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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.

Reservations Required

Note: In 2024 Dinner locations may vary. Watch for President's email.

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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 perpetuates 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.



From the Driver's Seat

By Tim Szkatulski

As I write this, September 1st is right around the corner. We survived another hot summer as it seems to be finally cooling down, at least in the morning. When I was out for my morning walk the other day, everybody was talking about the heat breaking and they were looking forward to cooler temperatures. One woman remarked she was looking forward to wearing jeans again. As in prior years during the summer we suspend our monthly dinner meetings, but we have smaller activities. There was a dinner at Rusconi's organized by Sami Weir, drive to Sedona and lunch organized by Juan Urrea, Happy hour and dinner at Arboleda, set up by Dave and Joan Sacks and dinner at Hello Vietnam & Pho set up by Angie Kosina. A special shout out to Steve and Jennifer Rabin who picked up the check at Hello Vietnam. Kathy and I were able to attend all of these events. These mini events are a great way to get out of the house and catch up with other club members. I am always amazed all the conversation going on at the table, people talking about past trips, future trips, cars, family etc. I always enjoy attending. Thanks to all who took the time to set them up. If you have a favorite restaurant or trip, let Dave Sacks know and he will work with you on getting it set up.

Planning is well on its way for the celebration of the Clubs 25th Anniversary at our October 9th dinner meeting. The meeting will be at our new location Venue8600. I have received a number of stories from members to include in the program. There is still time to send me your memorable story about the club as I will not start putting the pieces together until Mid-September when I get back from vacation. The stories I have received have been from long term members, but I would like to also receive some from members who have joined the club in the last 5 years or so.

Mark your calendar for December 8th, the clubs annual Holiday Party. As in prior years we will start with a Toy Drive to Van to drop off unwrapped toys and then as in past years we will head to Grayhawk for cocktails, dinner and dancing. The DJ we had in 2023 has been booked. If you have a favorite song you would like to hear, let me know and I will try and get it on the play list. If you have not attended in the past, try to make it this year as it is the highlight of the year.

As you know, after many years, Dorothy Durby decided it was time to pass the Vette Vixen baton. We would like to thank Dorothy for her past Vixens leadership. Fortunately, Kathy Bales, Dawn Siprut and Fran Harder volunteered to step in. Vixens diner missing this month, but will be back at it for October.

One last thing, we are still looking for members to take over board positions for 2025. The majority of the officers at the end of the year will have been in their position for 2 years or more. If you are new to the club, it is a great way to get involved. I was a member for about 5 months before I became president and it has been a great way to meet members of the club and form friendships. A number of the current members will stay on the board for 2025 to help in the transition.

Look forward to seeing you at the fall dinner meetings and other events.

We just want to have fun.



Scottsdale Corvette Club

1999 - 2024



Twenty-five years ago...

The Euro was introduced as an electronic currency.

The fear of the Y2k computer bug gripped much of the world as the year 2000 approached.

The Matrix, the first film in the influential sci-fi trilogy was released.

Napster, the pioneering peer-to-peer file sharing service was launched.

SpongeBob SquarePants premiered on Nickelodeon.

The New York Yankees won their 25th World Series.

The Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl over the Atlanta Falcons.

NASA launched the Mars Polar Lander in January, though contact was lost with the spacecraft in December.

“Unpretty” by TLC and “Bailamos” by Enrique Iglesias led the Billboard Hot 100.

And... The



Incorporated in August, 1999!



They Say Its Your Birthday!



September

October

Dorie Morales	6th	Muffy Bennett	3rd
Adrian Flores	8th	John Rippinger	7th
Tali Amir	10th	Tammie Neaves	10th
Ken Harder	10th	Janet Tasnadi	13th
Jerry Strimbu	10th	Julie Goodhue	17th
Gloria Ketterl	12th	Frank Tasnadi	18th
Karla Redford	13th	Janelle Swenson	23rd
Daisy Urrea	13th	Cindy Berger	24th
Charlene Capek	26th	Philip Berger	24th
		Darlene Heavlin	30th



SCC WOMEN!

**SAVE THE DATE!
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

**THE VETTE VIXENS MEET
FOR COCKTAILS
AND DINNER -
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL
FOR DETAILS**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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



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FORGET THE
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MEETINGS!**

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\$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00
EACH MONTH UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER!**



SCC

**MEN!
Save The Date!**

**Third Wednesday Most
Months**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

SCC New Members

For the first time, maybe ever, none to report. Since the Club takes the summer off, this is not surprising. We do have a waiting list. **Confession**—I'm only mentioning this to save this space for the next newsletter. I'm lazy.

SCC New Rides

We may not have new members, but we have a bunch of new rides! Including one member making this list in two consecutive newsletters. With one exception, all are Z06's!



Barry Mentzel and His 2023 Z06

From Barry, *"I finally got to actually take possession of it when I got home in May. It had been in storage at the dealer since October, 2023."*

To paraphrase Nigel from This Is Spinal Tap, "it goes to 11!"



Juan Urrea and His Hypersonic Gray Z06 Convertible

Z07 package, 3LT and every carbon fiber option except wheels.



Situations in which a Corvette E-Ray might Have been useful...

(We'll check with Suzie And Charles in a few Weeks)

SCC New Rides - continued



Manny and Dawn Siprut's 70th Anniversary Z06

Manny has owned this car for months. However, due to many extenuating circumstances, he just hit 500 miles.

Steve Rabin and his Torch Red Z06

Steve will be taking his new Z06 to the Prescott Corvette Show, next week. He's hoping to add to his collection of Prescott trophies.



Frank and Janet Tasnadi with their 2019 Grand Sport

3LT, A8, 8500 miles with black metallic stripes.

Your eyes are not deceiving you. Frank was in the last issue with his new to him Z06, purchased from Manny

Nothing wrong with the Z. The Grand Sport is just a better fit.



January

10th **Club Meeting**
 13th Bartlett Lake
 17th Poker/Vixens
 20th AZ Dinner Theater
 Board Meeting

February

3rd Concours in the Hills
14th Club Meeting/Van
 17th Pima Air Museum
 21st Vixens/Poker
 Board Meeting

March

2nd Bugatti Tour
 8-10th Yuma Air Show
13th Club Meeting
 20th Vixens/poker
 Board Meeting

April

7th Copperstate Rally
10th Club Meeting
 17th Vixens/Poker
 Board Meeting

May

8th Club Meeting
 15th Vixens/Poker
 17-19th Coronado Trail
 Board Meeting

June

No Meeting
 8th Sedona Day Trip
 19th Poker - No Vixens
 Mini Activities
 Board Meeting

July

No Meeting

Mini Activities
 Board Meeting

August

No Meeting

21st Poker - No Vixens
 Mini Activities

September

11th Club Meeting
 18th Poker - No Vixens
 19th Amazon DC Tour
 27th Prescott Corvette
 Show*

October

**9th Club Meeting -
 25th Anniversary**
 16th Vixens/Poker
 Board Meeting
 26th Rabin Halloween
 Party

November

13th Club Meeting
 15-17th Las Vegas
 20th Vixens/Poker
 23rd Detroit Coney Grill

December

**8th Holiday Party and
 Toy Run**

**Although the Annual Prescott All-Corvette Show isn't on the SCC calendar, we understand members may plan to attend. Refer to the SignUpGenius for more details.*

Why I Love Carbon Fiber

by Walter Juessen



Some of our corvette club members know that I am fascinated with carbon fiber on a car.

Why? That is a question I asked my self in these relaxing days in a Phoenix summer.

Back in 1979 I was invited to Las Vegas by a customer of ours-we had tennis and ski shops in Switzerland and we played some tennis. A customer had a Tony Trabert C6 Graphite racket. Tony was a professional tennis player who won several Grand Slam titles.

It was very light and stiff, and the first racket not out of wood or metal. I did some research and found out that the company which produced this racket was in Chattanooga, TN. I contacted them and arranged a meeting. When we arrived in Chattanooga, we were picked up and brought to the Chattanooga Train Station, which was a part of a hotel. And here's the icing on the cake: When we stayed at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel, you weren't just in a regular room. Oh no! You could actually sleep in train carriages dating from the 1920s to the 1960s. Talk about a unique experience. He told us, don't leave this place tonight, wait till we pick you up!

The next day we left Tennessee with a bunch of tennis rackets made out of graphite-carbon fiber.

Our shop introduced it in Switzerland and then distributed it later for several years, till other companies like Kennex, Wilson, Prince etc. came up with the same idea and added Composite, Kevlar etc.. The only "negative" part of these rackets was the price -up to 2-3 times more expensive than regular rackets (prices for these racket were about \$500). They called it actually the Lamborghini of Tennis.

About the same time the Formula 1 car series discovered the product, because it was light and stiff. Carbon Fiber can be ten times stronger than steel.

Forty two years on, McLaren mp4/1 is still considered one of the Formula 1's most influential cars, as it was the first to run Carbon Fiber chassis, An innovation that has vastly improved safety of Motorsport. I am a fan of formula one since the 70's.

About the same time, 1980's, this innovation led to skis that were lighter, more durable, and had greater torsional stiffness, significantly improving performance on the slopes. These skis were designed by Wally//Labs and are based on carbon fiber technology used in racing yachts. They offered exceptional lightness, efficiency, precision, comfort, and stability both on and off the piste. The Wally powder skis are approximately 30% lighter than average skis and measure 176 cm in length.

Another benefit of carbon fiber is its responsiveness. The material has a high energy return, meaning that it stores energy during flex and releases it at the end of the turn, providing a powerful rebound. This makes for a more dynamic skiing experience and can help skiers maintain control and speed on challenging terrain.

Despite its many advantages, carbon fiber does have some limitations. It can be brittle and is prone to damage from impacts, which can result in costly repairs. Additionally, the manufacturing process can be complex and expensive, making carbon fiber skis more expensive than traditional skis.

Again we had a product that was new and expensive. Higher profits!

Mid 80 's or so, ski poles out of carbon fiber came to the market. Very thin and light-3x the normal price-but with a sticker on it: "No warranty for Breakage" or so- and that created a lot of problems, so we forgot about to sell them, bad for carbon fiber!!

And it was used even for Fishing poles and later in Bicycles frames.

Wally Yachts is renowned for its innovative use of carbon fiber in yacht construction. One of their latest creations is the **Wally101 Full Custom**, a 101-foot sailing yacht that weighs about 15% less than similar-sized vessels due to its advanced carbon-fiber technology. This yacht combines high performance with luxurious living spaces, making it both a cruiser and a maxi racer.

Another notable model is the **Wally 58 Wally power**, an open sports cruiser with a sleek design and powerful engines, also utilizing carbon fiber for enhanced performance and efficiency.

It's fascinating how carbon fiber is transforming the marine industry!

"I'm extremely proud of the results achieved with the wally101 Full Custom. The light ship displacement is just 55 tons, almost 15% less than yachts of similar size and configuration, and with 40% of the total weight placed in the keel", adds **Luca Bassani, Wally Founder and Chief Designer**. *"This achievement is accomplished thanks to the latest carbon fiber technology pioneered and developed over the years by Wally, using a high-tech sandwich composite with pre-preg carbon fiber"*

Carbon fiber is widely used in today's high-performance and luxury cars due to its exceptional strength-to-weight ratio. Here are some key applications:

- **Exterior Components:** Carbon fiber is often used for hoods, roofs, side mirrors, and rear spoilers. For example, the BMW M models feature carbon fiber roofs to reduce weight and lower the car's center of gravity.
- **Interior Trim:** Many luxury cars use carbon fiber for interior trim pieces, such as dashboards, center consoles, and door panels, to give a sporty and high-end look.
- **Structural Parts:** Some high-end sports cars and supercars use carbon fiber for structural components like the chassis and body panels. This helps improve performance by reducing weight while maintaining strength and rigidity.
- **Suspension Systems:** Carbon fiber is also used in suspension systems to enhance handling and stability due to its lightweight and stiffness properties.

While carbon fiber is still relatively expensive, its use is becoming more common as manufacturers seek to improve performance and efficiency. And, despite its hi-tech image, easy to use kits are available enabling carbon fiber to be employed in a wide range of home and hobby projects where not only its strength but its visual appeal is a benefit. Whether in cloth, solid sheet, tube or thread, the space-age material is now widely available for everyday projects.

[Carbon fibers](#) are used where low weight, high stiffness, high conductivity, or where the look of the carbon fiber weave is desired.

To sum it up, I became "interested" in carbon fiber, except in yachts, just a little short in cash, and finally I got what I always wanted:

A Carbon Fiber case for my phone:



Now you know all about my obsession for carbon fiber!!!

Odds and Ends...

What I Did On My Summer Vacation... Ken and Fran Harder ran into a Car Show visiting Avon, CO this summer. Food trucks, live music and cool cars. A fun surprise.



An American flag made out of 200 corvettes old and new



From member Krysha Sorce



Can you name this Rock Star? If so, the first to email me at wmbales@gorvw.net wins a mention in the next newsletter and an "Atta-Boy" Award.

Vette-Togethers...



Sedona Trip

June 8, 2024

**Tim Szkatulski
Photo Dave Sacks**

On Saturday June 8th, 17 members (8 cars) met at McDonalds located at the Carefree Hwy and I17. We left the parking lot about 10:00 AM for our trip North led by Juan Urrea and his wife Daisy. We did a pit stop at Cordes Junction and as always, the group of Corvettes drew attention especially from the Telsa drivers waiting for their vehicles to

charge. We left Cordes Junction and proceeded to Oak Creek Village. For a Saturday on the 17, traffic was not too bad and we were able to stay in a group. We arrived at PJ's Pub around noon for lunch. We enjoyed good food and excellent service.

After lunch a number of the cars returned to Phoenix, one went shopping, another stopped to visit friends and three cars decided to go to Jerome for Ice Cream. Being one of the three cars that went to Jerome, I do not recommend going there on a Saturday afternoon. We drove through town and when we could not find parking, we proceeded to go over Mingus Mountain and onto Prescott Valley in pursuit of Ice Cream. I had not been over Mingus Mountain for 30 years and forgot how pretty it was and how curvy the road was. It was a lot more fun in my Corvette than my minivan 30 years ago. We found an out of the way place for Ice Cream (thanks to Google) and then headed back to the Valley.



Who in the Club will be the first with a ZR1?

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Vette-Togethers...

Rusconi's American Kitchen - June 26th



Arborleta - July 17th Dave Sacks (article and photo)



On Wednesday July 17, about 18 SCC members met at Arborleta, a fine Mediterranean restaurant at the Scottsdale Quarter. To paraphrase The Bard, it was a perfect midsummer's night dinner, and a great opportunity to catch up with friends. The drinks were fine, and some members had full entrees, while others decided to dine on a combination of small plates. There were plenty of choices and the food was excellent. The wait staff was friendly and helpful. I would recommend that members try out this restaurant on their own. While everything was great, they did have a

little trouble at the end with splitting up the orders for separate checks for a large group. Nevertheless, the management was good about it, and it was a wonderful evening.

Vette-Togethers...



Hello Vietnam

July 31st

Rich Kosina

On Wednesday July 31 fifteen club members dined at Hello Vietnam located in the Pima Crossing Shopping Center at Shea & Loop 101. The wait staff placed together several tables to make one large one attendees sat around. Diners ordered a variety of Vietnamese dishes from Banh Mi sandwiches to Pho.



A big thanks to Angie Kosina for putting the event together and a special thanks to Steve Rabin who picked up the entire tab using winnings from a recent visit to the crap tables.

It was a great time with our Corvette friends.



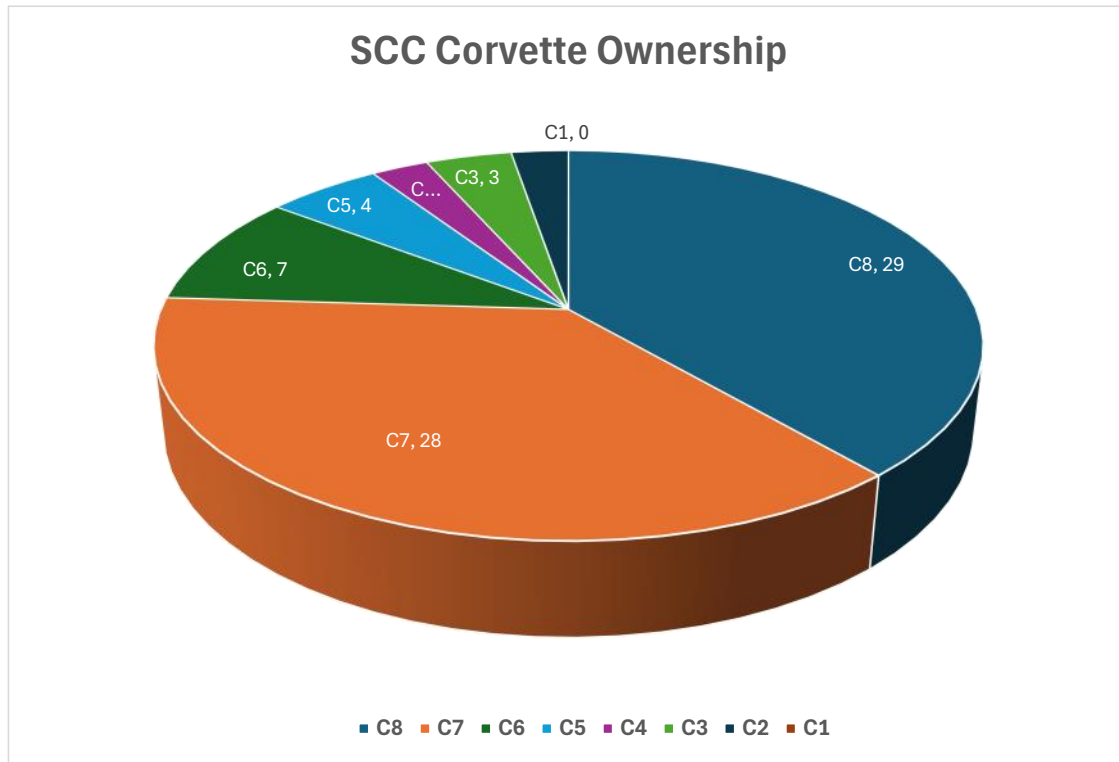
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Scottsdale Corvette Club 25th Anniversary Celebration!
Wednesday, October 9, 2024***

What Do We Drive, and Where Do We Live?

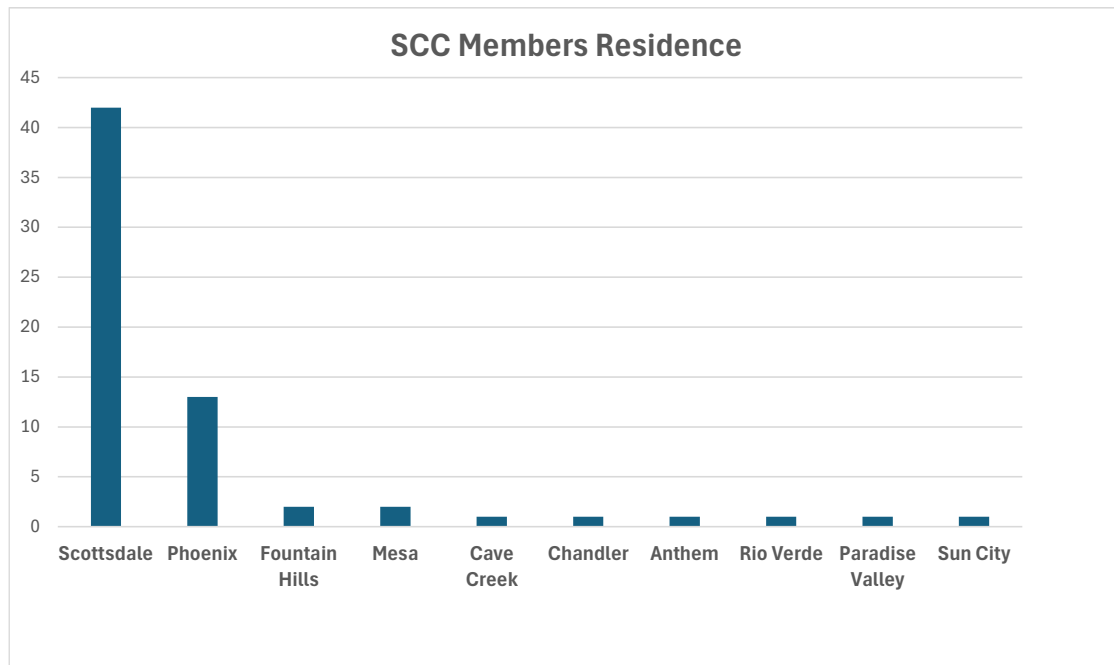
Membership Director, Rich Kosina, has a little trivia to share...

What Corvette generations are we driving?

Where do members live?



It is obvious with this chart, somebody needs to buy a C1!



Haves and Wants

For Sale

From member Peter Boland

I have a 10" Delta table saw that I'm selling, it's in very good condition, never abused and well maintained. Looking to upgrade to a 'Cabinet Saw' asking \$325.00 to put towards a new one.

Peter Boland

Contact Info.

Ph# (602) 677-3632

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For Free

From member Juan Urrea

I have a pair of black Stingray floor mats for a C8. They are in good shape, just don't match the Z06. I also have a chrome Stingray license plate cover. They are both free to anyone who wants them.

Contact Juan at judamodi@cox.net



***Good Luck, Tadge Juechter! Corvette Executive Chief Engineer-Retired
Possibly second only to Zora Arkus-Duntov. Tadge behind the C7 and the C8.***

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