MARCH 2016 CORVETTE CAPERS

Pam and Jack’s
2004 Lemans Blue Metallic Convertible

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GENERAL CSC MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016

PRESIDENT: The meeting was called to order by President Cliff J. at 7 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MEMBERSHIP: Peggy B. reported a quorum present in order to conduct business. She brought copies of our new roster for anyone who might be interested. We now have ninety-three members. Peggy announced and introduced the prospective and new members. Marice T. has not been present for a long time, and we were happy to see her again. Barry K. brought his girlfriend Darlene. Annette and Peter H. were our guests for the evening. They reside in Cotati and recently purchased a 1990 black Corvette convertible.

SECRETARY: Jackie F. called for approval of the minutes of the General Meeting as printed in the Newsletter. John Y. made the motion to approve the minutes, Vicki J. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (SHOWS AND ACTIVITIES)

TREASURER’S REPORT: Suzanne W. gave an itemized report of the bills paid as well as the income and balance for the month of January 2016. She also reviewed the current year’s budget. Cliff stated we are providing two free pizza nights along with a free oil change raffle giveaway at each of the two free pizza nights. Suzanne will include the cost of the oil changes in this year’s budget. Bev J. approved the report, and all were in favor.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Cliff J. announced the February birthdays as well as the anniversaries. The birthdays are Kathy C., Jim F., Bob K., Steve K., Joan M., Mike M., Jack R., Larry V., and Dianna W. Wayne and Betty O. are celebrating their anniversary this month. The Big City Corvettes are hosting an “All Corvette Swap Meet and Car Show” on Sunday March 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Las Positas College in Livermore. The Laughlin Gambler’s Classic is April 14 through April 16. The 21st annual Pahrump Valley Cruisers Show will be held on April 16 at Petrack Park in Pahrump. There will be a car show at the Blackhawk Museum in Livermore on April 24. Friendship Day 2016, hosted by Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club, will be on May 15 at 3 Lagoon Drive in Redwood City. Cliff read a thank you letter from the Earle Baum Center personnel in Santa Rosa for our 2015 contribution. Jack R. explained to the members what the center does for the visually impaired.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Gary W. thanked Mary V., Butch N., and Jack R. for volunteering for the Swap Meet Committee. He will get together will them for a meeting in the future. Gary has once again graciously volunteered to print all of the flyers. He stated that the participants in this year’s Swap Meet should be asked how they found out about our Swap Meet so we can utilize this information for future advertising.
DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We need a Public Relations person. If anyone is interested in the position, please talk with Cliff J.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Rebecca thanked Bev and Ed for opening up their home for the “Omelet’s in a Bag.” Rebecca stated that she sends out thank you notes to some of restaurants and such that take good care of our club so they remember us for future outings. Fifteen cars and twenty-six people were on the Budweiser/Clydesdale Run. Lunch was enjoyed at the “Monsoon Burger” in Fairfield. They were joined at the luncheon by a Military Soldier in uniform with Bob K. treating him to lunch. There was a “lucky horse-shoe drawing” with Leigh B. winning first prize in the contest, and Andy K. winning second prize. Mary made handcrafted gift bags for the entire group attending the Budweiser/Clydesdale Run. Cliff announced the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast in Forestville on March 06. The cost is $5 per senior. The participants in the wine tasting event scheduled for March 13 will meet in the parking lot under the Highway 12 freeway across from the Fairgrounds at the Park and Ride in Santa Rosa. The “Run to Columbia” is scheduled for May 21 through May 23. Mary and Rebecca contacted the hotel, and the hotel is holding a block of rooms for the participants from our club, so contact the hotel to make room reservations if you are interested. Please see your Evite for further information. The Evite system is running very well, and most people are using it. If a person is going to attend a function, please respond to Mary, Rebecca, or the Evite. If a person changes his/her mind, please change your Evite response or contact Mary or Rebecca so they can have a correct count for each run.

NEWSLETTER: Wayne O. was absent from this meeting.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK: Tony V. reported that our website is coming up for renewal, and they will extend our contract for one additional month so we can decide what we want to do. Our website is antiquated so the web designer suggested we upgrade to “Word Press.” He indicated there would be a significant cost increase to upgrade our website to this more user friendly site which would allow Tony to make changes more easily for pictures and other documents. The website brings attention to our club from outside sources, and Tony indicated our website is frequently visited by individuals, giving us good exposure to the general public. Our current website is very time consuming for Tony to make changes. Tony recommended a message board for members be incorporated into the new website so members could leave comments for one another. This subject will be taken up and voted on during March’s meeting.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Jack R. had nothing to report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY: Steve K. announced that jackets are $50 without a person’s name and $55 with a person’s name. License plates have been discounted from $8 to $5, and hats have been reduced from $20 to $15. The logo needs to be discussed at a future meeting.
HISTORIAN: Ray F. announced he would like to no longer post the pictures in the album because there is very little interest in thumbing through the book at the meetings. He presented a power point presentation that seemed to be very well received by everyone. A vote was taken to allow this change, and it was passed by an overwhelming majority. Ray will continue to update Facebook with all of the pictures and maintain files with all of the pictures of each event that takes place. This eliminates any cost to the club for the Historian.

SUNSHINE: Vicki J. said a card and a plant were sent to Bev J. If there is a need for a card or a call to a member, please contact Vicki. The Saturday “Dine Out” on February 21 will be held at Remy’s Bar & Grill in Santa Rosa.

DINE OF THE MONTH RESTAURANTS: Vicki J. announced March’s dine outs. “Wednesday’s Dine Out” on March 02 will be held at Brody’s Burgers & Brews located at 3135 Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa. “Saturday’s Dine Out” on March19 will be held at Los Tres Chiles located at 2765 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Steve K. announced the Wednesday night drags will begin in March. Crash helmets for the event must be in compliance with the standards from 2005 on. If you would like further information, please contact Steve K.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business was reported, so President Cliff J. called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Nancy K. made the motion to approve to adjourn, Cindy K. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DRAWINGS: Dottie V. was the recipient of the jackpot, Pam R. was the recipient of the jackpot along with writing an article and submitting a picture of their car for the next Caper’s Newsletter, and Bruce T. was the recipient of the free oil change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS UNRELATED TO CLUB BUSINESS: None

CSC Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Forno, CSC Recording Secretary.
Budweiser Clydesdale Social Event

It was one of the first beautiful sunny days of the New Year. Mary and I were expecting about 17 people for our fun run, we ended up with 26! An average fun run is 12-15 people so this was an outstanding turn out!

We drove the back roads from Rohnert Park to Fairfield. There were 15 cars. As we headed through town towards the Monsoon Burger establishment people that were walking down the street turned and stopped in their tracks to watch the parade of beautiful cars drive by! When we arrived at the restaurant customers were so excited to see all of our Corvettes. There was plenty of parking and lots of seating inside. We sat at two long tables. We had 26 people order all at once during a Saturday lunch hour there was very little wait time for our delicious food. Everyone enjoyed their meal, most had burgers and fries, but there was a variety to choose from, and the prices were very reasonable. I am a burger and fries type of gal, I loved my meal!

Mary and I had a little game planned for everyone. In honor of the Clydesdale horses we brought horseshoes in a bucket. My sister Gina, who was also present, has a horse ranch. She and I collected horseshoes, then Tony, Mary, and she cleaned them up! We had each member grab a horseshoe out of the bucket. They didn't know that it was a “drawing.” Instead of the typical drawing of a piece of paper they drew horseshoes!

Once everyone had a horseshoe I asked them all to hold their horseshoe in the manner in which they believed would bring them the most luck. In some of the photos you can see people holding their horseshoes in different ways, some of them even got a bit creative and held them in a silly fashion!

I then gave everyone a little history about the “lucky horseshoe” theory. I always believed that you hung the horseshoe like a “U” because if you held it the other way all of the luck would run out. I learned that people from all over the world have been picking up horseshoes for centuries and hanging them above their doorways for good luck. There are different theories depending on where in the world you come from and also from what century. In the 16th century many cultures believed that you hung the horseshoe with the points downward so that when someone walked under the doorway luck would pour down upon them. To cover all bases many people hang one horseshoe with the points up and another horseshoe underneath with the points down! I continue to hang mine upward like a “U” which is the most popular belief in this century.
Budweiser Clydesdale Social Event continued

After the history lesson I explained to everyone that there were a couple of horseshoes that were luckier than others. Two were marked with a dot. Leigh Bergstrom was our first place winner with a Budweiser Clydesdale hat. Andy Koski was our second place winner with a Budweiser Clydesdale collector pin. However, Mary, Gina, and I believed that everyone’s horseshoe had a little luck so everyone was given a goodie bag with Clydesdale pins and candy. Mary handcrafted bags decorated with the Budweiser Clydesdales for everyone. Some only received candy because so many showed up without RSVP to the Evite. We are so happy to have anyone who wishes to come but we are asking that you please RSVP because we want to make sure that we have enough surprises with us for everyone. Even if you call us the morning of the event to tell us you've decided to come we can through something together. We always plan for a few extra but we had almost 10 extra. It's like planning for a party, it's nice to have an idea of how many are coming!

Lunch was over and it was time to head to the Budweiser Brewery to see the Clydesdale horses. As we entered the parking lot we were the center of attention as our 15 cars paraded by! We all were able to park side by side. A man who was there with his Corvette joined us and took photos. He was so excited as he had never seen so many Corvettes together like that!

The Clydesdale horses were amazing, they are so beautiful, and so big. In one of the photos Mary is holding up one of their horseshoes which cost $50 each. The Clydesdale horseshoes are 3-4 times larger than a regular horseshoe like the ones we had given the members earlier. The horses and Dalmatian dogs were in their stables where we could view them. There were hundreds of people there that day. They did bring out one of the Clydesdale horses from the stables but there was such a long line of people we could only look from afar. I don't think the brewery was properly prepared to handle so many people at one time. The horse trailers were impressive as you can see in our group photo of everyone.

We had a great day with a wonderful group of people, but my highlight of the day was how proud I was of our members when a particular incident took place at the Monsoon Burger place. We had two long tables because there were so many of us. I got up from my table to circulate and see how everyone was doing. When I got to the other table I noticed a young soldier in uniform sitting at the middle of the table surrounded by members talking to him. This table of people had invited this soldier to sit and eat with them. I am told that one of the members, Bob Krantz, even went above and beyond and bought the soldier his lunch. Mary also gave him a goodie bag.

This soldier may never remember one person that he met that day, but he shall always remember the day our Corvette club rolled into town and showed him great kindness! I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of people, good job Corvettes of Sonoma County members!

Mary and I would like to thank all who attended our first fun run we had a great time!

A special thanks to Ray Forno for creating a wonderful slide show to share with everyone at the meeting!

Rebecca Olibas
Some of you may know that I gave up driving because of a visual impairment. Thirteen years ago I was diagnosed with an eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa (RP). February is designated as RP Awareness Month so it seemed like a good time to share this information with all of the members of the Corvette Club.

Although RP is an inherited disease, I know of no family members who have this condition. Retinitis Pigmentosa is an inherited degenerative retinal disease that affects 1 in 4,000 people. Most people with RP are diagnosed as children. It starts with night blindness and progresses to tunnel vision. Vision loss varies from person to person according to the variation of mutated genes that are inherited. The loss of peripheral vision usually leads to complete vision loss which can happen either in early life or be a slow progression that allows some vision into later years. There is no treatment or cure at this time although there are recent research developments that give hope. Much of the research is funded through the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Most people with RP have poor ability to see in dim lit or crowded areas, can only see what is directly in front of them, and have no depth perception. RP affects the outer areas of vision, in contrast to macular degeneration which affects the central vision. I currently have a 20 degree field of vision and can only see what is right in front of my face. I cannot see above my eyes or below my face so I have to watch out for low branches and small children. If I am looking from a distance my visual field expands. So for instance, if I sit far enough away from the screen at the movies, I can probably see most of the picture. Something like IMAX, however, would be too large for me to take in with my limited visual field. The closer something or someone is to me, the less I can see of that object or person.
In January I began classes at the Earle Baum Center. I am taking Introduction to Vision Loss, which is an overview of the many products and services available to people with low vision or blindness as well as various tips that can make their daily lives easier. The second class is actually more of a support group called Living with Vision Loss. I am the only one in the group that has RP. Several people have macular degeneration, one man has Parkinson's disease with vision loss, and another is completely blind due to retinal damage from a brain trauma. I am also taking orientation and mobility classes which includes cane training. The California Dept. of Rehabilitation pays for classes for most people and the Earle Baum Center offers scholarships for others.

I hope this information has been interesting and informative. If anyone has any questions about RP or the Earle Baum Center, I would be happy to talk with you.
At the Feb meeting, Cliff read a letter of appreciation from the Earle Baum Center in response to our donation in 2015. Jack then told the members that when a donation is at a certain level, the donor's name is engraved on a golden metal leaf and placed on their Tree of Life in the lobby of their office building. I've attached a photo that I took today of the tree and our club's leaf.

Thanks Pam
4th Annual Classic Car Show & Cruise

2016 Classic Car Show

Whether your favorite is a Studebaker, Ford, or Chevy, join us for fourth Annual Driven to Perfection Classic Car Show and Cruise on Saturday, May 28, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at O’Reilly Media at 1005 Gravenstein Hwy. N., Sebastopol. Celebrating 1976 and older classic cars and trucks, our rain or shine event will highlight many of our friends who have participated over the past three years, as well as those who have been in our annual “Classic Cars & Classic People©” calendar.

The whole family is invited to attend for a nominal fee of $7 per person with kids 12 and under free. All proceeds will benefit the programs of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center.

Vehicle registration has begun and is $25 per vehicle until end-of-day May 1, and $30 per vehicle May 2 on. Last year’s show had over 2,000 members of the public viewing the 193 classic cars and trucks and a splendid time is guaranteed for all at this annual fun raiser! Be there or be square!

Driven To Perfection is NOT a judged show, but special awards will be given: People’s Choice, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and other categories.

For more information, call Dean at 707.829.2440. Be there or be square!

Register and park between 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Vehicles must be parked by 9:30 am and remain parked until 4 pm.

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Eco-Friendly Cars by Invitation.

Limited Space Available

Registration Fee

- $25 per vehicle before end-of-day May 1, 2016
- $30 per vehicle starting on May 2, 2016
Registration for the Inaugural Alameda Point Concours d’Elegance has Opened

SHM Classic Motors, LLC is proud to introduce the Alameda Point Concours d’Elegance. This new concours venue is located on the grounds of the Alameda Naval Air Station. The concours will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Register Now

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A Legend on Display 36

Blackhawk Automotive Museum
April 24, 2016
Blackhawk, California

All Corvette Car Show

For additional information contact:
Carole Robinson
vpevents@ncacorvettes.org
Tim Sullivan
president@ncacorvettes.org

WSCC Type 1 and Park and Show Car Shows
Registration 8am to 11am
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WSCC Fee $35
Non-WSCC Fee $40

LEGENDS PRE-REGISTRATION (MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 12)

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Bay Area’s
ALL-CORVETTE
Swap Meet
2016

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CORVETTE OWNERS & ENTHUSIASTS

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Please print legibly

Enclosed is a payment of $____ for the vehicle(s) @ $30 each before June 1st. $40 after June 1st.

Name__________________________ Phone__________________________

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Year & Make of Car (s) name, Entrance Class

Cars that wish to show together must arrive together! Personal tents must not block car show area.

All Entries and Participants by execution of this Registration Form, release and discharge Engineering Contractors Association and Maintenance Supervisors Association, or any person or group associated with the presentation of the 2016 Father's Day Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments or claims whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his/her person or property. By signing below, you accept responsibility for your vehicle and yourself.

Signature of Entrant/Participant __________________________ Date __________________________

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Wednesday Night Dine Out

El Coronel Mexican Restaurant

By Pam Roarick

Jack and I were finally able to introduce the club members to one of our favorite Mexican restaurants at the Wednesday night dine-out on February 3rd.

Colorful, carved tables and chairs depicting Mexican themes provide a bright and cheerful atmosphere at El Coronel, which is located in Sebastopol on Hwy. 116. Diners are greeted with a large basket of warm tortilla chips, and bowls of bean dip and red and green salsas.

There were 13 in our group, Jack and I being the last to arrive and the last to order our meals. Surprisingly, we were the first to be served our plates. The waitress explained that our choices of Coronelitos and a two item combo were the easiest and quickest to prepare. Inexplicably, Cliff and Vicki’s shrimp tacos were very slow in coming and the last to be delivered.

Several members ordered burritos, which were among the grandest I have ever seen. Mary and Rebecca wisely ordered ala carte so they were able to indulge in the beautifully presented flan.

Everyone seemed delighted with their meals and had a good time at El Coronel.
VALLEY CRUISERS
Pahrump

Presents the 21st Annual
Over the Hump to Pahrump
Show and Shine
April 16th 2016
Petrack Park - On the Grass
Hwy 160 & Basin

Registration Fees:
Before April 6th - $25.00  Free Show T-Shirt
After April 6th - $30.00  Free Show T-Shirt as available

Open to all Years, Makes and Models of Vehicles
Registration 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Car Show 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Raffle at 3:30 p.m.
Awards at 4 p.m.
Best of Show, 1st, 2nd each class
Vendors entry 6 a.m. - 7 a.m.
Free Kids Raffle - 11:30 a.m.
Entertainment: Maria Anderson & her
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MARCH 2016 EVENT CALENDAR

- Brody’s Burgers Dine out night  March 2
- Wine Tour Sunday  March 13
- Monthly Club meeting Tuesday  March 15th
- Los Tres Chiles Dine out night  March 19

Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Dinner & social 6 pm, meeting 7 pm
Round Table Pizza  2065 Occidental Rd.  Santa Rosa

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