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Tribute To Ron Minearo

On April 19, 2021 our Santa Clara Corvette family lost one of our most precious members, **Ron Minearo**.

Ron incurred traumatic injuries while at our club autocross at the Cow Palace on March 20th. **Ron** was instrumental in helping with the event set up and towing our club trailer to the event. He was also assisting in helping run the event. This was usual for **Ron** who was always there to pitch in and help with what needed to get done

We will remember **Ron** for all that he has done to make our club successful ever since he and **Jan** joined in 2004. He served as our Vice-President from 2006-2011 then was elected our leader as President for 2012-2013. **Ron** also was our Clubwear Chair in 2019 bringing his energy and jovial spirit to helping all of us look good in club attire.

Ron loved driving and racing. He competed in WSCC autocross events from when he first joined, and when not autocrossing he could be found driving at many of the track day events at Laguna Seca and Thunderhill. On a re-

cent trip to Germany, he had studied the 170 + turns at the Nurburgring for months to memorize the course and then rented a race prepared car at the track to actually drive it at speed. He was a very happy man that day.

Ron was truly one of God's special people. A friend to anyone he met and one of our club's most dynamic leaders. In the next issue of *First Class Glass*, we plan to have a big tribute in memory of **Ron** and look forward to sharing many of the members stories of the great times we have all experienced together with our pal.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jan and the Minearo family.

GOD SPEED – Ron Minearo

Keith Mendia



President - Greg Selzer



Heartbroken

As most of you know by now, on April 19th SCC member **Ron Minearo** passed away from injuries sustained at our March 20th autocross. The news has shocked and deeply saddened not only the members of Santa Clara Corvettes but also many in the WSCC community as well as other local car clubs.

Thank you to everyone who have supported **Ron's** wife **Jan** and their family during this very difficult time. The core strength of Santa Clara Corvettes is the bond between many of our members and the ability to help each other through heart breaking times. Please do what you always do, not only for **Jan** but for each other. I consider myself fortunate to be part of such a great group of people.

Keith Mendia has put together a short bio of **Ron** and what he has meant to Santa Clara Corvettes for over 16 years. Please be sure to read it **on page 2 of this issue**. **Geno Brickey** and **Jerry Banks** will be including more memories of **Ron** in the June issue of First Class Glass. I'm really looking forward to what we will all be putting together.

Coming Out of COVID

We are now in the orange tier on the state COVID map which means that we should be able to gather soon. **Linda Lariz** and **Cheryl Klynn** have been checking for large group reservations at the county parks. They are not available yet but **Linda** and **Cheryl** will be knocking on the door as soon as they open. We've also been contacted by a winery, and **Mike Mak** just told me about a Mustang event he attended at Roaring Camp that turned out to be a great location. We'll be checking everything out. If you have any other ideas, let us know.

Mark Koller is keeping an eye on upcoming cars and coffee events as well as car shows. He's passing that information along at the Business meetings and will be posting upcoming car shows as soon as they're confirmed.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in person again, soon. Last weekend I was with **Al Thompson** and **Mark Koller** who have also been vaccinated. I can't tell you how much I truly enjoyed the simple act of shaking hands again.

See you soon,

Greg

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Welcome!

Al Thompson - Membership Director

You just bought a Corvette, and now you are eyeing every Corvette you see and thinking I did not see those wheels at the dealer. How do these guys get that shine? How can I fix up my Vette? If you're new to the world

of Corvettes or you are interested in stepping up your game, I got you. I have spent countless hours on Google and Corvette forums and have implemented some of these techniques myself.

To make your car the true showstopper it is, check out my recommendations.

Eyes are the window to the soul, and so it is with your car. If you are sporting an older model Vette upgrade your headlights and make sure they see you.

Black or chrome? Add a touch of flair and reflect your style with after-market wheels and make your car stand out and show them who you are.

Nothing says 'fast car' like a spoiler. Bring out your inner racer and trick out yours as no high-performance vehicle would be caught without one.

Protect your baby with a ceramic wrap and cut wash day by 60%. A pricey enhancement but worth it if you want that 'candy-gloss' shine that just won't quit.

Highlight the lines of your car and bring sexy back. Customize the paint job with pinstriping and make your car unique.

These are a few tips to accent the exterior, next month I will share a few ideas to trick out the interior.

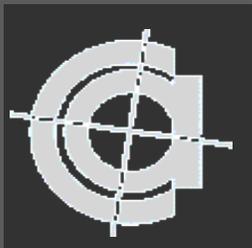
Now let's get inside membership. At the time of this writing our membership status has increased:

- we have 186 members.
- 60 single memberships and 63 family memberships, respectively.
- 2 members joined last month, and 1 family renewed their membership.

Until next time treasure your relationships and enjoy your ride.

Until next month.....

Al Thompson



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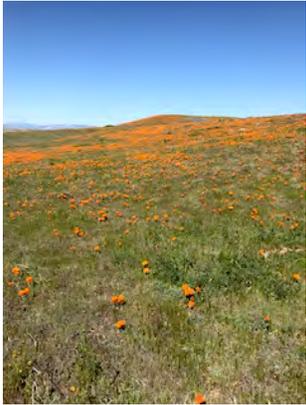
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Social Directors

Cheryl Klynn & Linda Lariz



Poppy Reserve. I was reminded of these trips while looking out my front window at a magnificent display of California Poppies in my neighbor's front yard.



As we get our vaccines and see the light at the end of the tunnel, I reminisce about two Spring trips we did with **Yojack** to the Antelope Valley Poppies in my neighbor's front yard.

On both, SCC members headed out on a circuitous and scenic route stopping for lunch in Parkfield, California (earthquake capital of California) at the historic Parkfield Café. We have visited the café in the past and they serve a wonderful burger buffet that leaves us ready to continue our backroading to Palmdale. Highly recommended for a beautiful (but long) day trip as well.

Our first Poppy Run was almost a dud. On the road, **Yolanda** learned that high winds had blown all the blooms off the flowers in the reserve. So... she did what she does so well, improvise. Our first day, we drove up the back side of Mount Wilson and visited the observatory. Then we met our docent, **Gale Gant**. Serendipity! **Gale** was **Lee's** best friend when we lived in Southern California. They had lost touch over the years and had a nice reunion.

Yojack's second Poppy Run (2015) was much more successful. Again, a scenic background run. **Lee** had a meeting that morning, so we passed on the scenic run and headed down via Highway 5 (meh). The poppies were on full display. We spent a couple of hours hiking around the Reserve, watching a movie in the visitor center, and enjoying a gorgeous day.

The second day we visited Vasquez Rocks. The day was windy and dusty, as you can see in the photo, but this is also a great nature site. We turned our backs to the wind and scrambled around on the rocks enjoying the scenery. You have, in all likelihood, seen the Vasquez Rocks. The park

has been the backdrop of countless numbers of movies and TV shows. If you watch Westerns, you have seen the rocks. If you watch Star Trek, you have seen the rocks.

As part of both tours, we drove the "singing road" in Lancaster. It is a short stretch of road that (when driven at the correct speed) plays the theme song of the Lone Ranger from the William Tell Overture. We had to turn around and drive it again. Fun! You can find it on Avenue G off Highway 14 if you are ever in the neighborhood.

Also, on both trips we visited Blackbird Park, where America's most famous spy planes are on display at this annex of Edwards AFB's Flight Test Museum. High points, we saw the formerly top-secret SR-71A along with the famed U-2 as well as the stealth D-21 drone. You may have seen the photos of member cars posed in front of the jets. Our docent tour guide was a retired test pilot in the development of the Blackbirds. He had some great stories!

I checked on the state of the Poppy Reserve this year. Very few blooms due to the lack of rain. Maybe next year we can hit the road and visit again. Hang in there, friends.

Your Social Directors,

Cheryl Klynn and Linda





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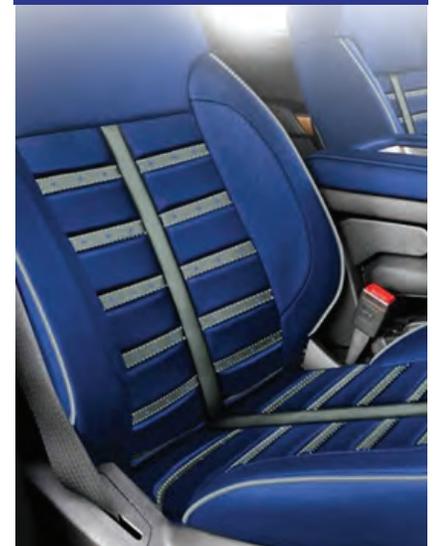
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Retirement project part III, 1969 Corvette brake upgrade.

Do you have a C2/C3 and the brake seals leak? Or just want to remove some weight for better handling?

My project car had sat for the last 10 years. The brake seals leaked (common for C2 & C3) and I wanted to do some upgrades, so when the car is running again it will stop. In retrospect, I should have done tires and wheels first, then I would have had a better idea of the kind/size of brakes and rotors I would want to use. At this point I was stuck with stock size rotors due to the 15 inch wheels.

I started this retirement project somewhat haphazardly with the following upgrades in mind at the time; it was March 2018 and I was planning to complete the following:

Engine overhaul, New carpets, Rear brake upgrade, Front brake upgrade, Wheel/tire upgrade

All these major parts of the project haphazardly overlapped each other before any of the segments were done, this happens when there is not a good plan. By July 2019 the engine had been to the machine shop and back in the car and yet to be finished. More on this part of the story later.

I'll start with the rear brakes in this article because it is the easiest to do followed by the front brakes. For the rear I decided I would go with Wilwood brake kit **wil-140-10790** (ordered from Summit racing) which includes D8-4 replacement calipers, pads and new brake lines that adapt to the chassis hard lines. As the new calipers will not fit the OEM brake lines due to different thread sizes on the fittings, the new caliper fittings are 1/8" NPT (National pipe thread) and the OEM calipers are 3/8"-24 thread. The 4 in D8-4 stands for 4 piston like the original. This kit is a direct bolt on. (See photo rear brake 1)

Removing the old calipers and mounting the new calipers was the easy part. When installing the new brake lines, they appeared to be about 4" too short. I called Summit and they were no help. I was focused on connecting the original brake line in the same position as the OEM line. Some years ago I replaced the OEM lines with stainless steel lines which connects to the lower back position of the OEM caliper. I was able to find an adapter on the Wilwood website that would allow me to use the original

brake lines. I found adapter **wil-140-10790** and ordered it from Summit. They come in sets of 4. The adapters are male 1/8"NPT to female 3/8"-24 thread inverted flare. This adapter will allow you to use your OEM brake line to the caliper in the same position as the OEM line. I later discovered brake fluid squirting from the back side of the caliper as I started to bleed the brakes with **Donna** pumping the pedal. I discovered that was the intended place to connect the brake line on the backside, in the middle of the caliper. The directions had not make it clear to me (sometimes I get in a hurry) that the brake line was to be connected to the back side of the caliper. I had not noticed the sticker covering the

hole for fitting the brake line as it was the same color as the caliper (bad eyes and poor light, got to blame it on something). If you use the OEM position be sure and plug the fill hole in the back side of the caliper. If you have a stainless steel line to the caliper, due to the adapter inserted, you may have to bend the line a small amount. In the end I switched back to the brake line supplied with the kit. With this upgrade you will have removed about 6 lbs of un-sprung weight from each side for better handling, and you will have calipers that are not prone to leaking like the OEM calipers. In the picture you can see the difference in the brake lines. If you are contemplating this upgrade I hope this helps. (see photo rear brake 2). **Any questions, give me a call.**

As for the front brakes, Wilwood does have D8-6 kits (**140-11857**) that are a direct bolt-on replacement. Again it will remove 6 lbs of un-sprung weight on each side. Making this upgrade is easy, but was not the way I decided to go. After measuring the inside diameter of my wheels (76-79 Corvette alloy wheel) which was about 13 inches, I needed something that would fit in the space of the stock brakes. (See photo front brake 1)

I finally decided on Wilwood's kit (from Summit) **wil-140-12040** Forged Dynalite Pro Series Front Brake Kit that will fit inside most 15 inch wheels. As you can see the original hub and rotor look heavy. With the new kit I had to remove the caliper and bracket, rotor, hub and dust shield. This removed 37 lbs of excess weight. I installed new brackets to mount the new calipers on the original spindle. Then I assembled the hub and rotor and mounted them on the spindle and installed the new caliper and pads. (See photo front brake 2)



Rear Brake Photo 2



Front Brake Photo 1



Front Brake Photo 2

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What's Happening with the C8 Watch Now?



Here is the latest info I was able to find on the C8 Watch. At the time of this writing we have C8 owners taking delivery and wanting to make their own statement by customizing with aftermarket mods. Back in the 1970s everyone wanted to make their Vette a little different

from the next. Customizing by adding flared fenders, bigger hood, new bigger wheels & tires, pinstripes or a trick paint job was how each stood out. Instead of a Ray Schiro custom paint job today custom vinyl is how you can make your C8 stand out. With an open mind and imagination you can layout any custom design to make you C8 a one of a kind. There are many local vinyl shops that can take you dreams and ideas and make them happen.

Aftermarket mods are what is hot today. You can make your car stand out in other ways but we are going to talk about just a few. Let's start with a Hydro Carbon Fiber front splitter & side skirt kit. Corvette-Mods has it for \$949.99. https://www.corvettemods.com/C8-Corvette-2020-Hydro-Carbon-Fiber-Front-Splitter-Side-Skirt-Kit_p_23785.html



Now if you do not have the Lift Option on your C8 and want to protect you new Z51 front splitter you need to add a skid plate from Scrape Armor to keep from damaging your ride when going in and out of driveways. Check out this easy install for \$549.95 at

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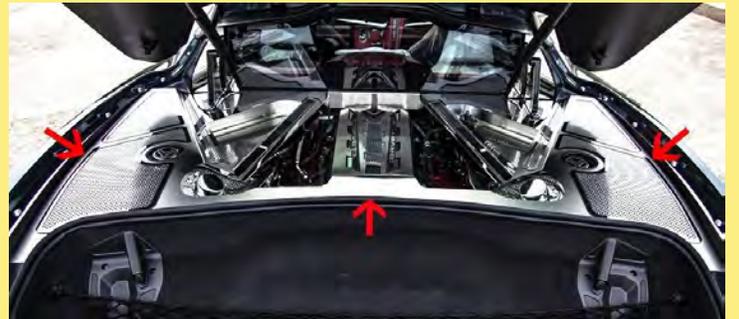
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OK, want to add bling instead? Brushed stainless steel fender covers with polished perforated inserts for \$999.95 at southerncarparts.com. Add Polished stainless steel window frames for \$189.99 from corvettemods.com.



I gave you all these sites to visit but you can probably buy a complete set from one of them or your favorite online Corvette parts seller you are familiar and or dealing with.

Stay tuned for more to come on the latest "C8 Watch."

Geno Brickey

National Corvette Museum News

The National Corvette Museum will open up a new exhibit on Memorial Day weekend called **Corvette Powered** that will showcase non-General Motors and non-Corvette vehicles that utilize engines and drivelines from the iconic American sports car.

While a wide variety of cars have utilized the Corvette's V8 engine over the years, the Corvette Powered exhibit



will focus on mid-century cars that were released shortly after the advent of the venerable **Chevy Small Block** in 1955.

The centerpiece of the exhibit will be a 1977 Studebaker Avanti II – a continuation of the original 1963 Avanti that utilizes a 327 cubic-inch V8 engine shared with a 1963 Corvette Sting

Ray. The example

that will be shown in the Corvette Powered exhibit is owned by Corvette enthusiast and Avanti fan Bernard



“Mike” Hammer, who told the museum that he trailed it home after buying it in 2017 before fixing it up himself and entering it in a local car show, where he promptly won first place. Hammer decided to donate the vehicle to the NCM, so the Bowling Green, Kentucky-based facility will now be its forever home.

Another key part of the Corvette Powered exhibit is a 1966 Excalibur, a limited-production car designed by Brooks Stevens, who was inspired by the 1928 Mercedes-Benz SSK. This unique roadster was originally going to feature a Studebaker V8 engine, however Studebaker engine production ended shortly after the Excalibur's debut in 1963, forcing Stevens to look elsewhere for a powerplant. He eventually secured Chevy 327 V8s through peers that worked at GM, with the Excalibur entering production in Wisconsin shortly thereafter.

The example obtained by the NCM was originally purchased new by an unnamed Hollywood producer and theater owner before it was sold to its current owner, Myron Vernis. The car is completely original and has only traveled 16,000 miles in its 55-year life.

“This exhibit shares a piece of Corvette history and explores the stories of unique vehicles and their use of Corvette engines,” said NCM curator Derek E. Moore.



About the cover

We decided it was time to upgrade and get a newer car. Since a C8 is not in the cards right now, we started a search online to see what was available in a later model C7. After a couple of months, we found three cars to our liking. After test driving a 2019 car, we decided it was not the one for us, even though it was the color combination that we loved. The next day we followed up on a 2017 Sterling Blue Stingray Coupe, but it was already spoken for. The third car was at Stevens Creek Chevrolet, we test drove it and immediately knew we wanted it. The car had all the features we were looking for except the Navigation System. We decided to walk away from it until we did some research to see if we could get an OEM Navigation System installed. As soon as we had confirmation that we could get the OEM Navigation System installed, and hoping it was still there, we returned to Stevens Creek Chevrolet. We purchased this 2017 Stingray Coupe with the Z51 option and magnetic ride control (MRC). This Long Beach Red Metallic car with Kalahari interior had only 2800 miles and was in pristine condition.

Later after talking to club member **Ron Beck**, we purchased his OEM Navigation module for our new car. Thanks to **Ron** who offered his expertise and installed the module in our car.

We have in mind some appearance modifications i.e., LED lights, clear bra, and tinted windows. These will be done over the summer between doing road trips and getting ready for the Bryce Canyon trip.

Maxine & Roger Wiley

From the Desk of Our Charity Coordinator: Maxine Wiley

Our first SCC sponsored Charity Drive has been highly successful. As of today, we have raised over \$4,960.00 for the **Second Harvest Food Bank Virtual Food Drive**. This provides our neighbors, who are in need, over 9,930 meals. I want to thank all our generous donors; you truly have made a difference.

Do not forget the **SCC-SHFB Virtual Food Bank Drive** continues until May 15th. We have double matching funds until the end of the drive. A SCC member couple has generously donated 1:1 matching funds up to \$1,000.00. The second source of matched funds is being provided by an additional, non-member, donor, their matching funds will be good until May 31st. **What a great time to donate and have your money do triple the work.**

SCC Members participated in a volunteer work group at SHFB on March 30th. We had such a great experience that 10 of our members have volunteered to return/join our group at the Mission College-SHFB distribution site on May 4th. **SHFB** is very appreciative of your donated time and work. Thanks.

Our next SCC sponsored Charity Drive will be working with the **JW House in Santa Clara**. JW House, located on the grounds of Kaiser Permanente Hospital, provides opportunities for families to stay together during medical crisis. Their Mission is to offer a welcoming home close to the hospital and providing a caring and compassionate environment that inspires hope.

We are planning to provide a dinner for 30 of JW's clients on May 25th. We will be packaging a prepared meal and deliver-

ing it to JW House that afternoon. You can help with this project by doing one or more of the following.

1. Prepare one part of the meal in your house and bring it to the site where we will be packaging the meals. We will be serving lasagna, salad, French bread, and cookies. Please contact me if you can provide, or help prepare, any part of the meal, at wiley_ma@sbcglobal.net. (Use underscore after wiley)
2. Purchase food and/or items needed to package the meal.
3. Donate funds to help pay for the food that we will be preparing.
4. We will need six volunteers to help package the meal at a SCC member's home the afternoon of May 25th.

The JW House also has a need to refill their pantry with items needed by their clients. They have requested donations of water bottles, small chip bags/crackers, instant noodles, Nuts/dried fruit, and laundry detergent (HE, fragrance free). If you can provide any of these items, please let me know. We will deliver the pantry items when we bring the meals, and another delivery at the end of May if we can get enough donations.

Thank you all for your generous donations and support.

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Cracked Wheel Analysis By: Lee Klynn

On a driving tour through Canada and Nova Scotia, David Johnston's C7 Corvette Grand Sport broke a wheel on road anomalies and lost air pressure. A replacement wheel was not a quick option so David had the wheel cracks welded. It held air pressure and David completed the tour home safely.

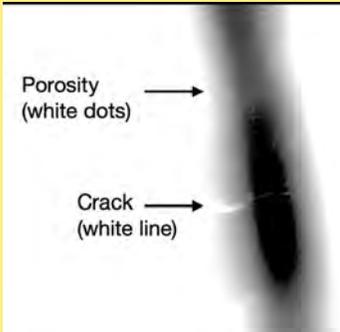


Figure 1. Wheel x-ray

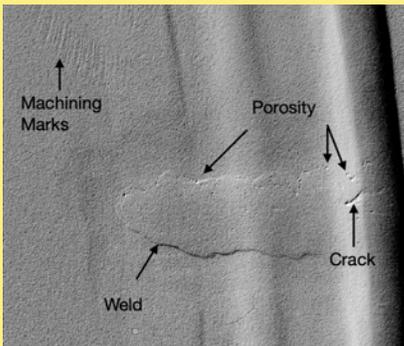


Figure 2 Wheel x-ray

I was curious if the wheels were manufactured with defects or just encountered severe road anomalies. I borrowed his repaired wheel and x-rayed it using a digital x-ray imaging system. Figures 1 & 2 are x-rays of areas that were welded. The areas imaged were 4"x4" or less but the resolution is about 0.002". Interestingly, the cracks still show indicating that the repairs were only on the surface. The welds were sufficient to prevent air loss but nowhere near as strong as the original wheel. Luckily David didn't hit another bad pot hole on the 3000 mile drive home. A few areas away from the wheel repairs were x-rayed to try to locate general workmanship issues, but little was found. It appears that the cracks were just due to hitting potholes.

The standard display images are brighter where more x-rays hit the sensor, so dark areas are thicker or are made of a more dense material. Figure 1 has been adjusted to show the crack remaining in the middle as a white line. Figure 2 is the same area as Figure 1 but has been edge enhanced by the computer. In the middle of Figure 2 is a large welded area. The void in the left of the weld area is about 0.03" diameter and there are several other smaller voids. Isolated voids don't leak air and usually don't propagate under stress or wear. To the right is a remnant of the original crack that was not repaired. Residual cracks can propagate under stress over time but luckily this one didn't leak enough to be a problem on the return trip.

Several members reported broken wheels on their C7 GS over the last year or so, especially on longer SCC tours. It appears that the GS wheels didn't have enough strength for the GS even in normal driving.

Here are photographs of some of the wheel cracks:

Figure 3. David Johnson wheels



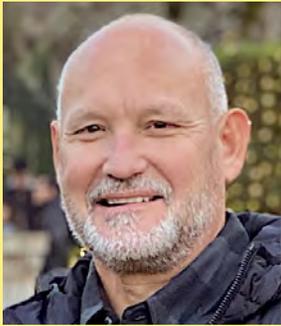
Figure 4 Ron Beck Wheels



Figure 5 John Warner Wheels



Figure 6 Bob Courtney Wheel



Mark Koller: Competition: Car Show

Headlights are a must. They not only help you see but help you be seen by others. Keeping our headlights clean and at optimum performance is important. But like many other things our environment can work against us. Like our paint, the plastics used to enclose modern headlights will dull over time and can cloud up causing the headlights, in more ways than one, to lose their shine.



Protection and treatments can prolong this effect. As a car detail enthusiast, I have managed to bring life back to a number of cars' headlights. Unfortunately, this effect is temporary and after a few months mother nature prevails, and the

process must be repeated. If you own a car long enough, expose it to the environment, or worse



yet store it outside and you want them at their best, you will eventually need to replace them. In the Corvette world this can be most noticeable on the C6 generation, as some are now reaching the age of 17.

Due to limited availability and the need to color match your car, replacing the genuine

GM OEM C6 headlight units can be a challenge. If you can find them, they can cost up to \$1,500 each. Lens only replacement kits are evaluable for much less (\$80.00-\$90.00) but require the unit to be disassembled and resealed.



An alternative growing in popularity is the Morimoto C7 style Xb LED headlight unit (www.morimotohid.com). This system is a direct replacement for the C6 headlights. They are not cheap (\$1,385.00 on Amazon for the set) but do offer immediate availability while adding a modern LED C7 style up-

grade. Several videos are available on YouTube to review the product and learn the replacement process. Being the do-it-yourselfer that I am, I enlisted the help of our very own **Al**

Thompson. I then managed to convince our newest SCC member **Stephen Bravo** to replace the foggy headlights on his C6 Coupe with the Morimoto units. In just under four hours, armed with two floor jacks, some very basic hand tools, and technical support by



"YouTube", we managed to remove and replace the headlights with minimal difficulty and only the smallest bit of profanity. **Stephen's** C6 now has a more modern look and a fresh set of headlights to increase visibility and catch the eye of others.

Mark

Retirement project part III, 1969 Corvette brake upgrade. Continued from Page 11

This kit does not come with new brake lines, as this kit will fit multiple cars. On the Wilwood web site I found a flex line part number **220-6411** (14 inches long that has a -3 AN female fittings) which I needed an adapter for each end: one 90 degree 1/8-27 NPT to -3 AN (**220-13125**) to the caliper and one to the chassis -3 AN to 3/8-24 (**220-13124**). With this all installed, it's now time to bleed the brakes. With **John Warner's** help bleeding the brakes, the rear brakes would not come up to pressure. We finally discovered the master cylinder had a bad leak. So I had to order a new master cylinder. It's now Sept 2020 as I said earlier things go slowly due to other activities getting in the way such as two trips to South America and one to New Zealand. Projects are great to keep one thinking and not going crazy but you must find other activities that are fun also.

Have fun, Bob (slave to the garage) & Donna Courtney (tortured editor)



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SCC Second Harvest Food Bank Volunteers

On March 30th, eight SCC members donated their time to deliver food items to those in need at Mission College in Santa Clara. We started at 8:30 am and were done by 11:45 am. There were about 45 other volunteers plus staff members from Second Harvest Food Bank that helped deliver food to 675 families.

All of us didn't know quite what to expect or what our exact duties would be. However, SHFB was very organized and showed us the ropes with help from other volunteers. This was a very smooth and a very safely run operation, not to mention lots of fun. It was a good way to interact with our members who we haven't seen in person in quite some time. Masks were required and disposable gloves were on hand if you wanted them.



Our **Charity Coordinator Maxine Wiley** took the duty of traffic cop as she was responsible for waving in the 5 cars at a time to the food distribution line. The seven other volunteers, **Linda Lariz, Geneva Leighton, Jim Barnes, Ken Jacksteit, Roger Wiley and Jerry and Shirley Svindal** were assigned to the distribution line. Each car had a number on the windshield which corresponded to how many family meals the driver was picking up. Each family would receive four packages. All the drivers remained in the car with their masks on as volunteers loaded four packages per family in the trunk or back seat of the car. There were 4-5 volunteers at each stop. One would motion the driver to stop at a particular spot and then open the trunk. Then each volunteer would load up their package into the car. One package contained two packs of



frozen chicken, one package contained fresh fruit and vegetables, one package contained dairy products and the last package contained dry goods.

The time went by fast, but the pace would slow down now and then to take a break if needed. Restrooms were in the building that was a bit of a walk. The location was in Parking Lot A where we were in the shade under the cover of trees on what was a gorgeous day.

Afterwards six of us went to a nearby restaurant and enjoyed a nice lunch on the patio of Tomatina's restaurant. The server



said she knew members of our club and found out she's a cousin of our own **David Wilson**. Small world.

Shirley Svindal said that she would like to go back and volunteer even if it was just herself.

I would highly recommend it and would definitely do it again. It was a very rewarding experience and even with the drivers wearing masks you could tell their appreciation.

Thanks to Maxine for organizing this fun event.

Ken Jacksteit





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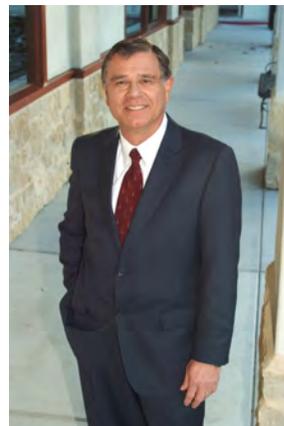
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- 1 Hooked on Corvettes @ Thunderhill
- 1 Kentucky Derby
- 4 Second Harvest Volunteer Day - 8:30 - 12:30
- 5 Zoom Social at 6:30pm and Business Meeting at 7:00pm
- 5 Cinco De Mayo
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Mother's Day
- 13 Zoom TGIT Get together 5PM to 7PM
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 17 Tax Day
- 20 WSCC Zoom General Business Meeting
- 26 Zoom Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 27 Zoom TGIT Get together 5PM to 7PM
- 28 National Burger Day
- 31 Memorial Day

- 2 Zoom Social at 6:30pm and Business Meeting at 7:00pm
- 5 NBCA Auto-X at Thunderhill
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- 10 Zoom TGIT Get together 5PM to 7PM
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Father's Day
- 24 Zoom TGIT Get together 5PM to 7PM
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- 9 Kurt Lee
- 14 Scott Fuerniss
- 16 Joseph Dellamano
- 16 Liz Calhoon
- 20 Keith Mendia
- 20 Mark Rea
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