

**HIGH SIERRA CORVETTES**  
**HSCC General Minutes**  
**September 27, 2023**  
**Margaritas, Grass Valley**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 33 members attended, no guests**

**Steve Johnson**

David was thanked for his past work and passion as past president, and received a thank you card.

**Sunshine Report:**

Linda Mulay

**Birthdays:**

Chris Megenity (Sep 2), Bonnie Reifel (7), Dale Durrett (Sep 7), Chris Farinha (12),  
Susan Allison (12), Peggy Laird (19), Chuck Rei (20), and Sharon Murray (Sep 25)

**Anniversaries:**

Scott & Cyndie Purdy (Sep 5), Steve & Stella Bluestein (Sep 10), Doug & Brenda Leonard (14), Mark & Kathy Triolo (14), Jack & Peggy Laird (25), and Gary & Bonnie Reifel (Sep 30)

**Treasurer's Report**

Sept. Ending Statement      \$3655.09

**Jennifer Durrett**

Dues were due September 1<sup>st</sup> Thank you if you already paid

(An updated roster will be available in October; thank you for your patience.)

**Social Activities/ Past events**

David Franklin

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Movie Night, the original *Indiana Jones*, was supported by great weather and good food.

Looking forward to next year. Ideas for next year is to start sooner so you get home sooner, and potluck.

Come with suggestions for the next movie

Sept 19-22<sup>nd</sup> Bodega Bay What can we say? Great weather, good corvette roads, and great fellowship with 35 folks in 18 cars joining the fun. David found a quaint set of rooms where we could all relax at the end of the day. And of course, huckleberry whiskey was part of the party. David was overwhelmed by the cards and thanks by attendees.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, Annual Picnic at Penn Valley. The Picnic committee planned for BBQ, David as music DJ, and lots of sides. Even though the weather threatened (up until the last minute), the overhead cover kept us dry. We offered 50/50 raffle tickets for sale, and Steve Johnson won \$103, with \$102 going to our selected charity Anew Day. Cheers went out to our BBQ master Sean, who gave away a to-go pan of bbq ribs and chicken to a second ticket holder, with Kathy Triolo being that lucky winner. The picnic committee also surprised us with giveaways of the flower centerpieces, with Kathy T again winning a special prize for finding a red toy corvette amongst her flowers. Unfortunately illness kept several members at home, and we hope you are feeling better.

**Committee Reports/Upcoming Events**

Oct 6- 7<sup>th</sup> Italian Fest, Reno Although this event is non-hosted, please let Rick know if you are going so as to drive as a group.

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Wise Villa Winery Expect information from Ron Nevis, who was unavailable at Sept. meeting.

Oct Poker Run -- cancelled

Steve

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting for 2024 Rick Utermohlen will set up our event calendar for next year.

Please come with your ideas, or email him. If you've never lead an event but want to, we have several members who are willing to help and/or co-chair with you. For example, Dale Durrett suggests returning to La Fornaretta in Newcastle as a Dine-N-Dash.

December 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) Holiday Party at The Ridge in Auburn David reported that Steve Bluestein is still in the discussion phase with The Ridge, but we all need to expect a slightly higher price since food is more expensive. Last year the facility fee was only \$150, but this year it is their standard rate of \$500. Plan on corkage fees of around \$15. Send music ideas to David, including music to dance to.

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**Old Business**

**Steve**

People enjoyed the picture collage during our 2022 holiday party, and we would like to do it again but we need your help! Please send pictures of any event or activity since Jan 2023 to Mary Jayne Emmons (4maryjayne@gmail.com) .

**New Business**

**Steve**

Toys 4 Tots Cathy Shepherd reminded us it's that time of year again to consider making donations of an unwrapped toy, or possibly a gift card. Toys 4 Tots donates to children of all ages. She and Bonnie Reifel will begin collecting at the October and November general meetings.

\*\*\* The Food Bank of Nevada County is in immediate need of the following items with pop tops, easy open single meals: (1) Peanut Butter, (2)thick stews and soups, (3)canned fruit, (4)granola bars, (5) oatmeal cups, and (6) Applesauce, fruit cups. They are located at 310 Railroad Ave, #100, Grass Valley.

**Corvette Enthusiast Corner** Julie Suzuki discussed corvette driving from a woman's perspective. Julie told us about some inspiring women corvette drivers she had the pleasure of meeting while at Laguna Seca, such as Helen Landess, Diablo Valley club, who does auto cross and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Nevada Valley open challenge. Helen has a bumper sticker that reads "You were just passed by a girl". Julie herself has twice driven what are called "parade laps", those type of corkscrew curves where the road disappears (yikes, not for me). Someone even had the nerve to say to Gary, "You let her drive that thing?!" Gary replied back, "It's her car." Simply said. One last piece of advice Julie had for us was to strongly encourage our women members to make sure you are able and feel safe driving the family corvette. Since our general population is over the age of 65, some of us 65++, you need to be capable of driving the car home in case something happens (chest pains, ER visit for a slip/fall, too many beverages).

**New Member Liaisons** When you joined, what helped ease your transition from a "newbie" into feeling as part of the club? Brenda Leonard and Cyndie Purdy are stepping up into this new position. They have several ideas they are bringing to the BOD, and we would like to hear from you, too. Please call them ahead of time if you believe you will be sending/bringing a new member so they can meet them. Thank you!

**Closing remarks**

**Steve**

Save your pull-tabs (Becky Boyes), eye glasses/Hearing Aids (Chris Megenity); hotel items, and photos of events and your car (Mary Jayne Emmons).

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm by Steve.**

**50/50 Raffle** was held during the annual picnic, with a total of \$205 in tickets being sold.

September donations of \$102 will go to *Anew Day*.

August donations of \$57 went to the Club's general fund.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Franklin, October 5, 2023