



Scottsdale CORVETTE Club™

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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

Well, here it is the first of November, where has the year gone. It has been a good year for the club, we had a lot of fun so far this year, with more to come. We switched the location of our dinner meetings to Venue 8600, which has been a success, with good food, good parking and a nice facility. At our May dinner meeting we were able to have an internal car show, so members could see all the new cars in the club, lots of C8s and Z06s. We have had many small dinner meetings, day trips and out of town trips. Thank you to Dave Sacks and his team for setting them up and for the members who helped organize them. To me the three highlights so far this year are: the trip to the Coronado Trail, the Halloween party put on by Steve and Jennifer Rabin and the celebration of the club's 25th Anniversary. Coming up, we have a day trip to Clarksdale, with lunch in Cottonwood, there is a weekend trip to Las Vegas, our annual afternoon at Detroit Coney, which is always fun and we end the year with our annual Holiday party, which is December 8th.

For those of you who were unable to attend the 25th Anniversary or the Halloween party you missed a good time. At the 25th Anniversary dinner, we had 5 of the original members of the club, 3 of whom are still members, Dick and Sue Kulczycki and Lloyd Benner. The other two original members present were Jim and Dorinne Dobson as our guests. Jim was the first President and active in the club for years and Dorinne helped start the Vixens and did the club Newsletter for years. We honored past Presidents and Board members. But I think the highlight of the evening were the pictures from various events over the years put together by Mark Bales. We ran them before and during dinner and they were enjoyed by all members. I want to thank all who contributed to the program and the history of the club that was sent out to all members. The board also gave out a keyring to all in attendance commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the club. If you were unable to attend the dinner and would like one, I will have them at the November dinner meeting and the Holiday party.

Steve and Jennifer Rabin put on a great Halloween party last Saturday. The costumes were great as were the food and drink and we had great weather. See the pictures later in this issue. Thank you again to Steve and Jennifer.

In October, we had our annual renewal for 2025. It looks like we had 57 household renew and two associate members. The 57 households represent a little over 100 members. We lost some members because they sold their car others as other priorities in their life were taking up their time. In talking with Rich the other day, he has a number of perspective members in the pipeline.

At the November meeting we will be voting in a new board for 2025. As it stands right now, we will be losing at least one member, will have a couple new members and some of the members will be switching positions. After the vote at the November meeting, the board will meet and as in the bylaws vote for the officers for the 2025 year. As it stands right now, I will be staying on the board, but stepping down as President. It has been a pleasure serving as your President this past two years.

One last thing, don't forget the annual Holiday Party is December 8th at Grayhawk. We will start the evening with our annual toy run to Van and then onto Grayhawk, for cocktails, dinner and dancing. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

We Just Want to Have Fun!

Name that Rock Star -

Last issue, we asked who could identify this rock star with the C2 convertible.

We had three responses.

*The “Atta-Boy” award goes to **Tim Szkatulski** for identifying Beach Boy Brian Wilson. (Rumor is the award should actually go to **Kathy Szkatulski**)*

*Runners-up were **Frank Tasnadi** and **Bob Goodhue**.*



Name that Celebrity!

Let's try it again...

Win the November/December “Atta-Boy” award for correctly identifying the celebrity in this photo. First to email me at wmbales@gorvw.net

We'll make the photo nice and large for those with “senior” eyesight.





They Say Its Your Birthday!



November

Kathy Bales	2nd
Don Schrodin	2nd
Dave Forwood	3rd
Connie Cassel	4th
Judy Myers	4th
Rich Kosina	7th
Lana Mentzel	14th
Dave Sacks	14th
Dawn Siprut	14th
Frank Heavlin	15th
Lyn Trayte	16th
Larry Capek	18th
Mike Reagan	25th
Nancy Sandvig	28th
Stacey Chulew	30th
Barbara Follette	30th
Manny Siprut	30th

December

Gary Bennett	1st
Jennifer Rabin	4th
Peter Boland	17th
Juan Urrea	17th
Bill Follette	29th



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!

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



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FORGET THE
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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 UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER!**



SCC

**MEN!
Save The Date!**

**Third Wednesday Most
Months**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

SCC New Members



Joe Guizzetti and his Carbon Flash Metallic 2024 Z06/Z07 2LZ. Yes, those are the carbon fiber wheels.



Vince Jermany and his 2015 Black Z06/Z07. That's Newport Beach in the background.

Welcome !

SCC New Rides

Suzy Poulter and Charles Nance present the Club's first ERay!



After putting down our deposit on February 1, 2023, thinking we were going to get a 2024 ERay, we FINALLY got our 2025 on Sunday, October 4, 2024. We were in the first run of the 2025 model year, number x42, built September 12, 2024.



It is **NOT** an electric car like a Tesla. It is a hybrid car, but not like a Prius. It's a performance hybrid like other exotic supercars are frequently made these days. It doesn't plug in and the mileage is no better than a Stingray. The hybrid system is not for fuel efficiency, it's to add more horsepower and torque. Officially it has 655 HP and 595 pound feet of torque. 0-60 time is 2.5 seconds and it can do the quarter mile in 10.5 seconds.

It has the same V8 used in the C8 Stingray, with a small electric motor in the front that drives the front wheels – making it All Wheel Drive. It also has a wide body, like a Z06.

So, it's an AWD Wide Body Corvette. If you notice a wide body on the road, then you can tell the Z06 from the ERay because the Z06 has four tail pipes in the center, and the ERay has a pair on each side... like C8 Stingrays have.

If we wish, we can start it in "stealth" all-electric mode to creep quietly out of the house / neighborhood and then when we punch it up above 45 mph the gas engine kicks in. We can't go very far on the all-electric mode, but it's fun when leaving early for Cars & Coffee! The added electric motor for the front wheels works seamlessly with the V8 engine driving the back wheels. We just feel the gas engine, but we have a LOT more zip from starts and around corners.

The ERay is ours, not just Charles' and not just Suzy's. We negotiated every option in the build, and we love the final look! It's Riptide Blue, with black interior and tons of red accents. We take turns driving, with plenty of time for each of us. - *Suzy and Charles*



Cool drone shot from pilot Charles Nance...

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Calendar 2024

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
Board Meeting

September

11th Club Meeting
18th Vixens/Poker
Board Meeting

October

9th Club Meeting
16th Vixens/Poker
Board Meeting

November

13th Club Meeting
7th AZ Copper
Museum
15-17th Las Vegas
20th Vixens/Poker
23rd Detroit Coney Grill

December

**8th Holiday Party and
Toy Run**
Board Meeting

Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour

September 19, 2024

By Rich Kosina

On Thursday September 19, eleven Club members gathered at the QT on Cave Creek Rd north of the Loop 101. The group then caravanned on the 101 and I-10 arriving at the Amazon Fulfillment Warehouse in Avondale for a tour at noon. Two Amazon staffers welcomed us, went over the tour rules, and for the next hour plus led us through the massive facility.

The center portion of the building is operated by computer driven robots traveling in every direction. Circling the center area are human workers. The humans place the items in bins and conveyors move the bins to other humans which box the orders. Other conveyors move the packages to carts which are then rolled on to semi-trailers. The trailers depart daily headed to distribution warehouses all over the southwest. From those warehouses the packages are loaded onto vans to be delivered to our homes.

Avondale Facility Fun Facts:

- 4500 employees work on multiple shifts.
- Building is 1.2M sq ft.
- The facility only handles items the size of a microwave or smaller.
- There are 52 of these facilities in the USA. 1/per State except TX & CA which have 2.
- The facility does not send any packages directly to our homes.
- Over 300 semi-trailers depart the facility daily to their distribution warehouses.
- All those brown cardboard boxes they use come from a local vendor in Glendale.
- Soon the vinyl flat envelopes we often get will be replaced with brown paper ones.

Upon completing the tour our Amazon tour guide insisted we drive by so he could capture photos to submit to corporate. The group then drove to Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen for lunch. Thank you to Angie and Rich Kosina for setting up this trip.



Vette-Togethers...

Scottsdale Corvette Club - 25th Anniversary Dinner October 9, 2024



Founding members, **Jim and Dorinne Dobson**. Jim was our first president and Dorinne our newsletter editor for a decade and a half.



Past and Current Presidents. *L to R:* Tim Szkatulski, Mark Bales, Manny Siprut, Mike Cassel, Jim Dobson, Ken Harder, Mark Chulew

Rich Kosina enjoying the special meal.



Rollie Trayte won the award for having owned the most Corvettes in one lifetime. 15!! (*so far!*)

Vette-Togethers...

Halloween Party!

Photos - Steve Rabin

On October 26th, Steve and Jennifer Rabin hosted one heck of a Halloween Party. Over 50+ club members, in costumes, descended on the Rabin's home for an evening of fun, food, and drink.

Our thanks to Steve and Jennifer for a wonderful time!



Halloween continued...



Halloween continued...



Halloween continued...



Don Schroden won the prize for coming the closest in guessing the number of Candy Corn in the jar.



Host, Steve Rabin, providing a little musical entertainment.

Halloween continued...



*Janet and Frank Tasnadi, with host/
hostess Steve and Jennifer Rabin. The
Tasnadi's won 3rd Place for best costume.*



*Mark and Kathy Bales, with Jennifer. The
Bales won 2nd Place for costume.*



*1st Place for best cos-
tume went to Sue and
Dick Kulczycki.*



Caution! These photos will burn your eyes!



A couple of these monstrosities are actually famous.

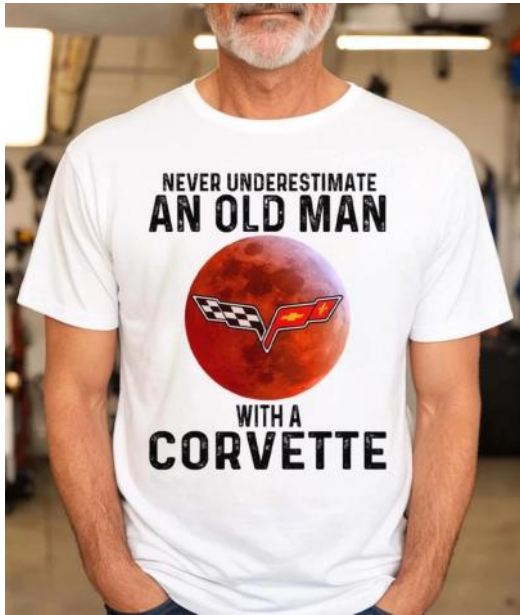
Can you tell which ones?



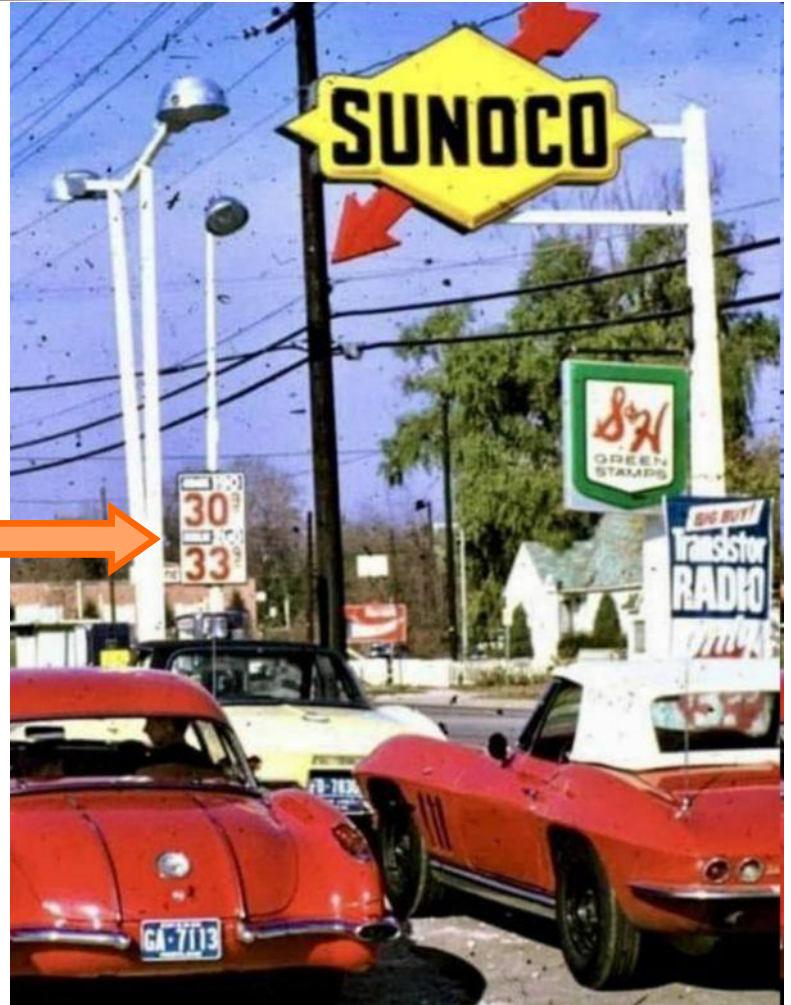
Haves and Wants

The soul, bathed in tranquility, floats weightlessly in a sea of serenity. Every fiber of one's being resonates with a profound calmness, as if time itself has slowed to a gentle whisper. It's as if the very essence of existence has been distilled into a single, perfect moment of absolute harmony and blissful contentment.

That might explain why there are no "Haves" and specifically no "Wants" this issue...




Thanks, Rollie!



How many of these did you, or your Dad, drive away with? I remember a few...



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