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Dinner Meetings:

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.





Breaking News!!

GM announced the new Corvette Brand will compete with Peterbilt

(April Fools!)



From The Driver's Seat By Tim Szkatulski

As I write this, the first of March is only two days away. Where has the first two months of the year gone? It has been a whirl wind for me, between club activities and my new duties as President of the Club. In the last two months, I have been to Taliesin West, the Concourse in the Hills, the Ravens View wine bar and Sonoita Arizona. I have also learned how to set up the dinner meetings and run them (hopefully I will be better with the mic in March), met

our sponsor Matt at Van Chevrolet, learned how to set up and run zoom meetings and learned how to shorten zoom meeting to the relief of the board members. Over these last two months I have learned a number of things, first it takes the effort of many members to run the club, not just the President and I am very appreciative of all the help that I have received from Board members, former board members and some long-time members. They have been there to pitch in where needed and to answer my questions. I also learned what many of you already know, that the Corvette, especially the C8, is an amazing vehicle. On the trip to Sonoita this past weekend which was my first long trip in my C8 (my first Corvette) I was amazed how comfortable it was, how well it handled the road, especially the last 22 miles into Sonoita and the wind, rain and snow mix on the way home. And lastly that it was a very good decision my wife and I made to join the Club last year.

As a club we are always looking for new activities to fill in the calendar between dinner meetings. If you have a favorite restaurant that you would like to share with your fellow club members for a mini event or if there is a place or an activity that you think other club members would enjoy be it a day trip or a multiday trip let Dave Sacks or myself know. The activities committee can work with you or take your idea and see if it can be turned into an activity for the club.

In January we had a good dinner meeting at Ancala, that was attended by about 70 members, Larry Heitz did a great job working with Ancala to get it all set up. Our speaker Scott Settlemire, Sue Henry's cousin, shared with us his insights from his over 40 years working for General Motors. I was able to meet a lot of current members and our newest members Gary and Muffy Bennett and John and Christin Schrei.

I would like to thank our Sponsor Van Chevrolet and their Managing Partner, Matt Cerreta, for hosting our February meeting at the dealership. About 60 members enjoyed, pizza, beer, wine and social time with other members. We received an update on future development of the Corvette from Matt and a Q & A on everything Corvette. Remember, Van's has special pricing for SCC members on new Corvettes, unfortunately not the new Z06 at this time, so if you are interested in a new C8, give Matt a call.

Just a short update on the activity of the board. I am currently working on getting some additional information on the benefits of belonging to NCCC, we have already made some changes to Website and are looking at a few more. For 2022 the Club posted a small surplus of under \$1,000, so basically we broke even which is our goal.

Please take note, the date of our April meeting has changed due to a scheduling conflict with Ancala. The meeting will be <u>Tuesday April 4</u>th instead of Wednesday April 12th.

Let's continue to have fun in 2023.



They Say Its Your Birthday!



March

April

Michael Cassel	4th	Kathleen Snyder	1st
Dorothy Durby	6th	Chuck Weschler	4th
Gloria Snook	6th	Krysha Sorce	7th
Christin Schrei	7th	Michael Terrey	10th
Angie Kosina	8th	Gerry Goefert	13th
Wilson Pickett	18th	Sue Cahlamer	14th
John Snook	19th	Rachelle Duncan	18th
Leticia Gonzales	19th	Sami Weir	23rd
Joan Sacks	21st	Joseph Hitzel	25th
Lucy Boland	22nd	Paul Swenson	25th
Mary Beth Myers	23rd	Christina Georgiou	27th
Jennifer Hitzel	24th	Roseann Gargano	27th
Tim Szkatulski	26th	Sandi Weschler	30th
Maura Perna	28th	Steve Head	30th
Nancy Seadler	31st	₽ ₹ • • • •	



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!



We're gonna have a Good Time!!



SCC MEN! Save The Date!

Third Wednesday Each Month.

POKER NIGHT!!



Lands' End

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





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!



SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members

Gary and Muffy Bennett



Gary and Muffy Bennett live on South Mountain in Phoenix. Gary is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and moved to Arizona in 2001, and Muffy hails from Massachusetts, moving to Arizona in 1984. Seventeen years ago they eloped and were married during a Corvette Rally in Deadwood, South Dakota in Saloon #10 where Wild Bill Hickock was shot.

Gary owned the largest architecture company in the United States, and built all of the Walmarts, Texacos, Applebees, and Burger Kings before retirement in 1989. Later, in 2001, Gary was asked by Craig Jackson of Barrett-Jackson to come out of retirement and assist with growing the company. Gary served as Vice President of Barrett-Jackson for over 18 years until his departure in 2018, wherein he was instrumental in taking the company from one auction annually into what it is today. Gary is now the President of Bennett Automotive Specialists, a Collector Car brokerage company which caters to celebrities and high net-worth individuals. Both he and Muffy are also partners in a collector car auction firm based in Texas.

Muffy is a paralegal by trade, however leapt into the collector car sector in 2003 alongside Gary. She started Bennett Automotive Specialists in 2006, wherein she began buying and reselling cars on her own. She also worked alongside Gary at Barrett-Jackson for 15 years, having overseen the dealership and repair division until her departure.

Gary has two grown children from a prior marriage, and Muffy opted for several dogs instead, and prefers living vicariously through others with children.

The Bennett's have a small car collection, and both ride motorcycles, which is how they met. Muffy's skill set doesn't include cooking, so the dining room has been converted into a motorcycle display area.

They also enjoy going to car shows, target shooting, playing with their pets, and escaping the heat at their home in Pinetop where they offroad regularly.

SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members

John and Christin Schrei



From John...

I've always wanted one since I was maybe 13/14 years old. Life got in the way with marriage, work, mortgages, kids, college fund, etc. Finally close to my 60th birthday I decided to celebrate and get my 1st.

It had to be "torch Red" and a manual! I found it and within 2 weeks of my 60th, I was the very proud owner of what I consider to be the "perfect" American muscle car



The 3 photos you see are:

#1 - Birthday card from my Father-in-Law on my 60th. He is a graphic artist and he sent this to me as a surprise!

#2 - Both me and my Father-in-law in the car

#3 - The 1st detailing job I did after getting it.





Frank & Darlene Heavlin

We had a shot of Frank in our November issue, but no Darlene.

So, officially, Welcome Darlene!!!

(Editor's note: This page further proves all Corvettes are Red!)

SCC New Rides!



Larry and Charlene Capek with their new Z51 C8 Coupe. Larry waited a long time for this one!





Philip and Cindy Berger's Watkins Gray 3LZ 2019 Z06 Convertible.

This is one of five, or 1 of 16 '19 Z06's in this color combination with the Kalahari top and interior (depending on the wheels and calipers). Made a little more rare being the last of the manual transmission Corvettes.

If you have a new Corvette, send us a few photos and a little info. We'll publish in the next newsletter. It doesn't have to be a C8. Any Corvette new to you.



Calendar of Events 2023



March

15th - Vixens/Poker 25th - Tucson Air Show & Saguaro Natl Park 29th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

April

4th- Club Meeting

2nd - T Vulture Mine 13th –Dinner at Tutti Sante

19th -Vixens/Poker

28th -Seligman/Laughlin and Parker

Mini Events

May

10th - Club Meeting

3rd - Saguaro Lake Wine Wine and Music Cruise

17th - Vixens/Poker

19th - Bisbee Trip

24th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

<u>June</u>

No Club Meeting

3rd - T Woods Canyon Lk Fargos Payson (NL)

21st - Vixens/Poker

23rd - T Pink Jeep Sedona (NL)

Mini Events

July

No Club Meeting... nothin'



August

No Club Meeting

16th - Vixens/Poker 23rd - Board Meeting

Mini Events

September

13th - Club Meeting

2nd - Detroit Coney Grill

20th - Vixens/Poker

22nd - Prescott Vette

Sette Show

Mini Events

October

11th - Club Meeting

5th - T Olive Mill

Queen Creek (NL)

15th - SCC Cruise For

A Cause

18th - Vixens/Poker

25th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

November

8th - Club Meeting

2nd - T Boyce Thompson

Arboretum (NL)

15th-Vixens/Poker

Mini Events

December

No Club Meeting

1st - T Arizona Wing CAF Mesa (NL)

3rd - Toy Run &

Holiday Party

6th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

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 precruise 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.

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

7-NIGHT WESTERN CARIBBEAN llure of the Seas DAY PORTS OF CALL ARRIVE DEPART 4:00 PM Galveston, Texas 2-3 Cruising Roatan, Honduras 8:00 AM 5:00 PM Costa Maya, Mexico 8:00 AM S00 PM Cozumel, Mexico 7:00 AM 4:30 PM Cruising Galveston, Texas Ports of call, port order and times may vary.

2024 SCC Cruise for a Cause - September 22, 2024



Whether you're going with us to the Caribbean this year or not, you're welcome to book our 2024 Cruise for a Cause to Alaska at any time!

It will be the NORWEGIAN ENCORE, sailing round-trip from Seattle for 7 nights, 9/22/2024. Why September you ask?

- 1) Kids are in school
- 2) The ship can explore more areas of Glacier Bay National Park late in the season because the seal pups are grown
- 3) Kids are in school are you seeing a theme here? Seattle cruises can be overrun with kids in the Summer!
- 4) It's closer to a year from our October 2023 trip
- 5) It's cheaper than the Summer

This ship has a great observation lounge at the front of Deck 15 – great for Alaska any time of year AND a go-kart track we can do a group activity in. It'll be a blast!

The group cruise prices I negotiated start at \$740 per person for an inside to \$1,385 per person for a suggested mini-suite Category MB. These rates include perks. You get to pick between two different sets of great perks – one has a drink package and the other has other benefits for those that don't drink. The deposit varies based upon the current promotion, but is likely \$500 per cabin or less, refundable, and the balance will be due in May, 2024.

On top of the great group rates, Norwegian has a special group program perk I've selected that will allow me to donate an extra \$100 per cabin to our charity ON TOP OF the money Charles and I will give to our charity for every 8 cabins booked. The more cabins we book, the more we'll donate! So excited about that!

For more information, email <u>Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com</u> or text/call 925-200-8166. Book early for best cabin selection! ~ Suzy Poulter

Coming Events

PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE CAR SHOW NEWS

Save The Date 2023 Historic Prescott Corvette Car Show

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You are invited to participate in the 17th All Corvette Car Show hosted by Prescott Vette Sette on Saturday September 23. As before, the car show will be held around the picturesque Courthouse Plaza in downtown Prescott. This year, we will significantly increase registration by filling Goodwin Street with Corvettes. We expect to have 300+ cars on display as we did last year. So make your vacation plans and reserve rooms now.

Registration for the Car Show opens April 1st 2023

Activities that are planned in addition to Saturday's Corvette Car show: Early check-in Thursday evening and Friday will again be at the Hassayampa Inn - our Host Hotel of the car show. Then enjoy their 'Stingray' drink in the bar - or better yet on the patio!

The very popular **Poker Run will be held Friday morning**. This year we expect to register perhaps 100+ drivers and of course that means a larger prize for the Winner and the Loser. Expect a new and exciting drive that will show off the Prescott area in a different way.

We are trying to arrange a **Friday afternoon hand-car-wash** volunteered by students of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. They have been car show volunteers (behind the scenes) for years. Donations will reward them for their support of our car show, so be generous.

We are very excited to tell you about our plans for **Friday and Saturday evening**. How about on **Friday Evening**, a "good 'ol Fashioned Street Dance" and sponsored by The USVets Prescott. The Whiskey Pistols, a terrific local band will provide the music. We plan to have a Beer/Wine Bar plus some heavy snacks. The corner of Montezuma and Goodwin St. will be our Dance Floor from 5:00 pm to maybe 9:00 pm. **Saturday Evening** please join us for the 1st Annual **Awards Party** and a great Bar-B-Q Dinner with the Whiskey Pistols again, providing the entertainment. This memorable event will cost only \$25/person and we are sure it will sell out. Our hosts for the fabulous food and great venue, will be the Manzanita Grill and Bar inside the main Clubhouse of Antelope Hills Golf Course (next to the Airport on the way to Williams and I-40). The Awards, prizes and gifts will be given to you, our guests, as we try to Thank You for your participation.

Be sure to tell all of your fellow Corvette friends that did not come!



If you have questions, give me a call

Tom Jones
Tom Jones
2023 Car Show Chair
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Our 19th Anniversary Show! March 18, 2023



Tempe Nuevo Kiwanis Club Celebrating "TOPLESS"

(Cars that are made with a removable top - other than "T" tops)

Catch • A • Wave Car Show

Classic Cars, Customs, Sports Cars, Street Rods

Music • Food & Drinks • Rafile Prizes

Proceeds to Benefit Kiwanis Charities

Come to Kiwanis Park @ Mill and Baseline Roads

Saturday, March 18th, 2023

Entries 7:30 am - 9:00 am • Car Show 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Instructions for registration - go to:

www.KiwanisNuevo.org

email: CatchAWave@KiwanisNuevo.org

480-263-9711 or 928-386-2197

Short notice due to this newsletter being a little late.

There will be a special Corvette Coral for any and all Corvettes!

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Barrett-Jackson 2023





TALIESIN WEST AND FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Larry Heitz

On Saturday January 14th 21 members of the SCC toured Talies in West.

Frank Lloyd Wright spent the winters there and built the facility from 1937 to 1957 until his death at age 91.

Over the years he attracted many students who lived on the property, learned his design methods and built many of the buildings.

We learned about his design style... mostly "organic" with natural materials of stone, wood and concrete.

The main buildings we saw were his studio, a large social gathering building holding up to 60 people, the drafting room for up to 30 students, the cabaret used for lectures and entertainment for 40 or so people and the outside of the event center for up to 250 people. There we other misc. areas like the kitchen, residences, lakes and gardens, fountains, we saw along the way. (See pictures attached)

For those interested there is a great deal of information on the internet if you search for Taliesin West or Frank Lloyd Wright.

We then went to Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers for great food and conversation at high top tables of 4.

Vette-Togethers... Taliesin West















"Arizona needs its own architecture... Arizona's long, low, sweeping lines, uptilting planes. Surface patterned after such abstraction in line and color as find 'realism' and the saguaro, cholla or staghorn—or is it the other way around—are inspiration enough"

- Frank Lloyd Wright







Concours in the Hills February 4, 2023

By Dave Sacks
Photos by Dave and Mark

It was a beautiful sunny low 70's day in Fountain Hills for the annual Concours in the Hills Car Show. We met at 10:00 AM in front of the All American Sports Grill, and then walked across Saguaro Boulevard to enjoy the show.

We immediately were surrounded by beautiful collections of Ferraris, Lambos, Porsches, jaguars, BMW and Mercedes Benz, among others. Some were collector cars and others were displayed by car dealers.

Mark Chulew led us on a walk seemingly into the horizon, but actually it was around the lake where we found a collection of cars that piqued our interest like no others – you guessed it - the Corvettes.

There were beautiful, well restored and maintained examples of almost every generation including the latest 2023 models.

Almost every make of car was represented and the quality of the vehicles was for the most part, excellent. We even saw a couple of helicopters at the car show.

Many of us drifted off to pursue our automotive interests, and then we all made it back around the lake to where we started, and left for lunch.

More than 20 of us met at Cold Beers and Cheeseburgers on Shea Blvd. for a fun gathering and lunch.

It was a great day for all who attended.



Vette-Togethers... Concours continued

















Raven's View Wine Bar - February 16th, 2023

Photos by Bill Follette and Dave Sacks





Sonoita / Elgin Wine Weekend - February 24th - 26th, 2023

By Rich Kosina - Photos by Bill Follette

What a fun weekend in Southern Arizona. 7 Corvettes, a Volvo and BMW departed the usual Pavilion's Starbucks Friday morning. The trip down was promised to be extremely freeway limited using State highways as much as possible. While our route began taking the Pima Loop 101 south to San Tan Loop 202 east and Arizona Ave, this was a total of just 20 miles on freeways. The remainder of the trip all the way to Sonoita was via State highways. We arrived for lunch at the Oro Valley Olive Garden at noon. Soup, salad, bread sticks and iced tea was by far the most popular entrée. Service was excellent and efficient. Departing Oro Valley, we traveled through the rolling hills and upscale neighborhoods of east Tucson, through the Davis Moffit AFB boneyard of mothballed aircraft, and finally to a nice stretch of winding road into Sonoita where the handling capabilities of the sports cars we drive could be enjoyed.

Upon arriving at the hotel folks had time to visit the local shops and then join at 5pm for wine, beer, pretzels and sodas before walking to the Steakhouse next door for dinner. Like Olive Garden earlier, the Steak Out was ready for us. Steak was by far the most ordered entree and they were expertly cooked by staff over the open pit. Live country music added to the cowboy ambiance. Returning to the hotel we continued socializing with chocolates, cordials, and a little bourbon complementing the wine and beer.

Saturday morning following continental breakfast at the hotel we departed to our first winery – Lighting Ridge a 20 minute ride away. Upon completing our tasting we took a moment to take a group photo with the perfect setting. We stood in front of the cars (of course) which were parked in front of the vineyard and in the background were the snow covered mountains at the border.

Vette-Togethers... Sonita/Elgin Wine Weekend continued...





We ended up arriving late at the 3rd and last winery as we were having such a good time with Karyl. Callaghan Winery, our last stop was a bit crowded. The crowding allowed some of us to sit at tables with non-Club members which resulted in some fun socializing. Returning to the hotel we prepared for dinner at a restaurant in nearby Patagonia. After a caravan of about 15 minutes we arrived at the Velvet Elvis. While the restaurant is decorated in tasteful and fun Mexican décor, the menu is Italian with pizza. The staff did a great job taking care of us. The food was delicious and many of us departed with leftover boxes. Later, back at the hotel, the bar returned along with cheese and sausage added. We socialized again but for some reason it seemed the wine was not too popular (go figure).

It was now time for the highlight of the trip at Wilhelm Family Vineyards a 15 minute drive away. It had been arranged by Karyl Wilhelm, the vintner, to provide the Club a vine to dine experience. We started in the warehouse/ bottling room where Karyl explained the various kinds of grapes used to produce wines. She explained the different kinds of tanks and winemaking equipment we were seeing before taking us outside to explain the vines and the growing process. Many in our group commented while they had heard winemakers before even in Italy and France Karyl was by far the most knowledgeable winemaker they ever met. She not only knew the art of winemaking, she made it fun. There were lots of questions and she answered every one. Moving back inside, we enjoyed Asian salad, a densely covered charcuterie board per couple, fudge brownies, and of course wine. Karyl stayed with us through lunch and using the knowledge she provided we were able to appreciate how a wine we might not like as a standalone, was now very enjoyable with different food pairings.





Vette-Togethers... Sonita/Elgin Wine Weekend continued...



Sunday morning brought some wind and weather which quickly moved out as folks checked out for individual activities or to start their trip home.

A special shout out to the Follett's which were the official trip photographer. Also, to Tim Szkatulski and his daughter Sarah who assisted with clean up, the Patricola's who volunteered to be the sweep car on the trip down, and Janet Tasnadi for all her Eventzilla updates. Thank you all and I think we fulfilled the club motto "we just want to have fun" and we did.













Corvette News

With all-wheel drive, how will it compare with the Z06?

Corvette E-Ray

Info here:

The 2024 Corvette E-Ray | Electric Performance Vehicle | Chevrolet







Corvette C9 in 2029?

Speculation courtesy GM Authority...

- Debut in 2028 as a 2029
- Modified version of the Y2 platform from the current car
- Will not share much with the rumored Corvette EV and SUV
- Will continue with internal combustion power. (note: GM recently announced a new small block ICE is in development supposedly for their light trucks)

In addition, other variants of the current C8 planned

- Corvette ZR1 arriving in the next few years with twin-turbo V8 and 850+ hp
- Corvette Zora will build on ZR1 with twin turbo V8 AND hybrid power.

And, yes, supposedly that electric Corvette sedan and cross-over still planned for 2025.



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For the best in service, contact David Rudzki

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