



V.C.S.C. Minutes ~ August 3, 2019

Clyde called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm with 26 members present.

Announcements

Ron shared that he had spoken to John Medeiros who said he was doing OK but the chemo was wiping him out. If he's up to it, they'll meet us at dinner today. All in all he was in pretty good spirits for what he's going through and appreciates phone calls. He did sell

his Corvette.

Jim shared that his friend and former member Phil, who is also on chemo, has had a rough time. Jim had gone to his home in Apple Valley to spend the night in order to get him to City of Hope in Duarte early next morning. They inserted a port but as his white count dropped, they were to return to City of Hope the next day to see if the booster shot helped. Jim tried to wake him up the next day with no response at first then he became combative so Jim called 911. Paramedics arrived and found that his blood sugar was so low they couldn't get a reading! If Jim hadn't been there, Phil would be dead! So he's back in the hospital to get all his levels corrected before he gets to go home. Praying he can stabilize.

Gina shared that she had received an email from Shannon that her beloved dog, Buddy, had been very ill due to bone spurs and disc disease and then had a corneal ulceration that got infected. She has her hands full with treatments, vet appts, and monitoring Buddy so will have to pass on today's event. She's hoping he won't need eye surgery.

New Business

Jim presented new member packets to Frank Ceruti, Jr and Viki Belonogora, our newest members. Welcome to VCSC! He also wished the many August birthday babies a happy birthday: Patti Gibbons, Christa Hicks, Michael Ewing, Melissa Cervelli, David Cervelli, Spencer Hoglund, Jack Bohlman, Viki Belonogora, Francie Pollock and Sharon Lederer.

Now that the new C8 Corvette has been revealed, Jim asked Ed Whetstone to speak of their experience at the official reveal. The Whetstone's were the only club members, that we are aware of, who attended the official C8 Corvette Reveal in Tustin. Ed shared their experience which he described as the best experience they've ever had. They were royally wined & dined, were seated in the 6th row from the stage amongst auto industry celebrities. He said there was a guy in a Hennessy shirt that they were talking with. Turned out he was the OWNER of Hennessy and was talking to Ed & Karen just like a regular guy. Another person of interest was from Hemmings News who told Ed he would be taking the blue C8 home to drive for a few months. And another was a Corvette engineer who shared this generation went through more rigorous testing than any other and not to be afraid to buy one from the first production run. He also noted that the doors open a little bit higher, but not as extreme as Lambo doors, so as to clear

tall curbs. Gina shared that she & Jim sat in a C8 at Connell Chevrolet and she couldn't get out of the car as she couldn't find the opener. Turned out to be a button low on the door...who knew? Continuing, Ed & Karen also hobnobbed with the likes of Barry Meguiar and Ron Fellows. Ed went on to say how loud the three C8's were that drove upon the stage towards them – you could feel the power. In their welcome packet, they received 2 collectible coins. Jim said he'd seen some on eBay selling for \$200! They happened to notice a waiter with a tray of lovely desserts which they assumed were for those dignitaries in the reserved section (rows 1-5). When they inquired about them, the waiter showed them a room FULL of desserts for the taking by all guests! So of course they partook of several! The only negatives were the 2 hr wait to sit in a car, the parking, which was in gravel and Karen was attacked by fire ants! Ed said Todd from Paradise Chevrolet in Moorpark contacted him afterwards to see if he wanted to order one but as pricing not out yet, the Whetstone's will wait.

Jim shared that he & Gina went to the reveal at Connell Chevrolet and were able to see many of the options and actually sit in the car. Connell had an allotment of 90 which they sold out in the first 10 minutes at MSRP! The Moore's were not one of them... He went on to say there are many dealers offering at MSRP such as in San Diego, Rio Vista, and Kerbeck, who has an allotment of 500 and are not sold out. Upcoming reveals are 8/9 Allen Gwynn, 8/12 Keyes in Van Nuys and 8/14 Rydell. He also noted that the price list is due out 8/15.

Old Business

Jim thanked everyone for attending the July event at the Glendale Center Theater and Damon's Steak House. There were 19 at the theater. The Stanton's had to leave before dinner at Damon's but the L'Oddo's joined us for dinner. While not old business, he said it was good to see Vince driving their Corvette today, noting he saw Vince climbing up on him at about 85!

Around the Board

Vice President – Spencer said he didn't know if the right time to bring it up but that he could secure a caricature artist for the picnic in Oct. for a minimum of \$400 which maybe the club could pay for. Members could have their likeness drawn with their car, if they have it, or from a picture of their car. To be discussed prior to the picnic.

Secretary – Gina apologized for the tardiness of posting the last couple months of photos.

Treasurer - Loretta said we are doing well and can afford to pay for the artist Spencer proposed.

Events – Ron went over the Poker Run for today. You can buy up to 4 hands at \$5 a hand and for an additional \$1, you can exchange 1 card per stop. He will add the raffle money to the pot for prizes. Spencer warned that the 1st stop has a steep driveway and advised it be taken at an angle. He added that The Rock Inn is famous for their prime rib and usually only prepares one but will do an additional roast since we're coming. Parking is on the street in front and side streets. The owner is a Corvette owner. Be sure to draw your first two cards here and get a radio from Clyde.

Sept – noon meeting followed by a gimmick rally through Santa Paula he and Jerry mapped out. Be sure to bring a navigator and a clip board. There will be some surprises and 2 bonus questions at the end to total 100 points. No one has ever gotten all of them correct! He and Sharon will do the run again a couple weeks before to be sure nothing has changed. Dinner will be at Sea Fresh in Ojai about 4:30-5.

Oct – Member Appreciation Picnic will be at noon at Conejo Creek North. Sandwiches, drinks, games, prizes are free to members. Just bring a side dish to share. Guests are \$10 ea. A total head count is needed by Sept 21st.

Nov – Second Saturday of the month. The guys will cruise to a WWII Museum in Valencia and the ladies will head to the Shaffer's to do centerpieces for the Christmas party. Everyone will then meet at Route 66 for dinner.

Dec – The meeting will be at 11 am as the event will be to attend the Great American Junk Hunt in Ventura followed by dinner at BJ's in Oxnard. There will be no tune in or pizza party this year. Jim explained that Mark has been very generous over the years hosting the tune in but the Dec date conflicts with a yearly event he & his wife would like to attend. So starting next year, the tune in will be held in Nov. followed by the pizza party ~ a new tradition.

Jan – Possibly a tour of the Ray Sherr Car Collection

Membership – Barbara absent

Product – Alyse had lots of product to see and order today. She noted that the new catalog of items went out via email and said she'd had lots of help from Clyde & Colleen. When asked about member supplied product, she indicated that there would be no guarantee that the item would not be damaged during the embroidery or screen printing process where as the items provided by the vendor are guaranteed. She invited everyone to take a look at her new items and has hats available for purchase today.

Web Master – Paul is pleased that the site hasn't crashed

Features – Paul is working on ideas

Historian – Jerry noted that Gina has posted the photos. He also spoke of the C8 Reveal at Petersen last Sunday. The car was blue with grey interior – very attractive. There were over 100 Corvettes present. For the entry fee he received a coffee table book, a poster and admission to the museum noting it was exciting to see the new C8

Museum Ambassador – Mike noted the raffle for a new C8 is ending soon

Sargent at Arms – Clyde said he has radios available for today's event

Newsletter editor – Dave said he's only doing every other month or so as he needs material to insert. If you have anything, let him know.

Comments/Concerns

Dinner Drawing – with the raffle taking in \$141, the Miller's won the \$25 dinner drawing

Name Badge Drawing – Mark Singer would have won \$10 if present

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectively submitted by

Gina Moore, Secretary