

## HIGH SIERRA CORVETTES

### HSCC General Minutes

March 20, 2024

Las Katarina's, Grass Valley

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Steve Johnson with 35 members and 5 guests. New members Ayrton Swasey (just call him Swasey) and Merrill Grant were introduced and spoke about themselves and their cars. Guests Jim & Lisa Kotey are friends of the Leonards; Bruce & Kimberly Ulrich introduced themselves and their friend, Mark Frederick (all neighbors in Meadow Vista). The Ulriches also became members later in the week. See end of minutes for their info.

#### Sunshine Report:

Linda Mulay

**Birthdays:** Nicki Nicolai (2), Jennifer Durrett (4), Daisy Hartwig(14), Skip Stahmer (20), Shirlie Hill (21), Mary Jayne Emmons (22), Cheri Martin (25), Kym Johnson (27)

**Anniversaries:** Dale & Jennifer Durrett (30)

**Condolences** Kathie Utermoehlen, on the passing of her mother

**Treasurer's Report** **Beginning** Balance \$5335.63 **Ending** Balance \$3974.63 **Jennifer Durrett**

The charity account (Anew Day) is up to \$361, and we continue to deposit money into our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund.

#### Social Activities/ Past events

Feb 28 Dash n Dine to La Fornaretta, sponsored by the Durrettts. This was a fun event that included bonding with some of our newer members, and pizza appetizers purchased by the Durrettts. Those attending included the Triolos, Suzukis, Aumonds, Purdys, Durrettts, Leonards, Megenitys, Lairds, Utermoehlens, Jim Norman and Sherry Andreini, Chris Farinha and Nicki Nicolai, Chuck Rei and Ruth Galtieri, and Linda Mulay with Cowboy Pete. It was suggested that next time maybe the members could preview the menu to make ordering easier. All in all, a good time.

#### Upcoming Events

April 7 Grand Island Mansion Brunch, hosted by Rick Utermoehlen. Look for his March 16<sup>th</sup> email flyer. Cost is \$78 per person, which includes tax, tip, and OJ & champagne, besides a wonderful brunch. Our reservation time is 1:00pm. Call Rick so he can add you to the list.

April 28 Monte Vista Inn at Dutch Flat Dash-n-Dine, hosted by the Durrettts. Look for an email sent March 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50 per person, which also includes tax and tip. Please bring cash or a check to the April 17<sup>th</sup> general meeting, since the restaurant requires ONE payment for the entire group. Call Jennifer if you have questions.

April/May TBD Twin Rocks Winery, Granite Bay host will be Sharon Murray, Check back for more info  
May New Clarveaux Winery & Sierra Nevada Brewery, Chico --cancelled

May 18 Outdoor Dinner & a Movie, hosted by the Franklins. We plan to try a slightly different format this year to better accommodate members that want to socialize, but not drive home late at night. We will have a pot luck dinner, and then start the movie (Ferrari) around dusk. Of course, gobs of popcorn. More info to follow.

May 25 Ladies Luncheon hosted by Stella Bluestein. Chicken risotto will be provided by MJ Emmons, and look for the Punchbowl invite to sign up for appetizers, salads, etc.

July 31 Sardine Lake, hosted by Scott Purdy. Please contact him for info if you haven't already reserved a room.

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**Old Business**

**Steve**

Please be sure to RSVP back to Chris Megenity for our general meetings; thank you!

Please send names of event attendees to Debbie Franklin for inclusion in our minutes

**New Business**

**Steve**

Location for general meetings---Las Katarina's has been selected for our general meetings unless we notify the club in advance. We have had many good comments and reviews, and they definitely like us. Although TJ's in Nevada City was well attended, the State is using much of the available parking for a bridge replacement.

The annual picnic will be September 14<sup>th</sup>, again at the Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley, with Sean doing his amazing BBQ. Kathie Utermoehlen will be the chair.

Holiday party will be December 11<sup>th</sup> again at The Ridge in Auburn, with only a \$350 room fee! Steve Bluestein is our contact for the restaurant and will help, but we still need an official Chair. Different menu options will be considered. Because this venue is a bit of a drive for some members, Steve Johnson said that he and Kym stayed at the Spring Hill Suites in Auburn, which offers a shuttle service to its guests.

**By Law Calendar** (a current copy is available on our website)

**Steve**

**March** Any revisions are normally proposed during the February general meeting for our members if necessary, with a member vote in March. However the BOD only recently became aware of the need to consider deleting references of using Roberts Rule of Order. Since we are a social club with simple voting, we talked tonight about this proposed deletion. We will take a formal vote during the next general meeting, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The proposed revision will be made available before the April meeting.

**April** Recommendations for our 2024-25 BOD members will begin in April. We are especially looking for a new Vice President, since Rick Utermoehlen will move up to President, Steve Johnson moves over to Past President, and David Franklin steps away from the Board (but gets a cool pin). If you would like to take up the positions of either Treasurer or Secretary, let the Board know that too; otherwise Jennifer Durrett and Debbie Franklin will continue in their roles but not the 2025-26 year.

**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](mailto:4maryjayne@gmail.com)).

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm by Steve.**

**50/50 Raffle** Members bought \$195 in tickets, with Steve Johnson winning \$93, and \$92 going to our club. The February raffle proceeds of \$80 went to our charity, Anew Day.

*The BOD is taking new names for our charity donations since we are almost up to \$400.*

**Corvette Trivia** hosted this evening by MJ Emmoms (see her topic after the New Member info)

**Public Announcement by Cathy Shepherd.** April 6<sup>th</sup> is the Residential e-waste event from 10:00-2:00pm in the Calvary Bible church parking lot, 11481 Hwy 174, Grass Valley. She is also updating her Emergency Assistance List, so please contact her for more information (or to join). See her email dated Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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***New Members---my apologies if I left something off***

**Ayrton Swasey** “Just call me Swasey” is most assuredly our youngest member at 21 years of age. He lives in Grass Valley, works in real estate, and fell in love with cars at an early age. His baby is a Laguna Blue 2016. Today was his first meeting.

**Merrill & Katie Grant** Merrill lives in Lake Wildwood with his wife Katie. He has worked in Education for over 35 years, with many of them as a school administrator. He was looking for a club through the internet and found HSCC's website. He owns a 2021 corvette. We hope to meet Katie soon. The Grants became members tonight also.

**Bruce & Kimberly Ulrich** Bruce has lived in the Auburn area for 50 years, and is a “semi-retired” orthodontist. Kimberly says they named their 2024 white C8 “Yvette”. Bruce was in Oroville while helping his brother move, and was given one of the HSCC business cards by Debbie & David Franklin who encouraged him to attend a meeting. He and Kimberly call Meadow Vista their home, and brought a friend with them! They turned in their membership paperwork too!

***Guests***

**Jim & Lisa Kotey** own a maroon 2016 Z06, and have been married for 36 years. Friends of Doug & Brenda Leonard.

**Mark Frederick** lives in Meadow Vista and is a neighbor of Bruce & Kimberly Ulrich. Mark works as a general contractor and is fortunate to own two corvettes: A C2 with over 235K miles he describes as “light and low”, and a beautiful C8 Z06 with a museum delivery (some day I will too, just tell me how to talk **my** husband into it).

**Corvette Trivia** hosted this evening by MJ (Mary Jayne) Emmoms

Well, this evening we learned all about The Bra, complete with show and tell. For those of you who missed it, we were entertained with examples of the Sports bra, the bra for Date Night, while some may like a front hook. MJ explained that the major feature of the corvette's bra is that, although it may not look sexy, it stops chips from defacing the paint on the nose of the car. MOST important is to really clean your car before applying the bra, otherwise any dirt or grit under the bra will just rub and wear down that gorgeous paint.

Thank you MJ. Mark Triolo may have a difficult time topping this 😊

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Franklin, March 27, 2024.