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SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

No meetings in June/July/August/December.

*Meetings are held at Ancala Country Club, 11700 E Via Linda, Scottsdale
Reservations Required*

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Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter. This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuated the leadership position of America's only true sports car.

All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Please welcome your
Board of Directors
2023



Left to Right: Larry Heitz, Vice President; Ed Luse, Governor; Rich Kosina, Membership; Jerry Strimbu, Director at Large; Dave Sacks, Activities; Tim Szkatulski, President; Mark Morales, Treasurer

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From The Driver's Seat

By Tim Szkatulski

First, I want to wish all our Scottsdale Corvette Members a healthy and safe New Year. Hard to believe it is 2023 already. The annual Toy Run and Holiday Party was a huge success. When we arrived at Van's the boxes were pretty empty, but when we left they were quite full. I want to give a special thanks to Markus Zimmer of Bicycle Ranch for donating the bikes. The donation was arranged by Mark Morales. At The Holiday Party, held at Grayhawk, we enjoyed good food, good music and time spent with other club members. I even danced with my wife, which is highly unusual as I have two left feet. I want to thank Mark Chulew and his wife Stacy and their volunteers for organizing the party. If you see Mark or Stacy congratulate them on their new granddaughter born in the middle of December.

I thought I would give you a little background on myself as I am relatively new to the club. As I said at the Holiday Party when Mark put out the email on the new officers, 130 of the 142 members went, who is the new President? My wife (Kathy) of 41 years and I live in North East Phoenix and have two daughters. I am originally from Toledo Ohio and my wife from Chicago, we have lived in the valley for 32 years. I am retired after about 45 years working as an Accounting Executive for various companies. My 2022 C8 Corvette Convertible is my first Corvette and first convertible, I love it. When I drive it, it brings a smile to my face.

When I was talking to Mike Reagan about joining the club he indicated that they were looking for members who would be active in the club. Since we joined my wife and I have been to a couple of mini events and the monthly meetings and one of my daughters even went to one of the events with me. When I put my name in for the board, I did not think I would be voted on the board, and never thought I would be President, but here I am. I am very lucky to have a good board to support me:

Vice President – Larry Heitz
Treasurer – Mark Morales
Membership Director – Rich Kosina
Programming Director – John Snook
Director at Large – Al Banen

Secretary – Steve Rabin
Activities Director – Dave Sacks
Governor – Ed Luse
Director at Large – Sami Weir
Director at Large – Jerry Strimbu

I would like to thank the retiring board members for their service. Mark Chulew, Mike Reagan, Brenda Brandt, Judy Stein and Rob Deacon.

This is your club, if asked and you have time please volunteer, with 142 members and numerous events, there are a lot of moving pieces as I am finding out.

I sat in on a meeting the other day with the Activities committee and Dave Sacks and his crew are hard at work on planning trips, mini events, house parties etc. A lot of work goes into planning the events, contacting venues and guaranteeing numbers. If you sign up for an event and it requires a prepayment to secure the event, please pay timely as the venue is holding the space. If you signed up for an event and can't make it for any reason, please let them know as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting you at the monthly meetings and at the various events during the next few month.

In 2023, "We just want to have fun!"



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With their reputation for customer service and quality merchandise, the SCC utilizes Lands' End as our Club Store.

<https://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub/>

For New Members: You'll need to create an account. Go to the top of the above page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit, and that's it! You can immediately start to shop. Any issues, contact Lands' End @ 1.800.587.1541



In Remembrance of Ron Myers

By Judy Myers

(Note: We lost Ron December 1st)

Ron owned other sports cars before his first Corvette. He talked with his father-in-law many times about the virtues of the Corvette, and told him when they had a trunk, he would buy one. His father-in-law heard so often about the good qualities of the Corvette that at the age of 70, he bought one. Within 6 months, Ron bought his first Corvette too. He would have bought an automatic, but his father in law bought a manual transmission. Ron and I discovered we loved the sounds and power of the engine shifting through the gears! We bought a 1999 convertible.



After the '99 came a 2005 convertible, a 2010 Grand Sport convertible, a 2016 Z06 convertible (the first automatic), a 2021 C8 convertible and the current 2022 convertible. We moved to the automatic because it became difficult driving in parades and hilly terrain on the drives and dines.

We were members of Glass Favorites Corvette Club and NCCC 2000 through 2014. In 2007 through 2015, we were members of the Midwest Corvette Club. Midwest is well known for starting Vettes on the River. Several hundred Vettes gather at the Le-Claire, IA Levee. For a number of years, Ron was governor for both clubs.



The biggest fundraiser for the Glass Favorites CC was a low speed auto cross. Many years Ron and I worked a gate at the Galesburg Municipal airport, before the state prohibited us from using it. We would have to stop the runs when a plane landed or took off, but that was infrequent and didn't take a lot of time.

After about 10 years watching the cones to make sure drivers went thru the gate instead of around, we began racing ourselves. Midwest CC bought 3 helmets for the club to use as a group. Anyone brave enough to wear it after someone had sweated all over it was welcome to do so. We only raced our own club event (moved from Galesburg to Bettendorf IA) and we raced at a helicopter pad. We had a fierce competition between us! It came out almost even. I had an advantage over Ron when he was going thru chemo. Although nauseas, he was determined to keep racing. We eventually bought our own helmets and got our own racing numbers. We raced for 2-3 years.

I hope this gives a little glimpse into Ron's passion for the Corvette. He was always extremely generous letting me drive it. We both worked, so he drove it one day and I drove it the next.



In 2018 we did the Coronado Trail, organized by Walter. Suzy Poulter led the group out of the Morenci mine and we staged cars after. Ron and I agreed to share the drive but I insisted on driving first since I knew I had a better chance of driving the entire distance. He was suffering nausea after his cancer treatments. Not very charitable of me at all! But Ron never complained and was a really great guy.

Along with Corvettes, Ron loved golf, and had 2 holes-in-one. One witnessed, the other he was on his own. He retired 10 years ahead of me and golfed M-F 18, 27, or 36 holes each day. He always had supper ready for me when I got home and spent the weekends doing things I enjoyed. He was a terrific person and spouse.

Ron liked the NCCC motto, "We joined for the car. We stayed for the people." We are so glad he did.



(Editor's Note: Over drinks in Moab we discovered that Ron and I attended the same mid-west college, Western Illinois University, at the same time. We both liked the Pace Hotel bar...)

Note: The Scottsdale Corvette Club made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Ron's name.



They Say Its Your Birthday!



January

Al Banen	2nd
Donna Reagan	3rd
Linda Milano	5th
Betty White	7th
Kimberly Ceiley	13th
Al Redford	13th
Bob Mingie	17th
Lloyd Benner	22nd
Steve Duncan	24th
Diane Blair	27th
Tammy Fox	27th
Dawn VanSickle	28th
Bill C. Ng	28th
Alla Glazov	31st

February

Tom Georgiou	2nd
Mary McConell	3rd
Izzy Myers	3rd
Jim Dean	8th
Deb Anton	15th
John Prenzno	19th
Rhonda Deacon	22nd
Bob Goodhue	23rd
Charles Nance	23rd

***We're gonna
have a Good
Time!!***



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
THE VETTE VIXENS MEET
FOR COCKTAILS
AND DINNER -
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR
NOT.**

**THE NEXT DINNER IS
WEDNESDAY,
January 18th**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**SCC MEN!
Save The Date!**

**Third Wednesday
Each Month.**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

Get Well Soon!

Member **Dean Perna** had a kidney transplant on December 13th. Dean and Maura are looking forward to returning to the club in March or April. If you would like to send Dean a card, check your latest membership roster for his address.

Former member, **Bob Hickerson** suffered a severe case of West Nile Virus about a year and a half ago, and has never fully recovered. He is currently in a rest home in California. Bob had been active in the club. This may explain why he did not renew his membership. If you would like to send a card, his address is 10200 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove , CA 92840 (Thanks to Suzy Poulter for letting us know)



**DON'T FORGET THE
MEMBERS'
DRAWING AT THE
MONTHLY DINNER
MEETINGS!**

**You Must Be Present To
Win!!!**

**THE PRIZE MONEY STARTS OUT AT
\$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00
EACH MONTH THERE IS NO WINNER!**

**BE SURE TO BE THERE!
YOU MIGHT WIN!**

***Wishing both Dean and Bob a speedy
recovery!!***

SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members

Juan and Daisy Urrea and their 2022 Silver Flare Metallic C8

*Juan and Daisy joined last Fall, but were unable at the time to send us a photo.
We're curious as to what else may be in that garage.*



SCC New Rides!



Dick and Sue Kulczycki's 2023 Silver Flare Metallic HTC.

*This is Dick's last Corvette. His
last Corvette was also his last
Corvette...*

*Have a new Corvette? Let us know and we'll
put it in the newsletter. Doesn't have to be a
C8. If it's new to you, we would love to see it.*

*Email a photo or two and a few details to
wmbales@gorvw.net.*

*For inclusion in March issue, need mid-
February.*

Old Rides...

*If I can get some traction, thinking
of starting a photo section fea-
turing your favorite old Corvettes.
Ones you've owned. Loved or
hated. Maybe that one you now
wish you hadn't sold.*

*If interested, send me your photo
entries and comments by mid-
February. wmbales@gorvw.net*



Recognize this SCC member? First one to email the answer wins a prize (of little or no value)



Calendar of Events 2023

<p><u>January</u></p> <p>11th - Club Meeting 14th - Taliesen West 18th - Vixens/Poker 25th - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>February</u></p> <p>8th - Club Meeting 4th - Concours in the Hills 15th - Vixens/Poker 24th - Sonoita Wine Weekend Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>March</u></p> <p>8th - Club Meeting 1st - Saguaro Lake Boat Tour 15th - Vixens/Poker 25th - Tucson Air Show & Saguaro Natl Park 29th - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>
<p><u>April</u></p> <p>12th- Club Meeting 2nd - T Vulture Mine 15th -Barleens Dinner Theater (NL) 19th -Vixens/Poker 28th -Seligman/Laughlin and Parker</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>May</u></p> <p>10th - Club Meeting 1st - Sweet Basil Cooking Class (NL) 17th - Vixens/Poker 26th - Bisbee Trip 24th - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>June</u></p> <p>No Club Meeting 3rd - T Woods Canyon Lk Fargos Payson (NL) 21st - Vixens/Poker 23rd - T Pink Jeep Sedona (NL)</p> <p>Mini Events</p>
<p><u>July</u></p> <p>No Club Meeting 19th - Vixens?/Poker?</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p>No Club Meeting 16th - Vixens/Poker 23rd - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>13th - Club Meeting 2nd - Detroit Coney Grill 20th - Vixens/Poker 22nd - Prescott Vette Sette Show</p> <p>Mini Events</p>
<p><u>October</u></p> <p>11th - Club Meeting 5th - T Olive Mill Queen Creek (NL) 15th - SCC Cruise For A Cause 18th - Vixens/Poker 25th - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>November</u></p> <p>8th - Club Meeting 2nd - T Boyce Thompson Arboretum (NL) 15th- Vixens/Poker</p> <p>Mini Events</p>	<p><u>December</u></p> <p>No Club Meeting 1st - T Arizona Wing CAF Mesa (NL) 3rd - Toy Run & Holiday Party 6th - Board Meeting</p> <p>Mini Events</p>

Coming Events

Scottsdale Corvette Club ~ October 15, 2023 7-night cruise

Revel in the relaxation of the Caribbean on the *Allure of the Seas* from Galveston, TX



SCC Cruise for a Cause –

For every 8 cabins booked into our group, Suzy will donate to our charity Ronald McDonald House the average value of one person's cruise fare in our group.

Prices start at \$449 per person, not including \$130 per person taxes.

Realistically, most will book ocean-facing balconies Balconies averaging \$1,915 per couple for cruise, port taxes and insurance. Drinks, Tips, WiFi, Airfare and pre-cruise hotel will be extra and determined at a later time.

This cruise group is open to ANYONE YOU WANT TO INVITE – Friends, Family, Neighbors, whomever to maximize our charitable donation.

7-NIGHT WESTERN CARIBBEAN *Allure of the Seas*



DAY	PORTS OF CALL	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Galveston, Texas		4:00 PM
2-3	Cruising		
4	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	4:30 PM
7	Cruising		
8	Galveston, Texas	7:00 AM	

Ports of call, port order and times may vary.

**To Book, contact Suzy Poulter Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com
or call/text
925-200-8166**

Have your Crown & Anchor number handy if you have one/know it.

The deposit due at booking will vary, but expect it to be \$500 per cabin, refundable until July, 2023, when the balance will be due.

Royal Caribbean Group, Ltd. Ship's Registry Bahamas
For more details: <https://tinyurl.com/SCC-Galveston>

The Return of...

***Arizona Concours d'Elegance
January 22, 2023***

“Art of Aerodynamics”

Scottsdale Civic Center

In partnership with Scottsdale Arts

[Home 2 - Arizona Concours d'Elegance](#)



Sold!!!

***The Hammer Drops
On January
Valley Auctions***



Barrett-Jackson Auction 2023 Scottsdale

January 21 - 29, 2023
Westworld of Scottsdale

[2023 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale](#) | [Barrett-Jackson VIP Experiences \(barrettjacksonvip.com\)](#)

Bonham's - The Scottsdale Auction

27 JANUARY 2023 | STARTING AT 10:00 MST
The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
Pittman Lawn, West Lot
6902 E Greenway Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

[Bonhams : The Scottsdale Auction](#)

RM/Sotheby's

January 25-26
The Arizona Biltmore
2400 E Missouri Ave
Phoenix, AZ
85016

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MAG Auctions

Jan 27-28
We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort
10438 Wekopa Way
Fort McDowell, AZ

[MAG Auctions - Your dream car is a bid away! \(motorsportauktiongroup.com\)](#)



Thank You, Jim & Dorinne!

Although the Scottsdale Corvette Club history goes back to 1996, the official “documented” year is 1999 when the club incorporated.

Our first official President was Jim Dobson, supported by Dorinne. Jim served as president from 1999 through 2002. Dorinne went on to serve on the board, and of course, her likely never-to-be matched run as Newsletter Editor for 15+ years.



Jim, along with member Dick Kulczycki, is responsible for our current relationship with Van Chevrolet. That relationship began May, 2001. My relationship with Jim began before we moved to Arizona. I found the club on the web and contacted Jim. He invited me to a dinner meeting after we moved. That was twenty-two years ago this month. Jim was also behind my board involvement. It began when he asked me to MC our first Corvette Show, and then asked me to take over the newsletter (the first time).



With Jim and Dorinne’s contributions over the years, it is not a stretch to say that the Scottsdale Corvette Club would not be what it is today without them.

Thank you!

Directly above: Jim & Dorinne beside a 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary. Identical to one they owned.

At one time or another, Jim and Dorinne have owned just about every generation of the Corvette. Including a C8



Vette-Togethers...



I'd typically begin these event recaps with the usual talk of a warm sunny day, perfect weather, etc. but this was not the case. Instead, we had cold temperatures, blowing wind, and a dark sky threatening rain. Even so, on Nov 3rd, 34 determined souls met up at City North plaza prior to caravanning to the museum.



Arriving at the museum we entered their private gated parking lot which had been arranged for the club. Once inside the museum we were divided into 3 groups and assigned tour guides. The museum showcases over 160 vehicles, an increase of over 100 vehicles since moving from their old I-17 location. A Kachina doll museum, riding carousel, and a free auto-related video game room have also been added.



At noon after a group photo we departed for the restaurant. Some rain drizzle was incurred along the 10 minute drive. At the restaurant we enjoyed a private dining room with roaring fireplace. Members could choose from 5 different entrees for their meal. Everything was delicious and the portions so large many left with a doggie bag. The skies did open up while we ate but thankfully the Sun was out by the time we left. All in all, it ended up being a perfect (rainy) day for a museum visit with all our Club friends.



*Admiring
the
Cobra*



Thanks to Jim Gargano for insisting the editor be in a photo!

Vette-Togethers - Martin Car Museum & Macaroni Grill *continued...*



*Left: Rare
Lister Corvette*



*Right: Having
fun in the
Arcade*



Our leaders, Angie and Rich Kosina.



Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championship

November 5 - by Steve Rabin



The Annual Scottsdale Polo event has gotten bigger and better year after year. It is a place to see and be seen with people dressing up to the nines. It's a more elegant "Phoenix Open", where most of the people aren't here to watch the Polo matches similar to not watching the golf at the nation's largest golf event.



This year, the SCC had eight cars participate in the event and we all had a great time. As we showed up the show car display areas were packed, leaving little space for our Corvettes to be displayed. We slowly made our way in with the guidance of the staff and our shiny cars had excellent locations for showing off America's sports car. As we entered the tents, surprisingly, unlike years past, all the tables were reserved leaving the club without a place to sit. After discussing with a local host, they provided a solution, which while not ideal, at least helped make for a decent day.

The weather was great, the cars were fantastic, and the people watching was the highlight of the day. It was a nice time to spend with fellow Corvette enthusiasts and enjoy the "Polo Party" that has become one of Scottsdale's hottest annual events.



*The new
"Polar"
Edition
C8*

*Thanks to member
Rollie Trayte for
passing this on*

Vette-Togethers continued...

Twentieth Annual Toy Run And Holiday Party

Photos courtesy of Rich Kosina



Passing the torch

*Left: Thanks to
Mark, Stacey
and all of the
volunteers!*



*Let there be
music and
dancing!!*





*Dancing
the
Night Away*



2024 Corvette e-Ray

*What do we know about it?
Hybrid, 4-wheel drive,
650 hp (?). One or two electric
motors in the front. (There goes
the frunk?) Hopefully, the
video below works!!*



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVZ_HNDE2MY&t=3s



Thumbnail Book Reviews

By Dorinne Dobson



***French Braid* by Anne Tyler.** Anne Tyler may have a stellar reputation as a novelist, given her Pulitzer Prize, but *French Braid* left me feeling that this book and the writer thereof achieved a slightly less than remarkable result. The Garrett family has its ups and downs as all families do, and that is the crux of this story. The interesting part, for me, was the explanation by the son, David, that revealed how the author came up with the title for the book: "Families are like the French braids that left their daughter's hair in waves even after she undid them, David tells his wife: 'You're never *really* free; the ripples are crimped in forever.' "

***Shadows Reel* by C.J. Box.** This is the 22nd mystery in the Joe Pickett series by C.J. Box. Joe Pickett is a game warden in Wyoming. His wife, Mary Beth, is the librarian at the local library. One morning Mary Beth discovers a package on the steps of the library, which, upon opening it, contains a prominent Nazi's photo album from the World War II era. Thus begins the adventure as a couple of unsavory characters appear on the scene, in search of said photo album. Even though this book is not my usual (or most favorite) genre, I really enjoyed reading it. The story is quite compelling.

***Sparring Partners* by John Grisham.** Having worked in the legal field for over 35 years myself, I have been a fan of John Grisham's novels since the very first one I read, *The Firm*, in 1991. Grisham has never failed to capture my interest with his legal thrillers, and this one is no exception. This book contains three novellas, i.e., three short stories involving different characters and situations. It grabbed me from the moment I started reading it and didn't let go till I'd finished it.

***Secret Prey* by John Sandford.** As you know if you are a fan of John Sandford, all the "Prey" books star Lucas Davenport as the protagonist/hero/top dog. This is an early one in the series, but one which I had not read. This one involves the murder of the chairman of a company who had been out hunting with four of his executive underlings, each of whom may or may not have had a reason to wish for the death of the chairman. There are lots of twists and turns in the story as Lucas Davenport (and you, the reader) tries to determine who is responsible.

***The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin.** I loved, loved, loved this book! The protagonist, Grace Bennett, arrives in London in 1939 expecting to live a more glamorous life, and finds herself working in a dusty bookshop with the world on the verge of the Second World War. Grace is not a bookish person, but she sets to work to create an inviting atmosphere in the bookshop. In fact, she discovers that she loves reading books, and she develops a following by reading to the patrons of the shop from novels that she has found to be particularly interesting. She also reads in the shelters during the Blitz and finds that it not only relieves the minds of those anxiously sheltering from the bombs but also unites the community in ways that she never imagined. An inspiring, well-written tale....

(Editor's Note: Unfortunately this will be Dorinne's last Thumbnail Book Reviews. A disappointment to me, and I know many of you. When I took over as editor, my life was threatened if I didn't continue her reviews! A big Thanks to Dorinne for all she and Jim have done over the years.)

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