

HIGH SIERRA CORVETTES

HSCC General Mtg. Minutes

June 21, 2023

Margaritas, Grass Valley

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm, guest Pamela Gorman introduced

David Franklin

Rescue 4 Pet Sake charity, award of \$400 with Pamela Gorman accepting, nominated by Shirlie Hill

Pamela explained that the charity was founded by her in 2011, and rescues dogs that have been abandoned, mistreated, or both. She gave us several examples. One example was of a dog that had cataracts and was given surgery to correct this and is now a happy active pup. It is a completely 100% volunteer organization, and she and Shirlie Hill have been working together for several years.

Sunshine Report:

David

Birthdays: David (tried) leading us in the Happy Birthday song for Ron Nevis (2), Sue Garber (3), Julie Gordon (13), Connie Kelley (13), Doug Leonard (20), Jack Laird (22), and Rod Ferreira (27)

Anniversaries: Chuck Rei & Ruth Galtieri (2), Bob & Valerie Hudelson (6), John & Sharon Beckwith (23), Ray & Cathy Shepherd (27), and Keith & Daisy Hartwig (30)

Treasurer's Report (See Jennifer for specifics on Expenses)

Jennifer Durrett

Available Funds \$2550.14

We have created a category to separate out the raffle ticket funds earmarked for our charity donations, along with an annual \$500 we want to save to go towards the 5-year anniversary trip deposit.

Social Activities/ Past events

Steve Johnson

May 20 **Movie Night** at the Franklins *Romancing the Stone* was the movie choice, and we had a beautiful evening. Movie goers included the Suzukis, Shepherds, Aumonds, Dennis Deberge, Megenitys, Franklins with their friends the Buchanans. Great appetizers and brownies, along with the requisite popcorn were enjoyed. We also learned a new trick to fend off those pesky mosquitos: rub tequila on the exposed body part (thank you Julie!). Franklins are taking suggestions for our next movie in August.

May 29 **Summer Kickoff** (Memorial Day) with the Beckwiths. Although the Beckwiths weren't able to report on the festivities, Julie Suzuki said they had a great time and great food, as always.

June 3 **Nevada County Parade & Airshow** with Utermoehls. Rick said that 10 cars plus 2 other Roamin Angels corvettes lined up for the parade: Leonards, Emmons, Don Miguel, Niemis, Reifels, Lairds, Durrett, and Beckwiths. Rick offered flyovers with proceeds going towards a scholarship, and the Utermoehls, John Beckwith, and Doug Leonard donated \$250 to the fund.

June 4 **Portugese Picnic Dash & Dine**

Ron Nevis led 8-10 cars down to Freeport for a dash-n-dine parade and fiesta, honoring the Holy Ghost. Besides Ron, the Emmons, Bluesteins with guest, and Rod & Connie enjoyed this outing.

June 15 **Alleghany Run** with the Johnsons. Steve and Kym ordered up a day with beautiful weather and great roads, and everyone enjoyed this trip. Beginning at the JCPenney parking lot we left Grass Valley, drove up towards Marysville Rd, Bullard Bar Dam (what a gorgeous scene to come around a corner and suddenly see all that blue water and white houseboats!), onto Hwy 49, did a u-turn at Alleghany, then lunched at Peterson's Corner. Even though the wait for food was extended, most plates went back near empty. Unfortunately Monica Perkins had to work, but she saw us traveling up

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the road. Those attending included Dennis DeBerge, Jeannie Niemi, Paul Emmons, Franklins, Rod & Connie, Utermoehls, Gary Suzuki and Jeff Dissing, Triolos, Johnsons, and a potential member Fred. We even had a drop in guest: none other than Al Megenitty who happened to be there for lunch himself. Can't wait to see where Steve takes the October Poker Run!

Committee Reports/Upcoming Events

Steve

July 4th Grass Valley Parade led by Dale Durrett. As soon as Dale receives complete details from the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce he will forward it to the Club. What we do know is that we are part of the first group, but won't be staging together at the college parking lot. Instead we will join our leader near the Mill Street Plaza then proceed along the parade route. Rick U is really hoping we are not too close to the horses. I think we all agree!

July 4th Fireworks at 7:00pm, Lake Wildwood, hosted by the Reifels. As Bonnie says, "you bring the party, we provide the place". MJ Emmons sent out an invitation using a new platform called "Punch Bowl", similar to "evite". Please be sure to reply back so that Bonnie & Gary know whose names to give the guard shack, and whether you are bringing either an appetizer or a dessert. Plan to drive through the NORTH gate, not the Main gate (my oops on the invitation) and enjoy the food, friendship, and fireworks. Bonnie encourages you to stay after the fireworks and warm yourself with tea or decaf coffee. Be sure to bring a chair for each person, and your beverage of choice.

July 5th Board Meeting at Lumberjacks, Grass Valley David explained that due to the holiday landing on our usual first Tuesday of the month, the monthly BOD meeting will be postponed a day. As always, let David or another Board member if you plan to attend so that we may give an appropriate head count to the restaurant.

July 13-14 Sardine Lake The Purdys have finalized all of the arrangements for this scenic run up to Sardine Lake. Due to limited restaurant seating and hotel accommodations in the surrounding area, names will be taken if members are unable to go. For example, Bob & Valerie Hudelson had to drop out, but another member has filled in the spot. Scott says that the Kentucky mine trip (\$10 pp) has been finalized, so plan on meeting at the Target parking lot at 12 noon and leave promptly by 12:15. Look for the email sent out June 21st at 1:58pm for details from Scott.

July 19th General Meeting at Margarita's David wants to remind all members of this important general meeting. According to our club By-laws July is where we vote on the 2023-2024 Board of Directors (BOD) for High Sierra Corvettes. Your absentee email ballot needs to be returned no later than 6:00pm Tuesday, July 18th to Debbie Franklin, or you can vote as usual in person at the general meeting on July 19th.

Aug 19 Movie Night at the Franklins. Please send movie suggestions to either David or Debbie.

Sep 19-22 Bodega Bay David Franklin says to plan on staying for a brief update after the July 19th general meeting. Activities suggested are the usual winery visits, but these can be a bit costly with the winery requiring reservations and a tasting fee upfront, which may/may not be put towards a

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purchase. Other ideas are to visit an oyster farm, tour of Ft. Ross, kayak rentals on Tomales Bay (no roof racks on these cars!!!), potential for cheese tasting, and lots of open time. Come with ideas.

Sep 30 Annual Picnic, Gateway Park, Penn Valley Chris Megenity is our Chair, with main helpers Stella Bluestein and MJ Emmons. We have a chef who will do the BBQing for us, and the menu MAY include ribs and chicken. Look for a PUNCH BOWL invitation and be sure to tell them what food item you will be bringing. Since this is a club-sponsored event, members are free but guests are \$15 per person. A “wet t-shirt” contest for the gentlemen was a suggested activity, but... Any questions? Contact Chris.

Oct-7-8 Italian Fest in Reno Steve Johnson is asking for volunteers to help lead this event, in memorial to Brian Puphal, Bruce & Carol Puphal. Unfortunately, they are unable to attend at this time.

Oct TBD Poker Run Although the date is TBD, plan on a fun ride led by the Johnsons. Info will be shared as it becomes available.

Dec 21 Holiday Party @ Ridge Restaurant, Auburn Steve Bluestein, Chair. Contact Steve if you would like to be part of the Holiday committee, or let him know if you have suggestions or can help. Remember, this is on a Thursday which gives us the best pricing and availability.

Corvette Enthusiast Information **Mark Triolo**, one of our new members, came to a BOD meeting with an idea. What about adding an impromptu talk each meeting related to Corvettes? It could be informal, educational, or inspirational. Examples might be good places for a day trip everyone should consider, what modifications have you done to your car (or regret having done so), or what about sound dampening modifications and did they work?

Steve Johnson took up the idea with a talk about tires (no, no PowerPoint slides were accepted). I will do my best on rewriting his talk, but for specifics please go back to Steve. Ok, here goes:

We can all agree that tires are important, as they should be the *only* thing in contact with the road and our car. There are several areas to use for selecting a specific tire, and Steve used several specific Michelin Pilot tires as examples.

1. Tread wear is always a concern, and your type of driving affects tread wear performance. All tires bend at the contact patch when it meets the ground, and Corvette tires use a lower PSI, and have short sidewalls which increase the heat and temp. For example, tires rated “100” tread wear are a true race tire, great for traction but with a short tread life expectancy. Tires like those on Scott Purdy’s car are for competitive racing yet fully street legal, great in warm weather and dry driving conditions but decreased overall mileage. However, if the temperature is less than 50°F, the tire won’t perform as well (less sticky to the ground). With a tread wear rating of “180”, this can be for more “aggressive driving”. For example, Scott’s 100 rating may get mileage of approx 10K, but a 180 rating should give you 20K more miles. A “300” tread wear rating is fine for both track and everyday driving.
2. All Season: These are a more conventional tire, all season, will do corners but not rated for track. When the temperature is low, the performance is low also. These tires are better in nice clear day driving and rain, but consider keeping it away from weather in the 20°F’s. Tread wear is rated

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“560”, and should offer 40-50K miles. Don’t forget that Nevada County can have temps in the 20s or the occasion snow or hail.

3. Run Flats these are usually found on C6-C8s, but expect a noisier ride. Several members discussed how they do/do not like them, and it seems that many Run Flats were replaced with a different tire.
4. TireRack www.tirerack.com Steve and others recommend TireRack as a good website to learn about tires AND order them. You can order tires to be sent to a recognized local tire store. Discount Tires (Auburn) may be cheaper, but you need to compare a local tire store and the cost for a Tirerack product to be mounted and balanced. Another suggestion was Plaza Tires in Penn Valley.

Old Business

David

Audit to be done per By-Laws every 4 yrs (last in 2019). Becky Boyes will undertake this for the Club.

BOD nominations: We will vote on these positions at our July 19th general meeting. Per our revised 5th edition 2023 By Laws, absentee voting is now recognized in addition to in-person voting at the general meeting; one vote per membership. All absentee votes must be received no later than 6:00pm Tuesday, July 18th to Debbie Franklin. Nominees as of June 21 are:

Vice President Rick Utermohlen (the VP position should be considered a 3-yr commitment, Vice president to President, then becomes Past President, each for one year)

Treasurer Jennifer Durrett**

Secretary Debbie Franklin**

**Jennifer and Debbie are willing to continue in their current positions if no other nominees are suggested

New Business

Emergency Assistance List **Cathy Shepherd** is again managing an Emergency Assistance list for HSCC club members. Folks on the list are willing to offer their homes as either a staging area for families to meet, or housing for a very limited time during wild fire season, or rainy season. So far, 14 members from Nevada County and 3 Placer County members are on the list. See Cathy’s final email updates sent June 25, 2023. Thank you Cathy!

PUNCHBOWL RSVP Invitations, how to reply back

Debbie Franklin for MJ

Our club is trying a new format to replace the paper sign-up sheet that is passed around at meetings. While this is adequate, it doesn’t capture members who were not at that particular meeting, or heard about the event through a friend; it also allows everyone who RSVPs to see who is going, and what food item they want to share. Please select one (1) email address per membership to be primary for better tracking. For example, PunchBowl will send RSVPs to both David and Debbie Franklin since they use separate email addresses for Club information. However, MJ would like only David to RSVP, then under “GUESTS” to list Debbie’s name. PunchBowl also allows comments so you can list any food item you are signing up to bring. This way, MJ can clearly see who is coming and the food.

Dash-N-Dine to the Wise Villa Winery in Lincoln wisevillawinery.com Ron Nevis has proposed a trip to Lincoln. He explained that we can make a group reservation for up to 20 guests, but if more than 20

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want to go then he suggests some individual reservations and just show up with him. He says the menu is great, and suggests a run in either Sept or October on a Thursday evening when the restaurant offers prime rib. He and Cheri shared a Caesar salad, NY steak, and bottle of wine for about \$120.

Logo Merchandise **Debbie Franklin** displayed hats (as modeled by Gary Suzuki), and several members wearing HSCC' shirts, which are available for order or purchase, our HSCC Logo is already embroidered. Our merchant is willing to do the embroidery on your own clothing, assuming it is either new or freshly laundered. Have a jacket you absolutely love and know fits? Let's get it embroidered. Surprise a special someone with this lovely gift. 😊

We Need to do better. Ruth Galtieri shared that her and Chuck's experience with the club has not been welcoming. She said that although a few members have reached out to try to get to know them, and it's been appreciated, they were expecting more. For example, at another club people ask about what they like and want to do as individuals and as part of that club, and want to get to know them better. She said that not going to many meetings or events is on them, but how she feels is that she doesn't want to come back. The BOD discussed this a lot after the meeting, and we feel that we need to do better as a club to help our members, especially our newest, to feel welcomed and part of us. We will continue to take this up at our July 5th BOD meeting and bring some solutions to the next general meeting.

Closing remarks

Save your pull-tabs (Becky Boyes), eye glasses/Hearing Aids (Chris Megenity); hotel items, and photos of events and your car (MJ Emmons 4maryjayne@gmail.com).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25

David

50/50 Raffle \$155 worth of raffle tickets were sold. The winning ticket was worth \$78 and was drawn by guest Pamela Gorman (Rescue for Pet Sake). Oh my, Dennis Deberge won (again) \$77 will go to our Club. Last month's raffle money (\$52) went to *Rescue For Pet Sake*

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Franklin, June 26, 2023