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Happy New Year



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Welcome to 2020. I would like to first thank Gary Linford for all his patience teaching me how to use a Mac and O/S and Pages and

Adobe Acrobat and all the steps to make the newsletter from start to finish. Without his good teachings you would not be reading this now.

This year will have a lot of changes in the newsletter from month to month because I am using Mac software and Steve will use PC software. I had to redo the layout to accommodate 4 new pages for the additional full page ads and new color ads. There are now 28 pages. I wanted to keep the content to ad ratio even but last minute sponsor ad changes made that something that will be addressed next month. The good thing is there will be layout changes in the next few months to accommodate more sponsor ads and may add more pages to do this. There will be font changes morphed month to month depending who does the newsletter and depending if there is a special event or holiday. You will notice that I added more color this month.

Did you know you earn participation points when FCG uses your articles or photos? So take lots of photos and email them to us and get some points when used in a newsletter issue.

We are looking for members to send us content for "What's News" article each month. What's involved? You would write about what is happening in your lives, like taking a trip for an anniversary or a special event happened or Good News to share. You write your article, include a picture if you have one, and then you email to publications@SCCorvettes.org.

Also, I would like someone to volunteer to write our "Member Spotlight." You would interview members then write a half page article with a picture so others can get to know them as well. It is a way to spread the camaraderie in the club and our passion for Corvettes. See Steve or myself if you want to be involved.

There may be reprinted articles about what is happening with the new C8, Tech Tips, updates on Corvette Racing, and other Corvette interest stories.

If you have any special areas of interest regarding old and new Corvettes you want to know about, or want to share with others, just contact me.



Geno Brickey

Greetings from the year 2020. Interesting! I said twenty only once, but a quick audio echo brought a second one into 20/20 focus, managing even to echo an extra day into this year. A leap into 366 days.

For a while, perhaps the entire year, you may notice that alternating issues of *First Class Glass* do not echo each other so much as display Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly called Multiple Personality Disorder.) Layouts, page counts, fonts, formatting, and whatnot will be strikingly different. Two different personalities, histories, editorial styles, underlying software, and operating systems will produce two distinct styles of news magazine.

Yet, many elements will be the same, and over time, the dissociative identities may become less dissonant or even merge.

If you come to miss the dissonance, just follow the national political discourse in this election year and watch the gravel smacking the nation's windshield.

So, Happy New Year, and enjoy the show.

Steve Wells



President - Greg Selzer



Happy New Year Santa Clara Corvettes! Welcome to 2020!

I would like to start out the New Year by thanking some very special individuals for their hard work this past year. First, the outgoing board members: **Wayne Dorsey**, President; **Gary Linford**, Publications Co-Chair; **Cliff Martin**, Social Co-Chair; and **Dave Johnston**, Car Show director. Board Members who are staying for a second term or taking on new board assignments in 2020 are: **Cameron Brown**, Vice President; **Ken Jackstein**, Secretary; **Alan Templeton**, Treasurer; **Geno Brickey**, Publications Director; **Al Thompson**, Membership Director; and **Stuart Calhoun** and **Collins Orton**, Motorsports co-chairs.

I've really enjoyed working with you all this past year. Santa Clara Corvettes had a great year largely due to your hard work, much of it behind the scenes. Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to the club.
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I would also like to welcome the new Board Members for 2020: **Cheryl Klynn** and **Linda Lariz**, Social Co-Chairs; and **Romulo Rimando**, Car Show Director and **Steve Wells**, Publications Co-Director. Filling board positions is not easy. Everyone has busy lives. Thank you for making the time to contribute to the club in such significant roles.

Finally, I would like to thank the following people for accepting the appointed positions. These are critical roles for the club that provide activities and services that we all enjoy: **Malcolm Lawton**, WSCC rep; **Alan Templeton** and **Ken Jackstein**, Webmasters (acting); **Keith Mendoza**, Historian; **Sandy Mendoza**, Points Chair; **Ken Edgar**, Hospitality Chair; **Jan Minearo**, Club Wear; **David and Nicole Wilson**, Spectacular co-chairs; **Shirley Svindal**, Goodwill Ambassador; and **Mike Mak**, Social Media Chair.

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If you haven't volunteered for an SCC activity in the past, I would like to invite you to jump in. The water is fine. You will quickly get to know other members while you're at it and have fun while you're doing it.

Looking forward to a great 2020!

Greg

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The cover photo is Tom and Lydia Halcin's 1966 Corvette at the beach. This photo was taken at 500 Beach Drive, Aptos, CA on a Saturday morning in September at 10am. The parking lot normally is full, but on this morning it was not. I was able to park sideways allowing us to get a nice picture. It was taken using an iPhone XR. I have used this picture to make a family puzzle which we assembled at Christmas. It is a small-block, 327, 300hp, 4-speed manual, original motor & trans, with black interior. In 1985 a dealership in Portland added the wheel flares, Crager mags, Hooker headers, side pipes, Stinger hood, along with painting it from White to Marina Blue. The same family in Portland owned it until 2018 when I purchased it after seeing it on Craigslist.

Tom Halcin

Welcome!

Al Thompson - Membership Director



Happy New Year!!!!

Happy New Year Santa Clara
Corvettes,

I trust that everyone had a wonderful season and enjoyed the time with family and friends. The holiday season is over and hopefully the rain is too, because we have some exciting events planned for 2020.

We had a fantastic year in 2019, this is my 2nd year as Membership Director, and I'm looking forward to another great year and making strides to improve our membership. We are excited about things to come in 2020, and we're trying to keep you informed and in doing so, we need you to check the website to make sure that we have your correct email address.

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time we are currently accepting renewal applications for 2020

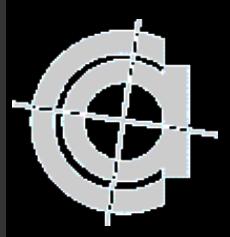
which was due on or before December 15th, 2019, afterwards all late renewals will be charged a \$26.00 late fee.

At the end of 2019 our total membership peaked to 209 members on our Roster, and we want to thank you and all who gave referrals and encourage others to join our Unique Car Club. Let us welcome our newest members Steve and Dana Angus, as well as Joseph Dallamano.

I want to wish each and every one to have a sincere heartfelt Happy New Year may all of you stay Healthy and Happy in 2020. And always remember this: Until next month enjoy the journey and remember what's behind you doesn't matter.

Happy New Year!!!!

Al Thompson



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Social Directors

Cheryl Klynn & Linda Lariz



Congratulations to the 2019 Social Directors, **Cameron Brown** and **Cliff Martin** for an awesome year. We have a tough act to follow, but we'll give it a go.

As the 2020 Social Directors **Cheryl Klynn** and **Linda Lariz**, we are looking forward to planning events for SCC this year. We're grateful to have support from many of our awesome former directors and are working on events and started planning a couple of adventures. Past favorites that we plan to include are a San Jose Giants baseball game with a club tailgate party hosted by **Keith Mendoza**, Spooktacular, TGITs at local restaurants, and our SCC annual club picnic in the park.



Cheryl Klynn hosted the **SCC Knitting Kittens** 2019 Christmas party. Some mighty fine food was consumed. Our knitting group works on hats, scarves and washcloths for the needy.

In 2019, we

donated 156 warm hats, 60 scarfs, and 100 washcloths. After being notified of the need at shelters this winter, we sent 30 pounds of toiletries, 3 large bags and one large box of warm clothing for the women and children. Great work!!

The **SCC Annual Awards Banquet** will take place on Sunday evening, January 26th, from 6:00 to 9:30 pm at Villa Ragusa in Campbell. A private cash bar will be serving drinks before and during the banquet. A delicious buffet will be served at 6:30. After the meal, participants in 2019 SCC activities will be recognized and receive their awards among good friends and supporters. **Cameron** and **Cliff** have planned a quite sumptuous meal and venue. Don't miss it. You can contact **Cameron** or **Cliff** to reserve your place.

We're delighted to announce another **Super Bowl Party** to be graciously hosted by **David and Nicole Wilson** at their home on Sunday, February 2. Cost is \$10 per person and bring one dish to share. BYOB. Party from 1:30 pm until the end of the game. Game starts at 3:30. You can choose your favorite appetizer or dessert to bring and share with the crowd. Just sign up for your dish when you register and pay. Water and soda will be provided. They will have multiple screens and plenty of seating. Wear your favorite team's colors!! If you have any questions, email **David** at dojseller@hotmail.com. Or, of course, email **Cheryl** and **Linda** at social@scccorvettes.org.

Plans for our first monthly TGIT are just gelling at the time of this submission. Stay tuned for breaking news. We will email all the members as soon as we have info.



Blair Barbour will be speaking at the January meeting. He has agreed to explore planning some longer tours that span several days and will be requesting suggestions from the membership.



We are open to any suggestions for events that you would like. If you have any contacts that can get us into more exclusive places or behind the scenes of enterprises, feel free to contact us soon. We'd love to add some special experiences to our calendar.

Cheryl and Linda



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Abel Chevrolet Toy Drive, December 7

The weather forecast was for a storm with rain to arrive Friday night and continue into Saturday. The good news was it didn't arrive until after everyone had returned home safely. Six cars caravanned to the show at Abel Chevrolet



in Rio Vista and three additional cars met us there as they were coming from different directions.

Everyone was in a festive mood, brought the requisite toys and were treated well by all the folks at Abel. In anticipation of the storm Abel had moved all their showroom

cars elsewhere, had their BBQ set up under the overhang at the Service entrance and their serving tables were just inside the Service bay entrance. If it



had rained they were prepared and we would have been dry.

There were donuts and coffee upon arrival for those who missed breakfast or were just hungry anyway. People hung out in the showroom and just outside, chatted and generally had a good time

enjoying the festive Christmas atmosphere. Lunch was announced around 11:30 and you would have thought everyone was starving the way they lined up for hamburgers and hot dogs. After lunch they held a well-stocked raffle consisting of donated items to include certificates for entrance fees at Spectacular and SCC-



Sponsored autocrosses. Most cherished amongst the ticket holders were certificates for free oil changes at Abel. Derek Abel was very generous—as usual.

The party broke up around the scheduled finish at 1:00pm which allowed everyone to return home just before the rain arrived.

Dave Johnston

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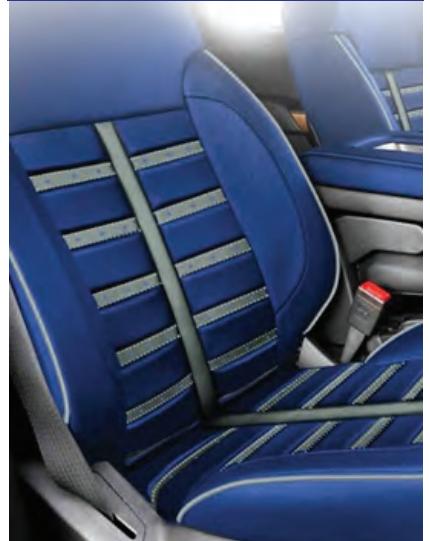
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Toy Drive with Josh for Ronald McDonald House, 12-15

At the November meeting, I put a challenge out to the club: Come together and raise \$2,000 to purchase Christmas toys for the kids at Ronald McDonald House.

If the club members could come up with the money, I said I would cut off my hair. In fact, I said that the high donor would be able to personally wield the scissors.



At the December meeting, I brought along the inspiration for the "toy drive", Tony and Josh. I met Tony at a San Jose Giants game, and he told me about how he and Josh would go every year and donate toys at Christmas. I asked what I could do to help and things just snowballed from there.

Through the generosity of our membership, we

raised \$3,000. But it didn't stop there. **Andy Hoepfner** offered to match the donations by the rest of the club, bringing our grand total to a whopping \$6,000!



We gave a check to Tony at the meeting, and he wasted no time. Tony and Josh hit up several local stores as

well as some internet shopping. 10 days later, they had a garage loaded with 418 Christmas gifts.

On Sunday, December 15, a contingent of SCC volunteers showed up at Tony and Josh's home in Campbell and loaded up with Toys. **Nicole** and I were joined by **Keith & Sandy Menda, Andy Hoepfner, Ken Jackstet, and Chuck Vivian.**

After loading up our cars, we caravanned to the Ronald McDonald House in Palo Alto.

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Toy Drive with Josh for Ronald McDonald House, 12-15-19



Our group loaded toy after toy into a storage container away from the eyes of the children.

Parents will get the opportunity to “shop” for their children and the gifts they choose will be wrapped up by volunteers and presented on Christmas morning. The kids don’t even know this is happening, so surprised faces will abound.

I just want to put out a big thank you to the FORTY-FOUR generous individuals and couples that donated to this amazing adventure.



There are a lot of in-need children that will have a brighter Christmas because of YOU.

As for the hair? Our high donor wasn't at the meeting so you'll have to stay tuned for a follow up!

David Wilson





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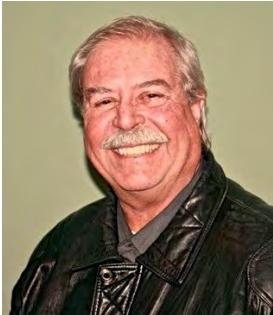
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Collins Orton & Stuart Calhoon: Competition, Motorsports



Marina is kaput!

We heard from John Moulton at Marina Motorsports that all future use of our tarmac at Marina Airport is cancelled. Joby Aviation is purchasing the land and building new manufacturing / assembly facilities, and they're moving out quickly.

So we've gotten very serious about finding an alternative venue. As mentioned last month, we're pursuing several previously rejected venues to see if we can work with any of them now.

For starters, we have reconnected with the Cow Palace staff. **Collins**, **Keith M**, and **Stuart** went there on Dec 20 to see if any of their "cost prohibitive" requirements have eased in the last two years.

The requirement for \$5M in liability insurance (as opposed to \$3M we paid previously) is still there. Per WSCC, we can upgrade to that level for an additional \$3,000 per year. We have some options for raising that money. Not sure if there are any other restrictive requirements, but the manager we spoke with is going to verify and provide us with available weekend dates. Keep fingers crossed.

I had put our 4 weekends of autocross on the SCC calendar but have just removed them. I will spread the word if we are able to secure any dates at another venue.

North Bay Corvette Assn is still planning on hosting four days at the big Thunderhill skid pad – June 6–7 and October 3–4.

Collins and Stuart



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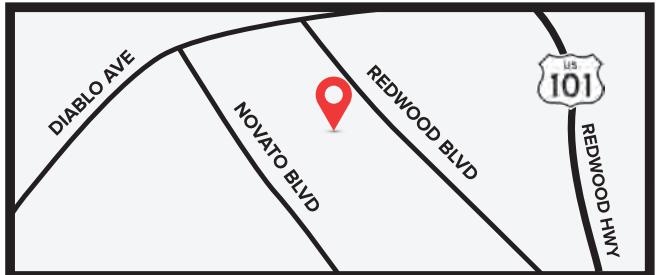
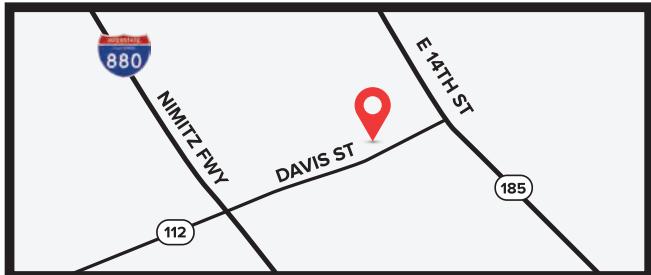
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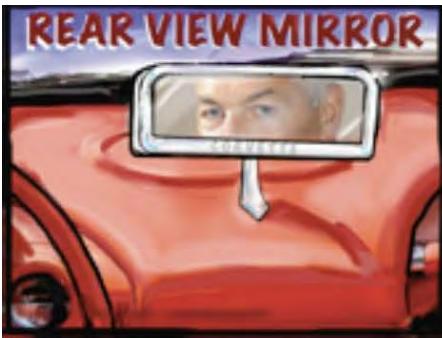


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Historian: Keith Mendoza

We are looking in our “Rear View Mirror” and we see the year 1999 passing behind us. Do you remember that New Year’s Eve when we bid 1999 adieu? Wow, not only was it the end of a decade, it was the end of a century and even more wow, the end of a millennium. The C5 Corvette had been in production for 3 years and soon the Z06 would be on the horizon. After doing some research, here is what our club was doing right before that magical New Year.

We were holding our General Business Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the Sunnyvale Recreation Center in Sunnyvale. After these meetings we adjourned to Sierra Sam’s Pizza for our social. We had around 150 members that year. Our President was the late **Jay Gourvitch**. The Corvetter of the Year was **Skip Frenzel** which was due in part to his work on Corvette Spectacular. \$31,000 was raised for charity due to that show which is an amazing amount.

Some of our **Social Events** were:

- Super Bowl Party at the Doubletree in San Jose. 40 members attended
- Spectacular Thank You Party at the Candy Store in Burlingame
- Powderpuff Rallye to the Vacaville outlet stores for the ladies
- 17 Mile Drive cruise where 20 cars attended
- Cambria Run with South Valley Corvettes
- Halloween Scavenger Hunt
- Overnight Sacramento Poker Run in July
- TGIF’s were held at Maxx’s, Pedro’s, Charlie Brown’s, Happy Days Diner, Burger Barn, and the Peppermill.

In the **Competition Events** there was very little happening:

SCC held the Return of Foolish Fun gimmick rallye in March. 25 cars attended of which 9 were from our club.

Not only did our club not put on any autocrosses, there were NO autocrosses on the WSCC calendar that year.

Corvette Spectacular moved outdoors and was held in October at the Beverly Heritage Hotel in Milpitas. **Steve Moon** was the Chair but his job transferred him out of the area so **Debbie Swilley** stepped up to fill that position.

The **WSCC Convention** was held in Yearington, Nevada from July 1–5 and was well attended.

Some popular club wear items for sale in 1999 were polo shirts \$30, tank tops \$11, caps with embroidered logo \$15 and folding chairs with logo going for \$55.

Our newsletters ran about 20 pages and were all in black and white. They had become much more professional looking than the ones from the early 1990’s. We also now had our own webpage where members could go to see what events were coming up.

Some Corvettes advertised For Sale in our newsletter that year were:

1972 454 automatic \$13K; 1988 convertible \$12K; 1972 350, t-top \$17K

Two of our current members **John and Barbara Warner** were married that year. A lasting Corvette marriage.

It was a year of social events with some car shows sprinkled about. With Steve Moon’s move out of the area, **Shawn Gaither** stepped up to take over the Competition Director position. Shawn was elected President in December and we were driving off into the 21st Century.

We hope you enjoyed the look back in our **Rear View Mirror**.

Keith



Romulo Rimando: Competition Car Show

First, I would like to wish all the members and sponsors a safe and prosperous New Year!

I am honored to serve as the new Car Show Director, for 2020 - succeeding **David Johnston** who has done a fabulous job. I will do my best to keep in the finest traditions of Santa Clara Corvettes while serving in this position.

There were many memorable car shows and events during 2019. It is hard to believe that the 2020 car show season will begin this month

with a Bay Area favorite – **the Silicon Valley Auto Show, January 9-12, 2020.** Guaranteed to display the world's

top auto manufacturers' latest trends in automotive style, fuel efficiency, and performance. I am optimistic there will be

another opportunity for followers to admire the 2020 C8 and an array of many other new vehicles. This show is often a precursor to the car show season.



coffee and donuts upon arrival, two BBQ lunches, two root beer floats, and one raffle ticket. Parking will be on the grass, and additional activities will be raffle, silent auction, valve cover racing, specialty food trucks, and vendor displays.

Hot off the press.... **Save the date: May 23, 2020,** for **Villages Car Show.** Popular in the Evergreen neighborhood of San Jose, The Villages Golf and Country Club is proud to host this fabulous event once again. Last year there was a huge turnout from the community, even other Corvettes noticed our caravan and joined us as we drove into this beloved event.

I look forward to a great car show year, and I plan to continue some SCC favorites, and introduce some new car show ideas. Your



suggestions, feedback, and interests are always welcome, and encouraged. In the meantime, detail your vehicles, perform your periodic, or annual maintenance, as we get ready to kick off another exciting new year.

Stay tuned, as we entertain a local "Corvettes and Coffee" venue.

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JANUARY 2020

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	31	

FEBRUARY 2020

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

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 Business Meeting, Starts at 7pm
- 9-12 Silicon Valley Auto Show
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 26 2020 Awards Banquet at Villa Ragusa in Campbell
- 29 Board Meeting, Starts at 6:30pm

- 2 Super Bowl Party, 1:30pm at Wilsons', BOYB and Dish to share
- 5 Business Meeting, Starts at 7pm
- 8 Casino Night, Custom Alignment, starts at 5pm
- 17 President's Day
- 27 Board Meeting, Starts at 6:30pm

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

January Birthdays

- 02 - Nancy Leras
 - 04 - Ken Edgar
 - 04 - Cliff Martin
 - 05 - Debra Hanks
 - 06 - Donald Lew
 - 10 - Shari Thompson
 - 14 - Al Fuermiss
 - 15 - Steve Wells
 - 16 - Geno Brickey
 - 20 - Judy Ventimiglia
 - 21 - Nicole Wilson
 - 29 - Christine Wisnet
 - 31 - Cheryl Valentine
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January Anniversaries

- 1990 - John & Barbara Warner
- 1994 - Jeanne Corrinne
- 1996 - Chris & Mim Petersen
- 1998 - Nick & Joyce Feimer
- 2002 - Lester & Kathleen Brandin
- 2002 - Peter Dyer
- 2004 - Stephen & Valerie Bolaris
- 2004 - Robert & Donna Courtney
- 2004 - Ron & Jan Minearo
- 2005 - Doug & Susan Marie Johnson
- 2006 - Henry Crook
- 2006 - Linda Lariz
- 2006 - Chuck Vivian
- 2007 - Richard & Pamela Brown
- 2008 - Mark Rea
- 2009 - Ray Gee
- 2014 - Geno & Teri Brickey
- 2014 - Nancy Linford
- 2014 - Nicole Wilson

- 2015 - Nancy Clarkin
- 2015 - Gil Garcia
- 2017 - Larry Polyak
- 2018 - Keith & Joelle Baranowski
- 2018 - Debra Jones
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