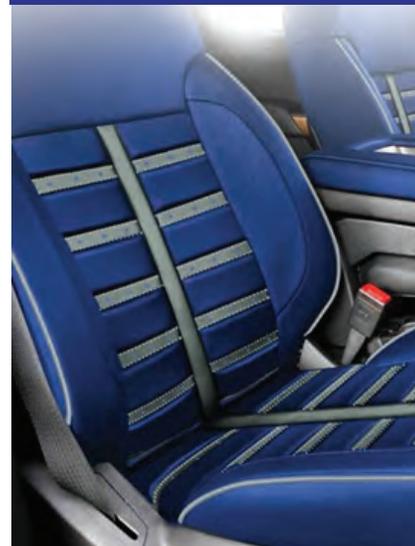
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## SCC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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**What is something that someone might like to know about you?**

I graduated from the UF (Gainesville) before moving to the Bay Area where I was a process engineer before becoming a real estate broker and property manager.

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

I joined SCC in November 2018.

**What are some of your favorite things about your 2017 Stingray Z-51?**

I like the black rose metallic color, C7 style, distinct driver modes, handling, horsepower, paddle shifters, and performance data recorder.

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

Meeting and marrying Joannie!

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

This one! We have owned three Camaros and still have a numbers-matching 2002 Camaro SS and a numbers-matching 1970 Chevelle SS.

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

I didn't know but my background in photography started when I was 12 years old, growing up on Staten Island, NY. I used a Kodak Brownie film camera then at 16, bought my first Nikon, "F series" 35 mm film camera, very expensive in its day! I developed my own film and made large prints in my family's bathroom sink. This was my early start of an interest in science and math, ultimately earning my two degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering.

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

I revitalized my interest in landscape photography when my daughter, Kelly, took a photo class while in high school. We are a father-daughter photo team and travel together annually to photograph beautiful parts of the U.S. and the world. I use Nikon exclusively (Kelly uses Nikon and the classic Polaroids as well), and we share D-90 DSLR (digital), D-800e full-frame and Z7 full-frame mirror-less model cameras.



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# Collins Orton & Stuart Calhoon: Competition, Motorsports



The 2019 autocross season has begun! Our first two events were on March 30-31 down at the Marina

Airport (too late to cover in this column). Hopefully it went well — we'll discuss it in next month's column.

Earlier in the month (March 16), we held the Trailer Clean-up day. It went well, with good weather, good turn-out, and lots of good work done. (See photos below.) It was held at the **Klynn** residence, and **Lee and Cheryl** made sure there was lots of pizza and drinks for everyone.

The major upgrade to the trailer was installation of new shelving (designed by **Rick Bronner**) to make the storage of all our equipment easier and more efficient. **Doug Johnson** and **Jerry Banks** worked with **Rick** on that project.

**Jim Barnes** and **Chuck Vivian** tackled the important job of re-greasing the wheel bearings. **Nick Feimer** and **Ron Beck** fixed the frustrating, troublesome line-chalker, probably saving us from buying a new one at \$300 or \$400. **Kris Orton**, **Jan Minearo**, and **Barb Warner** strategized over how to make registration work smoothly. Many others helped pull all the equipment out of the trailer,

inventory it, and put it back again at the end of the day.

So thanks to our Autocross Army, and thanks again to the **Klynn's** for hosting the event.

Our next autocross weekend will be May 4-5. This one will be opened for registration on MotorsportReg soon (probably by the time you read this). As always, preregistration is not required, but it does allow you to choose your run group(s), and you can get your money back if you have to cancel.

As I am writing this, I'm in Colorado ski country, nearing the end of my annual trek trying to prove that old farts can still ski 10 days in two weeks. My body has been complaining more than usual. It took at least 4 days for my lungs to get used to the rarified atmosphere at 11,000 feet. Several of my muscles are still resisting the daily onslaught, but it is still fun. I love skiing and the chance to visit with my brother and his family (not to mention the great jacuzzi sessions after skiing).

## Collins and Stuart



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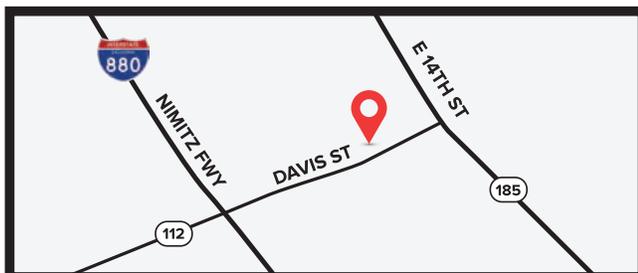
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# CARS IN THE PARK, MARCH 23, 2019



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# David Johnston: Competition Car Show

**Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your engines!**

The unofficial car show season started a bit later than usual in 2019. **The Silicon Valley Auto Show**, normally held the first week in January, was postponed until March 7-10 due to the NCAA basketball finals. SCC was invited to participate after an absence of several years and, due to some manufacturers dropping out, we were located in some prime real estate-right next to



Chevrolet on the main floor showroom! Nine members' cars were proudly displayed and members took turns answering questions about the Corvettes, promoting SCC as well as providing security. It was a very good showing for SCC and very popular amongst the show attendees.

When 3 intrepid cars departed south San Jose en route Marina for the "Cars in the Park", it had been raining quite heavily over night and was still raining, at least on Hwy 101. Upon arriving at Vince DiMaggio Park, after picking up 2 strays along the way (local guy **Ron Beck** and **Rick Riccardi** who had spent the night locally), it was still drizzling. We did not immediately begin to wash/wipe/dry the cars as it was still a bit wet out. After about an hour though it started to clear up and we all got busy. The sun did peek through for a while during the show and it turned out to be a pretty good show. Lots of raffle items that were pretty decent (ticketed items) and some rather nice silent auction items. Good BBQ lunch followed by root beer floats provided for dessert. The highlight of the show, at least for SCC

members present, was **Ron Beck** getting the People's Choice award-a large cut-class trophy that



will look nice on the Beck mantle.

The official 2019 car show season is about to begin-on April 6th the first WSCC-sanctioned car show will be sponsored by Just for Corvettes and held in Sacramento at the local **Hooters** Restaurant. Several SCC members attended last years show and found it to be totally worthwhile and fun. This will be an official Type 5 Car Show and participation points will be awarded. The caravan will depart from Starbucks, 1197 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, at 8:00AM.

And...after a sputtering start in January and February due to inclement weather (in January and February? Duh?), the **Coyote Creek Cars and Coffee** finally fulfilled its promise on a warm(ish) sunny Sunday. You could just feel the excitement at being outside in the sun with a parking lot nearly full of shiny cars after having been cooped up for so long due to the rain.



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**Car Show Continued:**

April also brings **The Villages Annual Car Show** on Saturday the 27th. This show has been one of the most casual of shows-just show up, park, relax and enjoy yourself. There is an eclectic choice of cars consisting of classics, hot rods, customs and just plain cool cars. The show is from 10AM-2PM and lunch is available on site (at a reasonable additional cost). Pre-Registration is via [rdeponzi@the-villages.com](mailto:rdeponzi@the-villages.com) - easy form to fill out and the show is **FREE!**

Because this car show is just a few days after the next monthly meeting we will announce this next car show here and now. **Legends on Display** will be held Saturday, May 4th at Blackhawk Plaza in Danville. Those who have attended other WSCC shows at this venue know that it's a good one. There are restaurants (and permanent, indoor restrooms) adjacent to the show in the shopping complex. Everyone is on their own to seek out their favorite restaurant and make their own arrangements for lunch. The caravan will leave from Starbucks, 1197 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas at 7:30am.

And speaking of WSCC Car Shows...the granddaddy of them all, **Corvette Spectacular**, is in third gear and making rapid progress towards the September 22, 2019 date. We have the artwork and the

Registration Form completed and posted on the SCC and WSCC websites. Registration, via either mail or online through



[MotorsportsReg.com](http://MotorsportsReg.com), is now open! We also urge SCC members to sign up on the various committees in order to make this a truly spectacular Spectacular. We need the SCC membership to come through and provide high-quality, new raffle items OR, you can write a check/give cash to allow our Raffle Committee to purchase necessary "Big Ticket" items for the event. Please "step-up" and lend some assistance-this is **your** club.

*Dave*



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# SCC Upcoming Events!

## APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## 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
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 3 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 6 Hooter's Car Show, Sacramento
- 6 Moffett Field Hist. Society Tour
- 11 TGIT at The Blue Pheasant
- 15 K1 Speed Racing
- 21 Coyote Creek Cars'n Coffee
- 24 Board Meeting, starts at 12noon
- 24 Williams 2 Thunder Hill Lunch Tour
- 25 HOD event at Thunder Hill
- 27 The Villages Annual Car Show
- 28 Pacific Coast Dream Machines

- 1 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 4-5 Auto-X #3 and #4 at Marina Airport
- 9 TGIT at Pizz'a Chicago, Santa Clara
- 11 Wild Cars for Wildcats, Woodside
- 18 Abel Chevrolet Car Show & BBQ
- 19 Coyote Creek Cars'n Coffee
- 22 Computer History Museum
- 29 Board Meeting, starts at 12noon

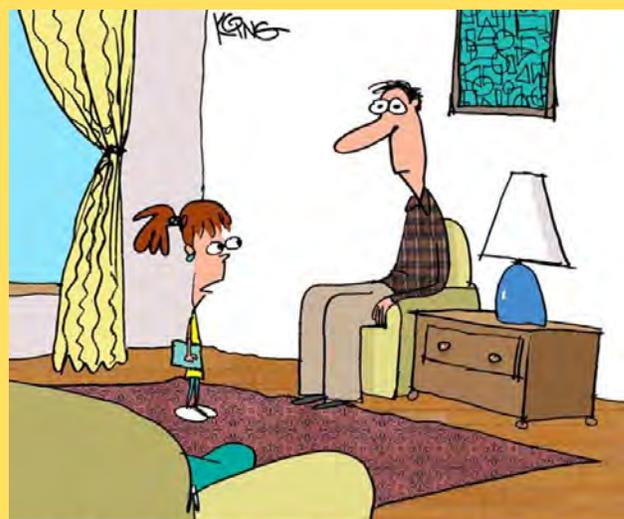
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### April Birthdays

- Nancy Clarkin - 13
- Henry Crook - 06
- John Daniels - 19
- Harry Hsu - 26
- Doug Johnson - 30
- Gary Leighton - 15
- John Lux - 10
- Bob Nastasi - 16
- Mark Noriega - 01
- Rick Riccardi - 19
- Dot Shows - 08
- Linda Woodsmall - 13

### April Anniversaries

- Cameron Brown - 2017
- Tom and Nancy Clarkin - 2017
- Eric Jacobsen - 2011
- Robert King - 2011
- Lou Marinovich - 2005
- Phil Moser - 2014
- Janet and Scott Radonich - 2018
- Joe Ricci - 2018



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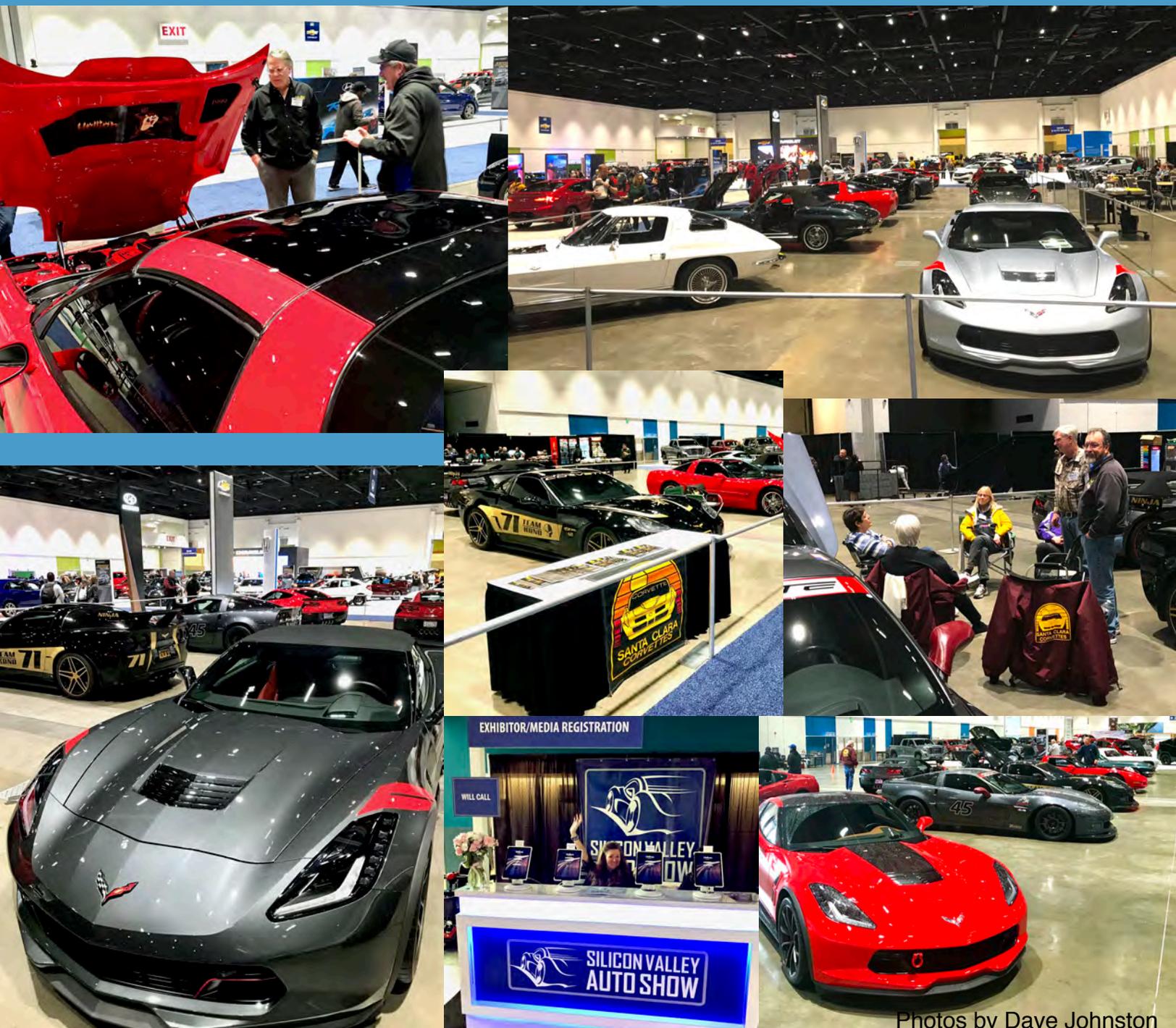
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