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President - Wayne Dorsey



The budget is passed and we are ready to have some fun! The club is lining up all kinds of good fun things we can all do together. Check the calendar for all the upcoming events.

I encourage everyone to sign up and enjoy the fun activities we have planned.

The board is continuously looking at ways to move this club forward into the future. We have a lot of good ideas and hope you will support all of our new ideas that will help this club propel itself into the future! Speaking of new things, we have launched our social media sites. We now have our very own Instagram page and we also created a public Facebook page separate from our private site for SCC. I would like to keep these two separate. The original page is for private use. This way our members can say whatever they need to and share their private pictures with no worries of the public seeing them. The new page will promote what we are doing as a club and will go out to the public. We want to promote what we were doing to attract other potential members. This page will have all of our events listed that we want the public to see. I encourage everyone to like the new SCC Facebook and Instagram

pages. Then once you have liked our page please share it with others. Let's get our word out about how great we are and what we do! It will be another informative place to see what the club is doing. This is just one step of helping us move forward! So far the pages are doing tremendously well. We have over 100 followers on our Facebook page in less than a week's time and our Instagram is over 50 followers, which is tremendous for a short period of time! We will continue to build our sites with great pictures and information of our club! If any of you have pictures you would like to have posted that you have taken at one of our events you can send them to me. We will put your name with the pictures so if **Gary** or **Geno** uses them in FCG you will get credit for your pictures and be rewarded points! Thank you to **Samantha** for getting this up and running in a short period of time. It looks awesome!! Good Work!

Thanks to those who supported the Sea Scouts fundraiser. It was a fun event and we all had a really good time! I encourage everyone to support those who help make our club better. The Sea Scouts did a lot for us in the past during Spectacular and Autocross days!

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**A green field;
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Sunday, September 8th.**

**Wanted
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For 2019 First Class Glass Covers
Contact: Gary Linford
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Cover Car:

Jerry and Shirley Svindal's 2017 Grand Sport. Their Corvette has a Sterling Blue Metallic exterior with red calipers. There were only 409 2017 Grand Sports painted this color. It came with LT2 grey interior and all the other bells and whistles.

"We love cruising in this car on weekends and special events. We still own the C-6 Victory Red (with white stripes) that **Jerry** uses as his daily driver. We bought this car in November of 2017 from Abel Chevrolet. We were going to order a 2018 red stingray. Our baby was sitting in the showroom with 278 miles on it. We could not resist! This picture was taken at **Tish and Dan Niehan's** house in Pleasanton."

Thanks to **Dave Johnston** for the cover photograph.



Welcome!

Al Thompson - Membership Director

Greetings Santa Clara Corvettes

For the month of March I would like to welcome two New Members **Kelli** and **Samantha Dorsey**, wife and daughter of our SCC President **Wayne Dorsey**.

We are excited that **Samantha** has agreed to help with our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Something very essential to our Club's growth.

Currently we have 173 Active members. Your Membership Cards are now ready and can be picked up when you sign

in at the meeting. Membership will be updating our Roster, so please inform me of any changes that you may have.

Our 2019 calendar looks exciting with numerous corvette events. The weather is changing so get out there and use our sponsors to get your oil changed, tires balanced, and do a complete safety check on your car. Don't let something that you should have done keep you from a memorable moment. So please get involve and join in the fun.

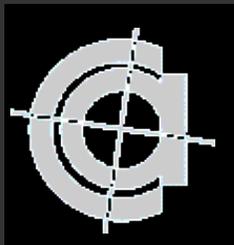
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President's Message continued from page 3:

We're getting close to pulling out the cars on a regular basis. Our weather has been very rough lately and our cars are dying to get out! It's a good time to polish them up and have them ready for the car shows! Autocross will start up in March. Let's get them tuned up and ready to race!! I also want to say thanks for the support that a lot of you have given me in my short time as President!

Although I'm not perfect, I am learning on the job and trying to help this club get better in so many ways! I truly just want to help this club propel itself into the future! I know it will be a tough challenge but I am up for it and the board is too! We're excited about it and are up for the challenge!! Let's continue to work together to help make this the best Corvette club on the planet!!

Wayne



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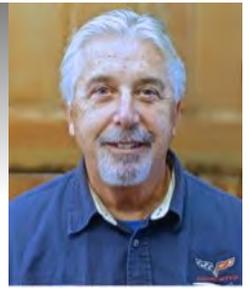
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Social Directors Cameron Brown & Cliff Martin



When **Cameron** and **Cliff** landed this gig, they began brainstorming. They set into motion monthly events and locations for TGITs to help build the SCC community among members, friends, and family. You can keep SCC traditions alive and provide memories by participating! It's easy: simply show up for TGITs! Sign up and join us for events. Have fun!

During February **David** and **Nicole** hosted an SCC party to celebrate Gladys Knight. While they relaxed during an extended vacation, ten other SCC members helped the Sea Scouts raise funds during Saturday's "A Nautical Night to Remember". Thank you Wayne, the SCC official photographer, for taking pictures during the dinner! Finally, we celebrated sunshine during the TGIT at BJ's where we will return in December (Holiday Gift Exchange)!

A preview of upcoming events:
On March 9, 10, or 12 during San Jose Cinequest, <https://cinequest.org/> you may view "The Fringe Class" by **Betsy Franco**. **Betsy** is a long-term SCC member and her significant other is our outstanding member, **Lou Marincovich**.

Our March 14 TGIT will be at The Blue Door Restaurant at Westgate Center on Saratoga Ave. The Blue Door owners have asked us to take over the large parking lot with A LOT of our Corvettes (impromptu car show)! Not wanting to



disappoint, once our Corvettes are parked and admired, let's pack The Blue Door spacious dining room! We will have a special SCC menu and you might want to stay for live jazz beginning at 6:30!



If you have considered going to the California International Air Show in Salinas on Saturday, March 23rd, email Cameron who will check for available tickets. 17 SCC members and their 4 guests will be together in the first 2 rows of the Yellow Zone, directly in front of the Blue Angels



staging area! Thank you caravan coordinators, **Jerry** and **Shirley Svindal** who soon will email members with plans for the caravan! Air show pictures will follow in April, courtesy of **Bob Nastasi**, the SCC official photographer! You can read more about Bob and his photography in the April "SCC Member Spotlight".

April: The Moffitt Field Society Museum docent-led tour is on April 6 (Saturday). Afterward, we will have a late lunch



at Michael's at Shoreline. April 11th is our TGIT when we'll return to The Blue Pheasant in Cupertino. SCC Tax

Relief Day is April 15 (Monday) when you may bring your CPA, ER, or TT expert to race on the new track at K 1 Speed in Santa Clara.



May: TGIT plans are in the works! Meanwhile, don't delay! Sign up for The Computer History Museum docent-led tour on May 22 (Wednesday).



If you haven't been there, you're in for a real Silicon Valley treat!

June: The Annual Picnic will be on June 8 (Saturday) at Martial Cottle Park. The price is right! Plenty of shade provided! You will have a wide selection of tasty SCC-provided side dishes to accompany the SCC chefs' BBQ! A few weeks later we will meet in Los Gatos at Campo di Bocce on June 30 (Sunday) for a private lunch and courtside games. Are we having fun yet?!?!?

All events are posted on the SCC website calendar. Additionally, during the business meetings, you may pick up available printed details, sign up (check or cash in your other hand) for events, and/or email **Cameron** at cambrown47@gamil.com. For each of your events, you will receive a follow-up email with additional information.

Cameron and Cliff

THE STORY OF “JAKE”

The Corvette Racings “Jake” Skull Logo Story

If you follow Corvette Racing, or even the street performance Vettes, then you are familiar with the teams “Jake” skull logo. The logo has adorned the team’s race cars since Le Mans in 2005. Since that time, it has migrated to just about anything related to the racing team and performance street versions of the Vette.



So how did “Jake” come into existence? It started in 2004, with one of Corvette Racing’s truck drivers, Don Male, asking the team boss, Doug Fehan, about putting a skull sticker on one of the cars. Fehan liked the idea and gave Male the go ahead, and as luck would have it, the car won the race!

As with all superstitions, the team was sure the skull brought them good luck and needed to stay. But there was one big problem, the skull logo was copyrighted. As is the way with Corvette Racing, that was not going to stop them, and they decided to just make their own skull logo!

Now the team had a new logo, but what to name it? That’s where legendary Corvette marketing manager Gary Claudio steps in. Claudio allegedly named the skull logo after Jake Blues from the 1980 film *The Blues Brothers*, fitting seeing as the ruthless Jake character would probably identify with Corvette Racing’s ‘Take No Prisoners’ motto.

Not only was “Jake” helping the Corvette Racing Team win, but it also increased the sales of Corvette Racing memorabilia by over 170%!

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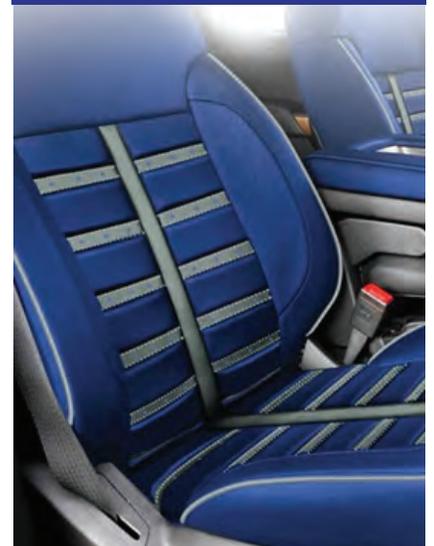
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SCC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



SANTA CLARA CORVETTES HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE LIFE OF GREG SELZER

What is/was your occupation?

I was an Engineering Manager at Lockheed Martin

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

1. I usually get raised eyebrows when people find out that I still play ice hockey. :-)
2. Oh yeah, and there's that motorcycle thing...Just imagine a Z06 convertible that leans...

For how long have you been an SCC member?

1-1/2 years.

What are your top five favorite things about your Corvette?

1. Amazing performance value (\$/smile. Small is better!)
2. Handling and Brakes
3. Power
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5. The car has a GREAT story. Why it's still here after all these years-and better than ever!

What is the first Corvette that you owned?

The one I own now, my 2016 Stingray Z51.



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Collins Orton & Stuart Calhoon: Competition, Motorsports



Good news on the scheduling front – the conflict between NBCA's Sept. 29 autocross and Corvette Spectacular has been alleviated. Spectacular has been pulled up one week to Sept. 22. Therefore SCC autocrossers should be available to support this NBCA event.

In addition, **Collins** convinced me we should add a fifth weekend down at Marina, so we've added Oct. 12 – 13. I must repeat the caution, however. Note that we still have not received the OK from the FAA for the events at Marina. If that doesn't come through, we will have some serious scrambling to do.

But be prepared. Our first autocross weekend of 2018 is coming up soon -- Mar 30 - 31 – at the usual tarmac at Marina Airport. Registration is open on MotorsportReg.com. As usual, we'll be calling on the Autocross Army to help out with set-up on Saturday morning. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody and getting in some autocross action.

I wanted to give a plug for the upcoming trailer clean-up. Come join us on Sat, March 16, for our annual maintenance event, which is also a pretty cool social event with BBQ, beer, and wine. It's being held at the **Klynn's** home this year, not the Petersen's, so don't show up at the wrong place.

And then not too far away – there are two Thunderhill events in April. The BBQ luncheon in Willows and tour of the foothills is on Wed, April 24, ending with parade laps at Thunderhill Raceway. The Hooked-on-Corvettes track day is the next day. As in the past, Abel Chevrolet will be supporting the track day with top-notch Corvette mechanics and lots of spare parts. This is a great opportunity to take your Corvette to a track day. Talk to **Collins** or **Stuart** if you're at all interested and have any questions.

Collins and Stuart



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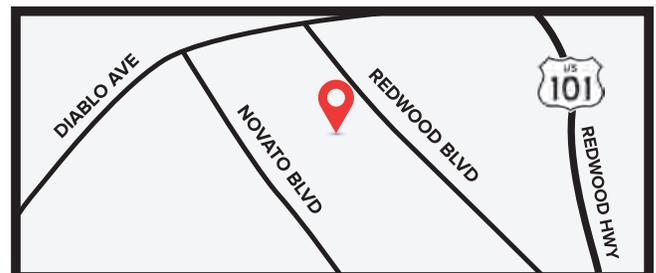
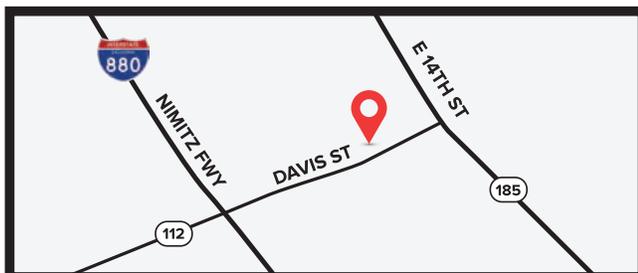
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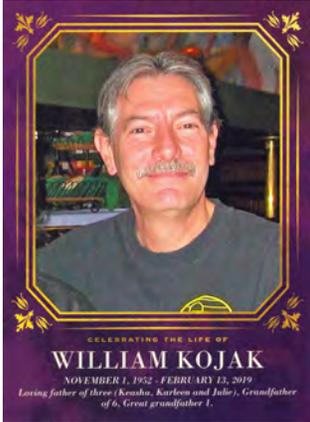
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What's News?



William "Bill" Kojak

By *Keith Mendia*

November 1, 1952 – February 13, 2019

Sadly we lost another long time member of Santa Clara Corvettes this month. **Bill Kojak** and his wife, Renee joined our club in June 1995 and were very active members until recently. **Renee** was our Social Director for many years and Bill was always right there in the middle of the activities. Those who were members of the club in the 2000's will remember the caravans to WSCC Conventions in Yerington, NV and the **Kojak** escapades and off road adventures in their Corvette.

Bill was a great guy and a friend to many members. One of his last positions was Corvette Salesman & Specialist at the then Courtesy Chevrolet where he assisted many members in their purchase of new Corvettes.

Our best wishes go to Renee and the entire **Kojak** family.

God Speed, **Bill**

Vince Alomia

By *Jeanne Corrinne*

June 19, 1930 – January 3, 2019



We lost a long-time, well-loved member of Santa Clara Corvettes on January 3, 2019. **Vince Alomia** owned a 1977 Red Corvette Coupe when he joined Santa Clara Corvettes in 1995 – almost 25 years ago. **Jeanne Corrinne** owned a 1994 Blue Corvette Coupe when she joined SCCC the same year and became close friends with **Vince**. **Jeanne** had twin teacup poodles who **Vince** helped puppy-sit named Pierre & Missy. In 2002, **Vince**

and **Jeanne** bought 2002 twin Corvettes (Red and Blue again). They both went on the San Simeon drive in April with the club and their new Corvettes.

Jeanne got a new set of twin toy poodles in 2007 named Gigi and Maxi. **Vince** also puppy-sat for them. He enjoyed seeing them run around in his backyard. In 2010, following the "twin theme", **Vince**



and **Jeanne** bought new 2010 twin Grand Sport Corvettes at the same time (of course again in Red and Blue).

Vince and **Jeanne** seem to like similar twins in cars, although different colors. **Vince** always had to have a red car and **Jeanne** a blue one. But that similar likeness didn't go for sports teams. **Vince** and his girlfriend were big fans of local sports teams – in fact, they were San Francisco Giants season ticket holders. **Jeanne** and her boyfriend are not local sports team fans. Recently, **Vince** and **Jeanne** talked about buying another set of twins in 2018 – again in Red and Blue, perhaps C7 Grand Sports, but....

Alice Westbie

February 24, 2019

By *Buzz Marston*

More sad news we learned this morning, past WSCC Treasurer and Board member Alice Westbie passed away at her's and Dr. Don's home in Sonora. I spoke with Dr. Don this morning and he relayed that Alice has been quite ill for the past year and had fallen and broke her hip about four weeks ago and declined rapidly from that, she was at home with her daughters and Don when she passed at 7:30am this morning.

Don and Alice were members of DVC years ago and then moved up to the Sonora area and helped found Sonora Corvette club. Alice was



Treasurer of WSCC from 1997 to 2003, then again for about a year in 2011 when Margie took over for her. Services are pending and we'll let you all know the arrangements for that once they have been made. Alice was a great asset to the Corvette community and we will miss her dearly.

What's News? Continued on page 21



David Johnston: Competition Car Show

There were not many opportunities for car shows of any kind in the dreary, rainy month of February—in fact, the only one on our calendar (Coyote Creek Cars 'n Coffee) was cancelled due to the weather.

All that rain was certainly good for the environment and the California water supply but not great for car shows.

The month of March will provide a few more opportunities to display your Corvette and have people envious of your choice of cars:

March 17 will provide another **Cars 'n Coffee event at Coyote Creek Golf Course**. No formalities, no registration—just show up, have your donuts and coffee and enjoy the beautiful Coyote Creek Golf Course view. The event will take place in the parking lot adjacent to both the Clubhouse and the 18th green/fairway. This venue will be the same each month for the Cars 'n Coffee meets as well as the Coyote Creek Concours d'Elegance on June 23rd. Be sure to ensure your place in this amazing car show by registering at: <https://coyotecreekconcours.com>.

March 23 will provide a more structured event at **“Cars in the Park”** at Vince DiMaggio Park in Marina (<http://marinarotaryclub.org/cars-in-the-park-info.html>). Entry for cars is \$50 but that includes coffee and donuts at check-in; two BBQ lunches; two root beer floats; one raffle ticket; all grass parking; custom dash plaque; souvenir wine gift; souvenir event chip; 50 merchant awards; President's Choice Award; Best of Show Award; Club Participation Award; Long Distance Award; Rotarian Award; Peer's Choice Award; Mayor's Choice Award; DJ music; huge merchandise raffle; silent auction; vendors and food trucks. Check the SCC calendar for caravan details.

While cleaning out the SCC storage locker several boxes containing old binders were discovered from past Corvette Spectaculars. With the intent of clearing more space in the locker I looked through the binders and discarded much of the event paraphernalia that were essentially duplicated each year. However there was some information copied down that might be of interest:

2004 was the first Corvette Spectacular held on Main Street in Los Altos, so the 2019 event will be the 16th consecutive year for this venue. See the table below for comparisons between that first year in Los Altos to current time.

We've come a long way, baby!

Dave

SCC Corvette Spectacular Comparisons for Los Altos Venue

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Registration cost:	\$25	\$35
Raffle Income:	\$2,690	\$3,212+\$2,275 (Ron Fellows Driving School Raffle)
Registration:	\$2,171	\$5,656
Net Income:	\$1,722	\$11,927
Total Cars Registered:	98	159
Required Fire Lane Distance:	12'	20'

What's News? — Continued

AMAZON BOOK REVIEWS NEEDED

Lou Marincovich is asking that members who have read his award-winning, #1 Best Selling memoir, *True North, Hunting Fossils Under the Midnight Sun*, write brief, honest reviews in Amazon.com and, if they like, in Goodreads.com. He currently has 30 reviews and needs to get over 35 reviews in Amazon before special algorithms kick in and promote his book in the Amazon universe. If you haven't read his book, now is the time to buy it before posting your review!

FILM FESTIVAL

Longtime member and filmmaker **Betsy Franco** would like to announce that a short film of hers will be showing at the San Jose Cinequest Film Festival in March, with screenings in theaters in Redwood City and San Jose. Her film *THE FRINGE CLASS* is based on her novel *THE ART OF LOVE*. She worked on the film with her son Tom Franco and a team of talented emerging filmmakers.

SHOWINGS WILL BE:

Saturday, March 9, at 12:55 p.m.
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Sunday, March 10, at 2:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 12, at 1:40 p.m.
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SCC Upcoming Events!

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 6 Business Meeting, starts at 7pm
- 14 TGIT at Blue Door Restaurant & Bar
- 16 Trailer Clean-up & BBQ
- 17 Coyote Creek Cars 'n Coffee
- 23 Cars in the Park, Marina Rotary
- 23 CA International Airshow in Salinas
- 27 Board Meeting, starts at 12noon
- 30-31 Auto-X #1 and #2 at Marina Airport

- 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

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

March Birthdays

Cameron Brown - 03/23
 Raymond Buck - 03/26
 Stuart Calhoun - 03/3
 Mike Charsinsky - 03/3
 Glen Davis - 03/23
 Eric Jacobsen - 03/31
 Richard Kelly - 03/25
 Tim Kennedy - 03/15
 Roberto Lezama - 03/17
 Buzz Marston - 03/11
 Ruth Marston - 03/14
 Steve Merrick - 03/15
 Jan Minearo - 03/12
 Tish Niehans - 03/12
 Dave Olson - 03/27
 Shirley Svindal - 03/13
 Dave Thomas - 03/15

Anniversaries

Lew Donald - 03/2018
 Richard Kelly - 03/2017
 Cliff Martin - 03/2015
 Shirley Martin - 03/2015
 Ken Jacksteit - 03/2007
 Robert Kuwada - 03/2006
 Sharon Kuwada - 03/2006



"He keeps looking at videos of him driving his Corvette while crying. I can't wait until the weather gets nice so he can actually start driving it again."

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