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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.

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DINNER MEETINGS

Dinner meeting dates and locations vary.

Watch for the club president's email.

Reservations are required.



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From the Driver's Seat

***by Tim Szkatulski,
Club President***

Well, as I am writing this on August 21, the temperature is 106, feels like 110 with the humidity, and we are under a heat advisory for the next week. We have lived in the Valley for over 35 years, and it seems the last couple of years are crazy hot, maybe time to rent a place for the summer where it is cooler. But heat advisory means different things for different areas of the country. Kathy and I just returned from an Alaskan cruise. As we packed, I kept checking the weather, and it was saying low to mid 60s and a chance of rain every day, so we, of course, packed rain gear, sweaters, and jackets. Well, every port we hit, when I checked the weather the night before, they were saying there was a heat advisory, temperatures were going to be in the low to mid 70s and sunny, and it was. I would definitely take that right now. Hopefully, the temperatures will start to break in the next few weeks.

For right now, the monthly dinner meetings will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Scottsdale Road. While not the ideal location, it does provide members the opportunity to order from the menu. The food is pretty good, reasonable, and they have a decent bar (I know the draft beer is nice and cold). We will continue to look at other locations. If someone has an idea, let me know. Rudy's worked, but I did receive a number of complaints about the food. Any suggestions on activities or speakers for the meeting, let me know. We are seeing if we can get someone from Chapman to come and give us an update on what is happening with the Corvette, what comes next after the Grand Sport. Is an SUV a reality or just gossip?

I know Sami and his group are working on activities for the next 4 months. He is always looking for ideas, restaurants, drives, etc. If you have any ideas, please email Sami at samiweir@gmail.com.

I had a couple of members approach me and the board about restarting a club Facebook page. It would be an internal page just for club members. It would be a way for members to post pictures from vacations, talk about trips they have taken, and a chance for members to put a question to other members about trips they are thinking about taking. As I have said in a previous post, I believe if you are interested

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in taking a trip, someone from the club has already done it and can give you some insight on it. One of the issues with starting this up is we need someone from the club to monitor it. I know nothing about it, so I am not sure what is involved.

Holiday Party – Mark your calendars for the club’s annual Holiday Party. This is the biggest social event of the year for the club. This year it will be Sunday, December 6th, 5 to 9 PM, at Troon North Golf Club located at 10320 E Dynamite Blvd. As in prior years, we will have drinks, dinner, and dancing. We have booked the DJ that has done the Party the last couple of years. We hope to do a toy drive as in prior years. I will update you as things are finalized.

We will be selecting a new board in October for 2027. We need some new blood for the board. Sami has been the activities director for a couple of years, Mark Chulew is either in his second or third term on the board, Steve Rabin has been secretary for over five years, and I have been president for three of the last four years. If you are interested, please let me know and we can discuss what is involved.

On a personal note, as I said above, we just returned from a cruise to Alaska. We were on a ship that was all-inclusive, so I decided I was going to try different things. I think I ate more seafood in a week than I have in the last year. And on the drink side, I was always a Manhattan person (my Dad’s drink), along with Bourbon and wine. On the cruise I found I like Vodka Martinis (with Grey Goose), but with a twist, not olives. And this is for Mark Bales, I tried Single Malt Scotch and I found I do like it. So, I now have expanded my food and drink repertoire.

I want to wish a Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a Birthday in September and October and a Happy Anniversary to those celebrating an Anniversary in September or October.

Remember our club sponsor, Chapman Chevrolet, for your service needs or for that new Grand Sport you know you want but don’t need.

Remember... “We Just Want to Have Fun”,

Tim Szkatulski, President

Happy September and October Birthdays!

September

- Dorie Morales 9/6
- Adrian Flores 9/8
- Tali Amir 9/10
- Ken Harder 9/10
- Gloria Ketterl 9/12
- Daisy Urrea 9/13
- Charlene Capek 9/26



October

- John Rippinger 10/7
- Mark Buchholz 10/7
- Janet Tasnadi 10/13
- Frank Tasnadi 10/18
- Cheryl Bloom 10/25
- Peggy Cannefax 10/29

FUN CHANCE TO WIN!



ALL MEMBERS!

Don't forget the MEMBERS ONLY drawing at the monthly dinner meetings! You must be present to win!!! The prize money starts out at \$25 and increases by \$25 each month until there is a winner!

SCC WOMEN, JOIN US... "VETTE VIXENS"



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.

SCC MEN, CHECK OUT... POKER NIGHT!



SCC MEN!

Save the date! Third Wednesday of most months is Poker Night!! Watch your email for details!



Lands' End

HOW ABOUT SOME NEW SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB LOGO SHIRTS OR ACCESSORIES?!

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 page from the link above 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 at 1.800.587.1541



A Message From Your Newsletter Editors

by Frank Tasnadi

If you were paying attention, you probably noticed in our esteemed president's message that he mentioned our SCC Facebook page, and how it merely exists out there with little fanfare, and even less interaction. Actually, there are two different Facebook pages. But what we are talking about here is NOT our public Facebook page, one that anyone can see. We are referring to our *private* Facebook group entitled "SCC Casual Meet-Ups". Technically, it is not even an official Scottsdale Corvette Club group. It is a group that I put together for the club as the COVID epidemic was winding down as a way to jump-start casual and in-person interaction between all of us.

The intent is to share smaller, possibly spur of the moment, non-club activities with everyone in the club to be arranged on your own. We would be doing this in the privacy of a Facebook group open only to our club members. These would be small group ideas or activities that are not related to a Corvette or the club. This would in NO way replace the club activities arranged by Sami, our amazing Activity Director. Examples:

- You need a 4th for next Tuesday's golf outing.
- You want to start a bunco group... or billiards, bowling, etc.
- You and a couple of other members are meeting for breakfast next Saturday and want to open it up to others in the club.
- You are going on a trip... one that would be a "the more, the merrier" kind of thing.*

*Here is a REAL-LIFE example, and one reason this whole idea emerged: Janet and I are going on an Alaska Cruise in May of 2027 that includes a 4-night ground tour from Anchorage followed by a southbound cruise to Vancouver.

We would love to have others join us! Let us know if you are interested, and more info will soon be posted in the private Facebook group, "SCC Casual Meet-Ups."

And this is just one example; anyone could post an upcoming fun idea!

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Shifting gears... the REAL issue is that to re-kickstart this Facebook group we need help!

- First, we need someone to take over the role of group administrator. I (Frank) am the current administrator. It is not that hard, but Janet and I have our hands more than full with the newsletter.
- It's not a big job, but can we get one or more of you to raise your hand(s) and say, "Yes, I can help run this"?

And how it works...

- To use the group, you would need to have a Facebook account. I am sure that many of you do even if you don't go there often. Once you have a Facebook account, you go to "Groups", then search for SCC Casual Meet-Ups, and then request to join the group.
- You will soon be accepted into the group.
- Then you can check back often to see the group activity. And because it is not an official club account, you can work out the details on your own without using SignUp Genius or EventZilla.
- And remember... everything in the group is private and only visible to SCC members.

If you can PLEASE help us get this going as the administrator, contact either Janet or me, either by email or phone.

Will this private Facebook page work? We hope so, but, if not, at least we tried. And no offense, Sami, we love you and you are doing an awesome job!! This FB group cannot replace the amazing activities you plan for us.



GAS CARD CONTEST



Now, about our GAS CARD contest from the last edition. We had a great response! Thank you for submitting so many guesses. But, sadly, no one won the \$25 gas card prize. (The answer is on the next page).

The GOOD NEWS is that the gas card is now worth \$50 and can be claimed IF:

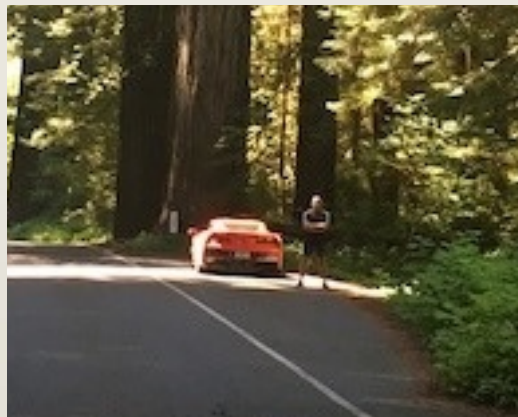
- You are the FIRST person to answer my question correctly by email to FRANK by the end of the day on September 7.
- AND... if you are present at the September 9 dinner meeting.

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PREVIOUS EDITION'S CONTEST ANSWER

The answer to the previous edition's contest is admittedly tough... in my road trip story in that CRS article, one photo of me by my car in the redwoods was taken years ago when I had a different Corvette, my first C7, also red, but clearly with no large black racing stripes as are in the other photos. Another hint, albeit harder, is that in my story I said that I drove home... and through the redwoods... alone, because Janet had already flown home. In that one photo of my old car, I was far from the photographer so it couldn't be a selfie... but was taken by Janet a few years ago on a different trip.

These pics were all in my story. My current car is on the top row, and my old Corvette is at the bottom. No racing stripes.



THIS EDITION'S GAS CARD CONTEST

You will find **THIS** edition's contest, this time a puzzle created by Janet, at the second to the last page of this newsletter... near the *end*. Have fun!

Frank



**In case you have not met them,
these are some of our newer
members.**

**If YOU are fairly new and have
not been featured, please send
us an email with your bio and
photo with Corvette to
sccfrankt@gmail.com.**





If you joined the club in the past year and have not had your bio and photo included in a newsletter, **PLEASE** send a brief bio and a photo of you with your Corvette to us at sccfrankt@gmail.com.



ALL MEMBERS... if you bought a new or different Corvette in the past and it hasn't been featured in a newsletter, please send us a photo and a brief description.

If you change Corvettes in the future, please do the same!



New Rides!

Congratulations, Tali, on Your New C8!

Join us in congratulating Tali Amir on his new C8 Corvette! And this is definitely one that's hard to miss. Tali chose a Z51 in Competition Yellow, complemented by a sleek black interior—a combination that brings plenty of Corvette attitude wherever it goes.

To help keep this beauty looking as good as the day it came home, Tali also had clear protective film installed on the front end, giving that gorgeous yellow paint some added protection from the road ahead.

And just in case the Competition Yellow and black interior weren't enough to get your attention, Tali's new ride has black-and-yellow Stingray doorsills for an extra touch of WOW!

Congratulations, Tali! We're looking forward to seeing your new C8 out on the road and, of course, at plenty of upcoming SCC events.



2026 SCC Activity Calendar

Subject to Change

Look for information as it becomes available in the Sign-Up Genius emails from Scottsdale Corvette Club

PAST

- Mon, Jan 26 – Walking – Dining Tour
- Thurs, Jan 29 – Friday, Jan 30 – Titan Missile Museum
- Sat, Feb 21 – Needle Rock Kitchen & Tap – Verde River Drive & Dine
- Fri, Feb 27 to Sun, Mar 1 – Wilcox Winery
- Sat, Mar 7 – Coney Grill Social
- Tues, Apr 14 – Phoenix Brewing Company Visit
- Mon, Apr 27 – Tonto Grill Dinner
- Thurs, Apr 30 to May 1 – Old Cottonwood/Verde Valley Wine Tasting Trip (Plus *Optional* Golf Outing)
- Mon, May 11 – Drive/Lunch to River Bottom Restaurant in Florence
- Sat, May 23 – Drive/Lunch to Tortilla Flats
- Mon, June 15 – Drive/Brunch to Beeline Café in Payson
- Sat, Jul 18 – SCC Summer Get Together at California Pizza Kitchen
- Wed, Jul 22 – Dinner at Rusconi's American Kitchen
- Wed, Jul 29 – Mt Lemmon Day Trip
- Sat, Jul 25 – Phoenix Art Museum with Lunch at True Food Kitchen

UPCOMING... mark your calendar!

- Fri, Oct 9 to 11 – Antelope Canyon Adventure! (It will be an amazing, fun-filled weekend with multiple activities in and near Page, AZ)
- Sun, Dec 6 – Annual SCC Club Holiday Party, more details to follow

MORE TO BE ADDED! The Activities Committee will be meeting again soon. If you have any ideas for club activities, please notify Sami. If you can help with planning, even better!



No official dinner meeting, but we had a...
Summer 2026 “Get-Together”

July 18, 2026
By Tim Szkatulski

On Saturday, July 18, about 27 members got together at the California Pizza Kitchen on Scottsdale Road for drinks, food, and socializing.

It was great seeing members, catching up on how their summer was going, and hearing about their recent travels and upcoming trips. From all the trips I heard about, I think the SCC is single-handedly keeping the travel industry in business.

- Sami just flew in from Florida after spending time with family there. He is going to California in August and, I believe, France in the fall to see more family.
- The Patricolas just returned from a trip to Sicily.
- Suzy was leaving in a week for New York to board the Queen Mary 2 to England, and Charles was flying out later to meet her for a trip to Ireland.
- Gina and Bob Mingie just returned from a trip to Africa, and they have a trip planned with their daughters in September to Scotland.
- Rich and Angie visited Greece and Turkey and just got back from a weekend trip to New Mexico.
- It was good to see Charlene Capek up and about after her recent back surgery. She and Larry went to Atlanta to see their granddaughter, and I believe they have a trip coming up to Canada.
- Walter and Barbara were in Europe for a couple of weeks visiting some of Walter's old haunts.
- I know someone else told me they had a cruise coming up to the Southern Caribbean with a stop in Aruba. Sorry, I forgot who it was.

If you are ever planning a trip, check with members of the club, as someone probably has been there.

It was also good to see Donna Reagan, who came with her daughter. And as I promised in the invitation, someone might win a free dinner for just showing up. Well, Janet Tasnadi was the winner. She won \$50 to cover her and Frank's meals.

~ Vette-Togethers ~

(Recent Club Activities and FUN!)



Dinner at Rusconi's

July 22, 2026

By Sami Weir

On July 22, we had another fine dinner at Rusconi's American Grill. We had 18 participants, and as usual, the camaraderie and food were excellent.

Michael Rusconi has an Austin-Healey MK 3000 that he is considering selling—which he probably should! Anyone with any knowledge of English sports cars from the '50s and '60s has probably had some experience with Lucas Electronics. When it rains, the gauges maintain water!

Michael currently owns a 1966 Corvette convertible, black with a black interior, and is looking to buy a C8 and join our club. As we have all watched C8 prices tumble, I told him that now is a good time to join.

This dinner was one of the last for the summer season, and I hope to start up some other activities in September.



An Exceptional Evening at Tarbell's

June 30, 2026

By Sami Weir

Motor Monday Meets National Corvette Day

On June 30, members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club enjoyed a memorable dining experience at Tarbell's restaurant during Motor Monday, an occasion that serendipitously coincided with National Corvette Day.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Mark Tarbell and his staff, who had thoughtfully reserved parking spaces for our Corvettes. Despite the sweltering heat, which exceeded 100 degrees at 6:00 PM, they stood attentively by, ensuring that the cones marking our spaces were promptly removed upon our arrival—a gesture that set the tone for the exceptional hospitality to come.

As we settled into the restaurant, freshly baked bread adorned every table, providing an inviting start to the meal. Mark Tarbell further surprised us with three complimentary appetizers, thoughtfully prepared and generously served. These delectable starters were so satisfying that many of us found ourselves pleasantly full even before the main courses arrived.

Mark's graciousness as a host was matched by his fabulous wait staff, who attended to every detail with impeccable care. The food itself was, in a word, excellent—its flavors and presentation blended seamlessly to create an unforgettable culinary experience. Unfortunately, the abundance of delicious food left few of us with room for dessert, though the thoughtfulness behind every dish was deeply appreciated.

As always, the camaraderie shared among fellow Scottsdale Corvette Club members added a special touch to the evening. The laughter, stories, and shared enthusiasm for our Corvettes turned this dinner into yet another cherished memory for the club. As is often said, the joy of owning a Corvette is rivaled only by the pleasure of being part of this incredible community.

Mark Tarbell and his team truly elevated the evening, making Motor Monday and National Corvette Day a celebration of not just cars, but also friendship, fine food, and enduring hospitality. We left Tarbell's with full hearts and full bellies, looking forward to the next dinner.

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM AND LUNCH

JULY 25, 2026

By Ken and Fran Harder

Sami Weir organized and led a wonderful day at the Phoenix Art Museum (PAM), followed by lunch at True Food Kitchen at the Biltmore Fashion Park. The group of avid art aficionados included Dorothy Durby, Frank and Janet Tasnadi, Fran and Ken Harder, and Sami. We arrived at 11:30 a.m. with an outside temp of 104 degrees and an almost full parking lot due to two matinees that were going on at adjacent Phoenix Little Theatre. We joined another group of six and our tour guide, Josh, led us into the museum through a hallway decorated with hundreds of black butterflies affixed to the ceiling and walls—a very beautiful sight.

Then we went through the first exhibit called Fireflies, by Yayoi Kusama, a world-renowned contemporary artist famous for her avant-garde installations, vibrant polka dots, and immersive infinity rooms. The exhibit at PAM is one of the latter, which the museum “owns” and is one of the few museums in the world that has an exhibit of hers on display. The interesting fact about this exhibit is that the artist is a 97-year-old Japanese woman who voluntarily placed herself in a Tokyo psychiatric hospital in 1977 as she lives in a world of wild visual sensations that she incorporates into her art. The mirrored rooms she is known for trick the eye into seeing an endless universe. Naturally, that is what this experience is—you walk through a pitch-black room with dimly lit lights hanging from dangling wires and hope that the person in front of you knows where the exit is. This exhibit has achieved worldwide acclaim for its attack on the senses while providing insight into the artist’s own mind.

Our next stop was the Florentine Baroque, The Haukohl Collection, an exhibit that was enjoying its last day at the museum and was being broken down and moved that evening. This milestone exhibit featured over 30 rare 17th and 18th century paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts from the largest private collection of Florentine Baroque outside of Italy. Most of the paintings are Christian religious art, each with its own biblical story and references. What made this exhibit unique is that the frames of each art piece were in the Baroque style, with large and very ornate and structured frames which (interestingly) worked in concert with the pieces to stunning effect. Also, in this exhibit were several pieces of cloisonné, an ancient decorative art technique used for metalwork, vases and jewelry developed by the French, and later used in China.

Our next several stops included modern art pieces including “Kinetic Mobiles from Bombs” by Vietnamese artist Tuan Andrew Nguyen, a disciple of Alexander Calder, another artist who was known for his anti-war art. In this sculpture Tuan creates delicate, balanced hanging mobiles—but instead of industrial steel or painted sheet metal used by Calder, Tuan constructs his pieces by using salvaged brass from artillery shells and unexploded ordnance left over from the Vietnam War. Another modern art piece (which, frankly, I couldn’t figure out) spoke to the “decadence of consumption in our modern world”. As they say, art is in the eye of the beholder!

We had another half hour to roam the museum and some of the group went to the fashion area while others went to other galleries. PAM’s famous Western and Cowboy art collection was closed for renovation but there are many other galleries to visit. Please look at the pictures attached to this article which we hope you will enjoy and then see what story they tell you!

We left the museum for a 1:30 p.m. reservation at True Food Kitchen. The restaurant is a gathering place for people in the Biltmore area, serving a nice American menu. Lunch conversation centered around the art we had just experienced, movies we wanted to see, and upcoming club activities. Very little conversation was had regarding our Corvettes, but that of course was to be expected— as we all know, they are truly “works of art” in their own right.

Thanks, Sami, for a great day. It was nice and cool inside and a great way to beat the summer heat.





Mt. Lemmon Day Trip

July 29, 2026

By Tim Szkatulski

On Wednesday, July 29, the club had a day trip to Mount Lemmon. Early on, we had 18 members sign up for the trip, but by the time we left, there were six of us: Juan, Mark Chulew, Rich and Angie, Kathy, and me. Since Sami, who was filling in for Frank, could not make it either, Juan stepped up and took the lead.

The drive to Tucson was pretty boring, as any of you who have made the drive know. We made a quick restroom stop at Picacho Peak and then continued on to Tucson. It seems that everything worth visiting in the Tucson area is on the east side, but I-10 is on the west, and it is always an interesting—and long—trip from I-10 to your destination.

Once we reached the Catalina Highway, the drive became fun. For the first couple of miles, it is flat and straight, but then you hit the base of the mountain, and the next 25 miles are full of twists, turns, and beautiful scenery. Juan led the way, and we were very lucky that the cars ahead of us pulled over so we could pass and enjoy the handling of our Corvettes. I recommended “Z” mode (Mark’s suggestion).

When we turned onto the Catalina Highway, it was 103°, but when we reached the restaurant, it was a nice 78 degrees. When we walked into the Sawmill Run Restaurant, they were under the impression there was going to be a much larger group of 40. We asked where they got that idea, and they said someone named Frank had called it in. I wasn’t sure if she was joking, but the six of us enjoyed a nice lunch and conversation on the outdoor patio with a nice, cool breeze.*

Since it was a 3-hour-plus trip back to Phoenix, we left after lunch, with Rich leading this time. Tops down for Rich and Angie and Mark—I forgot until we were on our way! Again, people were very good about pulling over and letting us by so we could enjoy our Corvettes. This was my first trip to Mt. Lemmon after living in Arizona for 35 years, and if you have never been, I would highly recommend it. It is about a seven-hour round trip of driving from Phoenix, so plan accordingly, or plan to stay in Tucson so you can have more time to explore the mountain and enjoy the beautiful views.

**Editor's note: The waitress must have been joking... either that or when Frank told them that about 20 had signed up, maybe they thought 20 Corvettes?? Unfortunately, though, several people, including us, were unable to go that day. Still... a big oops!*





"C.R.S.": Corvette-Related Stories

NOTE: If ANY of you have an interesting Corvette-related experience, please let us know!



Get ready to run to Chapman Chevrolet when the new C9 comes out, whether similar to the following speculation or not! Or, if you can't wait, they currently have 2027 C8's in stock: three Z06's (and two more in transit), three Grand Sports (in transit), and one Stingray.

The article below is speculation. Tim Szkatulski sent us a Motor Trend article about the *possible* upcoming new C9. We contacted Motor Trend for permission to use their article, but we did not hear back.

Then we looked further and found the following article by CorvetteStoreOnline.com. We asked for their permission, and they graciously granted it! When you go to their website there are very interesting blog posts at the bottom of the main page.



This article is shared courtesy of CorvetteStoreOnline.com

The C9 Corvette Is Coming — Here's Everything We Know (and Everything We're Dreaming About)

May 5, 2026 • Hannah Shepherd



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While the ink is barely dry on 2027 Corvette order guides, the Corvette community's attention keeps drifting forward to a question that's been simmering for two years: what comes after the C8?

The answer is starting to take shape. GM has shown us concept cars, the GM Design Instagram account has been quietly dropping hints, and at least one Corvette owner on a Museum Delivery tour claims she came face-to-face with a heavily camouflaged prototype in Bowling Green. We don't have a reveal date, and there's plenty GM hasn't said yet — but the signals are real, and if history is any guide, the C9 era is going to be worth the wait.

Here's a full rundown of where things stand.



Rendering: Artist's vision of a next-generation Corvette C9 concept.

Image: Vengeance Graphix / @vengeancegraphix

The Timeline: Around 2029–2030

Multiple credible outlets including GM Authority and CorvetteForum are reporting that the C9 is targeting a 2029 production start, likely for the 2030 model year — with a public debut expected sometime in late 2028. That would follow the same pattern GM used for the C8, which debuted in July 2019 as a 2020 model. The 2027 Grand Sport appearing to be the last new core C8 model also puts a C9 arrival squarely in that window if GM wants to avoid a lineup gap.

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What GM Has Actually Shown Us

This is where it gets interesting, because GM has been unusually open about letting its design teams tease future ideas publicly. In April 2025, GM opened a brand-new Advanced Design Studio in Royal Leamington Spa, England, and unveiled a Corvette concept to mark the occasion. It is wild. Picture a low-slung, wide-body shape with a nearly fully open front end, two large square scoops flanking a center gap, and powered wing doors that form the shape of the Corvette logo when open.

GM calls these the CX and CX.R — concept names, not production designations — and has been clear they won't go to showrooms as-is. The CX concept is fully electric in concept form, though GM design chief Michael Simcoe was careful to add:

What we've done here doesn't promise [EV] in the next generation or anything like that.

A second concept followed in July 2025 from GM's Advanced Design studios in Pasadena — part of a planned series of three Corvette concept studies GM rolled out across the year. Then in October 2025, the official @GeneralMotorsDesign Instagram account posted a rendering of a widebody mid-engine sports car that stopped the community cold.



Photo: General Motors

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The Prototype Sighting

This one spread through Corvette forums earlier this year and we can't independently verify it — but it's too good not to share. A C8 owner on a Museum Delivery tour reportedly spotted a heavily camouflaged prototype on the Bowling Green factory grounds. Her description: F1-style aggressive scoops up front, a rounded cockpit she compared to a Porsche 911 GT3 R, no nose cone or tail fitted, and covered in the kind of spy cladding and speed tape used on development mules.

Powertrain: The V8 Isn't Going Anywhere

GM President Mark Reuss addressed the all-electric Corvette question directly in a late-2025 podcast, and his answer was essentially: not yet, and not easily. He cited weight, packaging, and driving dynamics as the reasons. The community sighed with relief. What's broadly expected is that the C9 will keep internal combustion at its core — likely with a hybrid component building on the technology introduced with the Grand Sport X.

What We're Hoping For

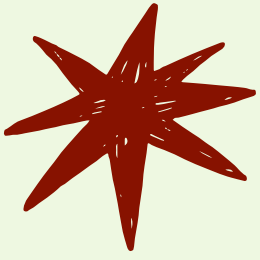
A more driver-focused cockpit with less visual clutter. Weight kept under 3,600 pounds. The LS6 or its successor developed even further. Better cup holder placement (the C8 community knows). Track packages that build on what the Z52 Track and ZTK established. And ideally, a reveal that gives us something to actually look at before 2028.

The C8 era has given us the ZR1X, the Grand Sport X, and a 212 mph production Corvette. Whatever the C9 is, it has a genuinely extraordinary act to follow — and everything we've seen from GM's design teams suggests they know it.

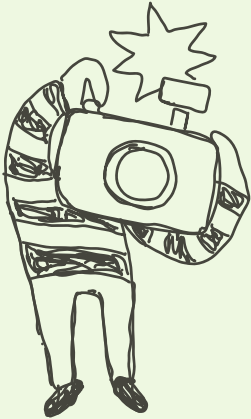
We'll be covering every development as it comes. Stay tuned.

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Flashback From the Fast Lane



**Thanks to the members who share the memories!
But... do any of YOU have some old photos and
memories to share?
Bring it on!! We would love to hear from YOU!!!**



Scottsdale Corvette Club “Mystery Trip” January 2015

As usual for a Mystery Trip, in January of 2015 we all met in our vintage cars to caravan to an “unknown” destination in south Phoenix. We all enjoyed a great tour of the Hall of Flame and found some vintage and unique firefighting equipment. Somehow, we all also found that we had worked up an appetite...









HAVES AND WANTS

Have a car-related item that you want to sell? Post it here!

Looking for a car-related item that you want to buy? Ask for it here!!

HAVES

Former member Patrick Dennis is leaving the Valley of the Sun and moving to North Carolina. To lighten his moving load, he is parting ways with many of his favorite but expendable possessions and among them are several Corvette items. He gave me some of them to do with as I see fit, many of which are going to show up here over the next several issues.

We are going to start with this very nice, framed poster of all the Corvettes, C1 through C8. It is big... it measures 38" x 26" frame edge to edge and would make a perfect addition to a den, man cave, garage, etc., and the best thing is it is...

FREE to the first person who claims it by emailing me at sccfrankt@gmail.com before September 7.



WANTS

Zip, Zero This Time

IMPORTANT CLUB RADIO INFORMATION



For any members who do not yet own a club radio, are looking to replace the one they have, or would like to add an earpiece, our supplier HQ98 in south Scottsdale can assist you. HQ98 offers both a Bantam and a Motorola model. The Bantam has a decent range and performs admirably. At the time of writing, it was roughly \$75 less expensive than the Motorola. The Motorola has a larger battery and therefore offers increased range... hence the higher price.

When caravanning on a club drive, members need to maintain a safe distance behind the car in front of them. However, this distance should not extend into large gaps. If even a couple of cars leave too much space, the vehicles at the back may not hear radio transmissions. That said, neither radio is recommended over the other—the choice is yours.

Regarding earpieces: If you've participated in a club drive, you know it can be difficult to reach for your radio to respond. And if you're driving with the top down, hearing transmissions can be even harder. HQ98 offers several earpieces that help with this. If you decide to purchase one, please tell HQ98 the exact radio model you own so they can provide the correct connector.

Lastly, you do not need to purchase your radio from HQ98. However, please note that the Scottsdale Corvette Club uses its own frequency. If you buy a radio elsewhere, you will need to bring it to HQ98 to have the club frequency configured, and there is a charge for this service.

We always say, "We just want to have fun." Being able to hear directions, comments, and the occasional bad joke through your radio makes participating in a drive both safer and a little more fun.

See photos on the next page.

Note: Prices below are not updated...

SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB RADIO SPECIAL



**BLACKBOX
BANTAM**
\$192.49

(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

Radios from HQ98.com come pre-programmed with club frequencies for the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

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**MOTOROLA
CP100D**
\$269.37

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SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB EARPIECES



PRYME LMC SERIES:

- 1AT - \$32.39
- 1EH - \$23.75
- 1GH - \$30.23

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*"We all made it
through the light."*

"Copy that."

Miscellaneous

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Longest Continuous Corvette Ownership

John Ulrich sent us an article about a guy named Bill in California hoping to capture a Guinness World Record for being the longest continuous Corvette owner, having owned his Corvette for 69 years and surpassing the previous record of 67 years, 314 days. Apparently, in 1957 when Bill was a young teacher he went to a Chevrolet dealership planning to buy a Bel Air, but when he saw the gleaming black Corvette convertible he was hooked. It cost \$3,500 and he only earned \$4,500 a year. He used the extra money from coaching three sports to make the payments.

Google it for more information!



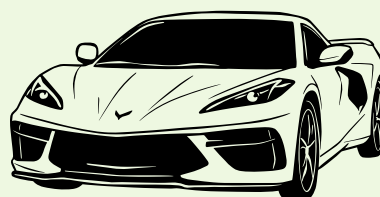
ALSO from John Ulrich: "Here's a great cross reference for Metric to SAE wrenches.

It has saved me a few times from extra crawling around under a Corvette."

Inch to Millimeter Conversion Chart

INCH		METRIC	
2 in.		51	
	1-31/32		50 mm
	1-15/16	49	
		48	
1-7/8	1-29/32	47	
	1-27/32	46	
	1-13/16		45
	1-25/32	44	
1-3/4	1-23/32	43	
	1-11/16	42	
	1-21/32	41	
1-5/8	1-19/32		
	1-9/16	39	40
	1-17/32	38	
1-1/2	1-15/32	37	
	1-7/16	36	
	1-13/32		
1-3/8	1-11/32	34	35
	1-5/16	33	
	1-9/32	32	
1-1/4	1-7/32	31	
	1-3/16	29	30
	1-5/32	28	
1-1/8	1-3/32	27	
	1-1/16	26	
	1-1/32		
1 in.	31/32	24	25
	15/16	23	
	29/32	22	
7/8	27/32	21	
	13/16	25/32	
	23/32	19	20
3/4	21/32	18	
	11/16	17	
	19/32	16	
5/8	17/32	14	15
	9/16	13	
	15/32	12	
1/2	13/32	11	
	7/16	11/32	
	11/32	9	10
3/8	9/32	8	
	5/16	7	
	7/32	6	
1/4	5/32	4	5
	3/16	3	
	3/32	2	
1/8	1/32	1	
	1/16		
0 in.			0 mm

Found on Facebook...



Porsche Takes the Lead?—Temporarily!

This is *our* summary of a newspaper article that Fran Harder gave us titled “Porsche breaks Corvette lap record”.

Porsche’s 911 GT2 RS recently edged out the Corvette C8 ZR1’s production-car lap record at Road Atlanta by just two-tenths of a second. The Porsche is a formidable machine, with 700 horsepower, twin turbos, extensive aerodynamic and suspension upgrades, and a professional racing driver behind the wheel. But the Corvette certainly hasn’t been sitting around eating bonbons: Chevrolet has been setting impressive production-car records at Road Atlanta, Virginia International Raceway, Road America and Watkins Glen.

So, from the Corvette camp, I’d say, “enjoy your victory, Porsche... but don’t get too comfortable!” The Corvette engineers are clearly playing the same game, and Chevrolet has already shown that it can compete with and BEAT some very serious European machinery. The article even points out that Corvette’s ZR1 has posted competitive Nürburgring times, while the ZR1’s Road Atlanta record was only narrowly surpassed. In other words, Porsche may have won this round...

...but the Corvette has every reason to be sharpening its tires, studying the stopwatch, and preparing for the rematch!

Two-tenths of a second is hardly a knockout—it sounds more like a challenge.

Go Vette!!



The Gas Card Contest

by Janet Tasnadi

Even though no one won the contest last time, the important thing this time is what happens in the end. Or maybe, go back to the beginning? Either way, we should all be aware of something that an organization we all appreciate asserts. But what is it? Here is a hint...

Deer Gives Throttle

Well... that is not *exactly* it. I am sure you can figure it out, and I know it is around here somewhere.

Rules:

- 1. You must be the first person to send the correct answer...**
- 2. On or before September 7, 2026...**
- 3. To Frank's email, SCCFrankT@gmail.com...**
- 4. And you must be present at the September 9 dinner meeting to collect the gas card now worth \$50.**
- 5. If the first winner is not at the meeting, the prize will go to the person with the second on-time correct answer who is at the meeting.**
- 6. And so on...**
- 7. If there is not a qualified winner at the meeting, the prize will roll to the next contest and will be worth \$75 at a future dinner meeting.**





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