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

No meetings in June/July/August/December.

Reservations Required

Note: In 2025 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 Bob Goodhue

Hey All! How has your 1st two months of 2025 been so far? Arizona attracts a lot of tourists during these months. Barrett-Jackson, the Phoenix open, then Spring Training.

We started off with Barrett-Jackson. I saw a few of you there. Tim was with a relative who was marketing a model rocket car that travels 200mph! Now wouldn't that be fun on your neighborhood street. There was the usual food fair. Turkey legs galore! I have never had one of those, but maybe one day.....maybe not. I do have to say the lobster roll was fantastic.

People do go there to look at the items up for auction. There are the automobilia and vehicles. The automobilia is in the early morning, then bidding for vehicles starts in the late morning. If you don't know what automobilia is, it includes items related to automobiles, like vintage signs (metal or neon), gas pumps, oil cans, tire pumps, and such. I have never bid on a Bob's Big Boy monument sign, because I don't know how I would mount it on the roof of my house! Just kidding....maybe....

As for vehicles, there were close to 2,000 up for auction this year. Some went for a lot, some not so much. There was one car that I could not figure out why it went for so much. It was early Thursday. A red, 2012 C6 convertible base model went up for bidding. There was nothing special about the VIN. This guy, sitting across the aisle from me, started the bidding. He was bidding against one other person. It was fast and furious. At the end, the car went for \$330,000! To this day, I can't figure out why. Even with few miles, this car should not attract this type of money. Oh well, who am I to say?

Then there was the Phoenix Open. This is always a big draw. The Greatest Show on Grass. Also, it could be where the most alcohol is consumed in one week! It seemed a bit toned down from last year, but the 16th hole was in full force. When the hole in one was made by Emiliano Grillo, bedlam erupted. What else would one expect? When I was a member there, we would have a members only golf tournament on the last Sunday before the course was closed for the Open. On a normal day, the 16th hole is nothing special. When the grandstands are up, it is quite a spectacle for any golfer. One tournament, when I missed the green, on my tee shot, I was booed by the workers. The next year, I hit the green, and there were cheers. Those were the good old days. When they closed the course for renovation, in 2014, our memberships were terminated. When they reopened the course, the membership fees were more than doubled. Now the annual fees are \$18,000 per year plus cart fees. That's a bit steep. Might as well join a country club. I'm glad where I am now for golf.

March brings Spring Training, as well as more visitors. When I'm golfing, the people I get matched with tell me they are here for Spring Training games. I then think.....Then why are you golfing and not watching the games! March also brings some questionable weather. Remember when the clouds would roll in? The Jet Stream would be over Arizona and give me flashbacks to the Seattle weather I grew up in. Very Traumatic! I thought I moved here for sun. I remember one day, coming home from work, the rain mixed with a dust cloud, and it rained mud. Hopefully this March, the weather will hold up for our events. Nothing beats a nice sunny day when the Corvettes are out in force. See you all at our next meeting on March 12!

“Guess the Celebrity” Contest Winner

Our Winner was Bob Goodhue!

Bob correctly identified our celebrity Corvette owner as Paul Stanley from KISS.

Runners-up were Janet Tasnadi, Bill Follette, Chris Mingie and Charles Nance

Okay... You people are good.

Let's try this one. Who is it?

Extra points if you can identify a couple things a little off with this photo. First email response wins!

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They Say Its Your Birthday!



March

Michael Cassel 4th
 Dorothy Durby 6th
 Gloria Snook 6th
 Angie Kosina 8th
 Stanley Paine 12th
 John Snook 19th
 Joan Sacks 21st
 Lucy Boland 22nd
 Steve Tyler 26th
 Tim Szkatulski 26th

April

Chuck Weschler 4th
 Krysha Sorce 7th
 Michael Terrey 10th
 Gerry Goefert 13th
 Sue Cahlamer 14th
 IRS 15th
 Lisa Armbruster 19th
 Sami Weir 23rd
 Roseann Gargano 27th
 Christina Georgiou 27th
 Sandi Weschler 30th

*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**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL
 FOR DETAILS**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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 FORGET THE
MEMBERS' ONLY
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 MONTHLY DINNER
 MEETINGS!**

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*See the Corvette Generations
 Unfold before your eyes!*

**Here is a very cool link offered
 by member Rollie Trayte**

(click on link)

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SCC MEN!

Save The Date!

**Third Wednesday Most
 Months**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

SCC New Members

Chris and Kirsten Avgenackis



Chris and Kirsten Avgenackis joined SCC in January of this year after their first club event. They enjoyed meeting the members of the SCC and were excited to join. Chris goes by “Avy” which is an abbreviated version of his Greek last name, “Avgenackis”.

The couple reside both in Iowa and Arizona, with their primary residence in the downtown Ocotillo neighborhood of Chandler, AZ where they live with their two, very senior Golden Retrievers (Scooby and Max).

Chris received his degrees in Mechanical Engineering and MBA and works for

Collins Aerospace and Kirsten received her degree in Secondary Education and is celebrating her 23rd year with Toyota North America.

The couple have three children (Kaitlen 33, Emma 20 and Jake 17) as well as twin grandchildren Neil and Nova (3 ½). They enjoy the outdoors, travel, dining, concerts, festivals, car shows, cooking and more.

Chris and Kirsten both have a passion for anything with an engine. Kirsten sold her 1950 Chevy pickup. Chris sold his boat and Harley which led them to custom ordering “Penny”. Penny is a 2025 Corvette coupe, 2LT, two-tone seats, performance exhaust, black rims, red engine appearance, rear spoiler, front splitter and side skirts. First thing they did was PPF and tint the windows! More modifications are planned for their dream car. They are looking forward to cruising with the SCC members on the day trips and social gatherings.



Stanley Paine

***And his Bright Yellow
1989 C4***

**Also please welcome Aram and Marie Kardjian and their
2020 Sebring Orange C8**

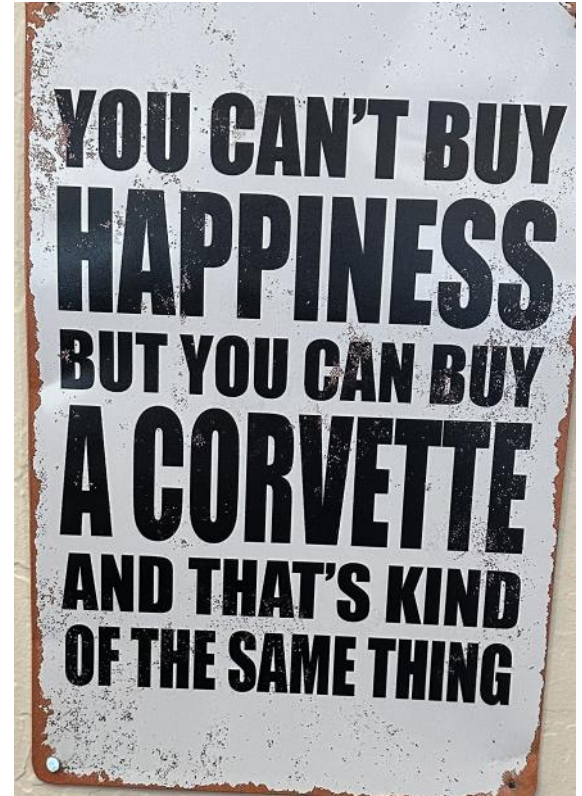
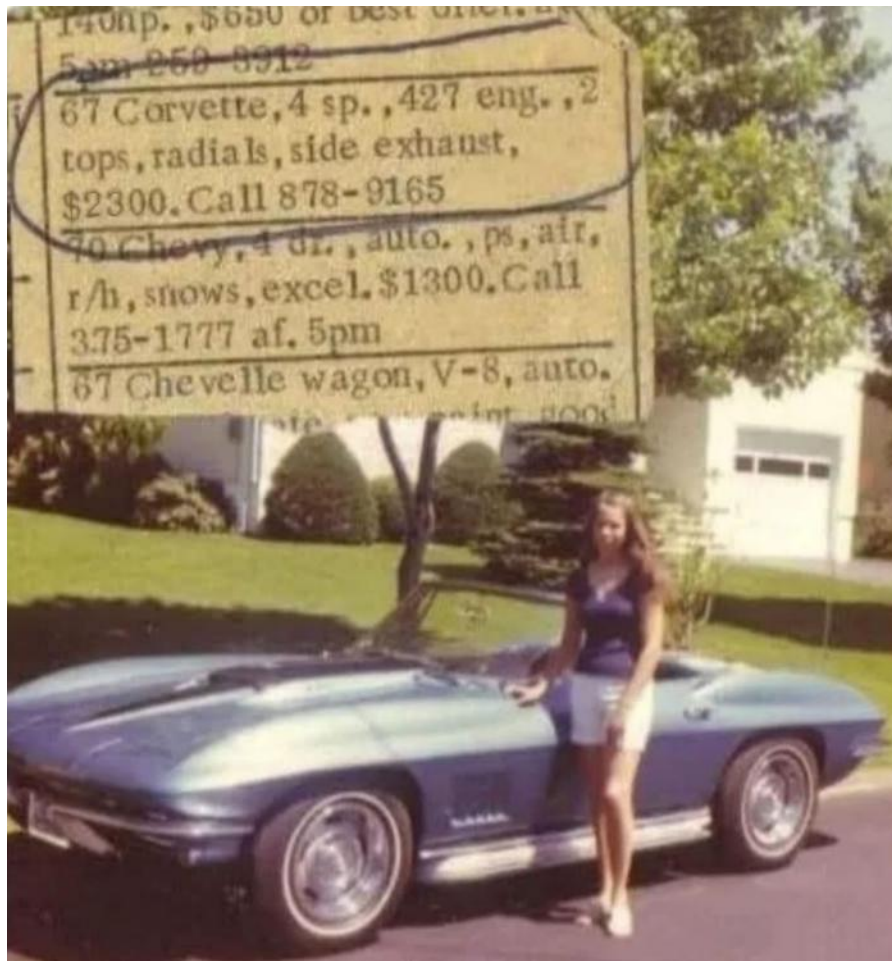
SCC New Rides

No new members' rides this issue.

If you have a new ride, please send us a photo and info. It doesn't have to be a brand new C8. Any Corvette, any generation, that is new to you!

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Calendar 2025

January

8th Club Meeting
14th Boyce Thompson
Arboretum
15th Poker/Vixens
23rd Scorpion Bay Lunch

February

12th Club Meeting/Van
8th Mystery Trip
15th Concours in the Hills
19th Vixens/Poker
5th Board Meeting

March

12th Club Meeting
6th Olive Mill Tour
18th- Death Valley -
21st Las Vegas
19th Vixens
26th Poker

April

9th Club Meeting
3rd Tortilla Flats
16th Vixens/Poker
19th Concours in the
Hills
25-27th Canyon de Chelly

May

14th Club Meeting
21st Vixens/Poker
TBD Page/Antelope
Canyon
7th Board Meeting

June

No Club Meeting
18th Vixens/Poker
Mini Activities

July

No Club Meeting
16th Poker - Yes
No Vixens
Mini Activities

August

No Club Meeting
No Vixens
No Poker
Mini Activities

September

10th Club Meeting
17th Vixens/Poker
TBD Luau
TBD Prescott Car Show
3rd Board Meeting

October

8th Club Meeting
15th Vixens/Poker
TBD Titan Museum
TBD Dwarf Car Museum

November

12th Club Meeting
19th Vixens/Poker
TBD Phils' Grill
TBD Vulture Mine
5th Board Meeting

December

**7th Holiday Party and
Toy Run**

Vette-Togethers... Boyce Thompson Arboretum



By John Ulrich

Jan 14, 2025

The day started with 9 members shivering in a parking lot wondering if it will be warmer when we reached Bryce Thompson Arboretum. Mark Chulew's skillful maneuvering of the freeway got us to our destination ticket free.

The sun was out and warmth was felt as the group ventured into a world of succulents & Boojum trees. Half way around we were stopped by a few Coati (Koh-wah-tee) climbing in a tree preventing us from passing. A ranger was on hand to make sure we did not run under the tree. After boredom set in, we turned around and went back up the tall hill we had walked down.

Heading to the Handlebar Pub and Grill, we met up with 4 more members who decided to sleep in. The interesting menu had us all hungry. New member Terry Cannefax, ordered up a habanero burger figuring it posed no challenge..... until his ears turned red and a lot of water was consumed.... He liked it!

Another beautiful day in Arizona driving shiny Corvettes!

Thanks Mark for leading us!

Vette-Togethers... Lake Pleasant/Scorpion Bay

By David Sacks

With additional photos by Bill Follette

& Mark Chulew



On Thursday January 23, 2025, thirteen SCC members in seven cars met at the Scottsdale Promenade to begin the one hour drive to Lake Pleasant. The weather was a little cool and somewhat windy.



We were ably led by Mark and Stacey Chulew. Mark devised a route that took us up Scottsdale Rd to Pinnacle Peak through the northern Desert Ridge section, then onto Sonoran Desert Drive to the 303. We exited the 303 at Lake Pleasant Pkwy and then proceeded to Carefree Highway.

The most excitement on the drive occurred when we encountered a disabled 18 wheeler that appeared to completely block the entrance to the 303. Just as we anticipated accelerating onto the highway, we had to come to a stop. Fortunately, there was enough room behind the truck to allow one car at a time to go into the opposing traffic lane and maneuver around the truck. We were ably guided by local police who were on the scene.



Shortly thereafter, we arrived at Lake Pleasant to find plenty of open parking space. The temperature was even cooler there, and the wind had picked up substantially, making it a little uncomfortable as we descended in the tram down to the docks and to the Scorpion Bay restaurant. Our stalwart SCC group persevered.

We were all glad to enter the indoor environment of the restaurant, and some ordered hot chocolate or coffee. Since the restaurant doesn't take reservations, we were fortunate to find a large open table that could accommodate most of us,

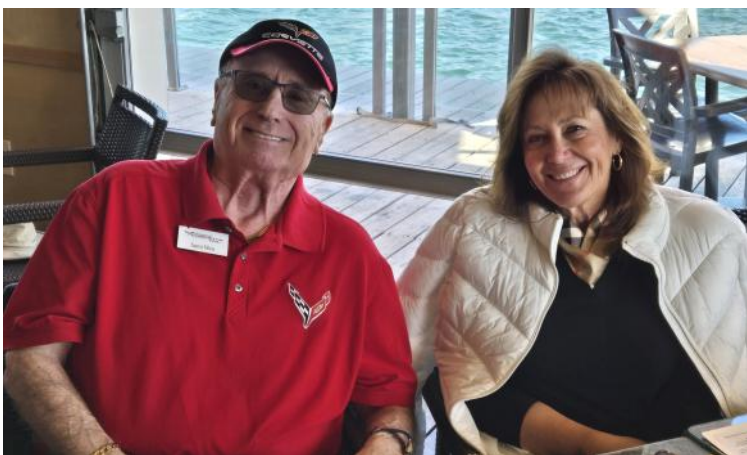
with a small group using another table.

It had been a few years since the club was at Scorpion Bay, and I had forgotten how good the food is. The portions were large and tasty and the service was great – so was the company and the usual SCC camaraderie.

Along with a great Corvette drive, what more could anyone ask for? I look forward to a future return trip!

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Vette-Togethers... Lake Pleasant/Scorpion Bay



Vette-Togethers... Mystery Trip

By Sami Weir

**Photos - Bill Follette, Sami Weir,
Fran Harder, Chris Mingie**



February 8 trip to Arcosanti.

Visiting Arcosanti was like taking a time travel trip back to the 1970's. A time of communes, the beginning of Earth Day and the nascent beginnings of resource sustainability. In some ways it was reminiscent of the Bio Sphere trip to Tucson 2-3 years ago. The founder of Arcosanti, Paola Soleri, spent a year as a student with Frank

Lloyd Wright and incorporated some of his ideas of using local materials in the construction of Arcosanti.



An interesting word was used during our tour "archology" combined with environment. The concept of this was to build a self-contained village using the sun for heat and light. The concrete amphitheater had a unique water moat in the front of stage with water running down through channels to cool the theatre which was concrete.

The site has its own farm where crops are grown and sold at a farmers' market and used in their cafe. There are also 3 wells that provide water to

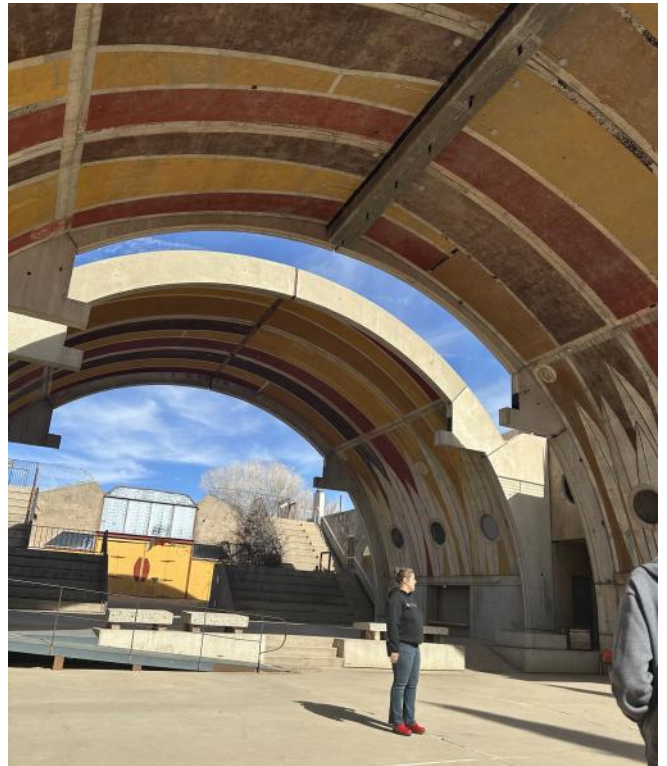
the community. Gray water is treated on site and is reused as irrigation.



Soleri had a very idealistic belief that this concept would be a new wave of living avoiding the "ticky tacky" urban sprawl of housing developments. Well, not for me as I love my suburban housing. One final note on Paola Soleri. A question was asked of our docent about what happened in Soleri's later years. The docent said that they don't dwell on that as it is not a productive conversation. Well right away I was intrigued and did some research. Soleri's daughter charged him with sexual abuse and complained to many people about it but was ignored for years. When these accusations became public Soleri resigned from the board and moved to his Paradise Valley home where he passed away in 2013.

Casting of wind chimes is done on a daily basis at the Paradise Valley location.

Vette-Togethers... *Mystery Trip*



Vette-Togethers... *Mystery Trip*



Arizona Concours

Although not an official SCC activity, members Fran and Ken Harder attended the event, along with Grandson Grayson. Thanks, Fran!

“January 19th was a beautiful day for the Arizona Concours d’Elegance held at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. My cousin Paul flew in from Indiana to be one of the judges. He invited my 12 year old Grandson to come, enjoy and learn about what is involved with judging so many different cars. Unfortunately, there were no Corvettes but plenty of unique and one of a kind cars and motorcycles.”



Grayson was invited by the owner, to sit in this 1906 Sizaire Naudin.



Haves and Wants

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