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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, what a difference two months make, weather-wise. When I wrote my last article back on August 21st, it was 106, and with the humidity, it felt like 110. Today, on October 15th, it is currently 85, and when I was walking the other morning, it was 51. The nice weather is finally here. Time to drive your Corvette with the top down or your T-tops off. This is why many of us live here and others spend the fall, winter, and spring here.

For those of you who have been in the club for the last four years, you are familiar with one of the themes in my articles: new places I have been in the state with SCC. Well, last week was another new one for me. Kathy and I went on the trip to Antelope Canyon that Sami put together for the club. I had never been to that part of the state, and I am always amazed at the diversity of the state, from Southern Arizona vistas to the desert in the middle, the mountains, the pine forests, the red rocks, the rock formations, etc. If you have never been there, I recommend going to Antelope Canyon. We have all seen pictures, but pictures don't do it justice. Sami, thank you again for putting it together. I just signed up for the trip next May to the Grand Canyon by rail. Been there before, but it has been 30 years, and never by train.

As a club, we have a lot going on in the last quarter of the year. We are currently in the middle of taking nominations for the 2027 board. As of this writing, I have two prospective members, and we have one dropping off. The board is important, as its members provide guidance to the club for the next year: activities, the monthly meetings, the financial end, and prospective members. There is still time to throw your hat in the ring, as we will not vote on the new board until the November dinner meeting. Drop me an email if you are interested. The new board, once in place, will vote on new officers for 2027.

October is also time to renew your membership for 2027. By the time you see this, the time period will be up, but if for some reason you missed signing up, let me know and we will see what we can do.



And in December, we end our year with the Holiday Party, which is the social highlight of the year. The party will be Sunday, December 6th. We have a DJ for dancing, dinner, and, of course, a bar. This year, the party will be at Troon Golf Course on Dynamite. We are in the process of finalizing the details, and the invitation will go out the first week of November.

For those of you who have not heard, Peter Boland, a longtime member of the club, was in an accident in his Corvette; he was T-boned. The good thing was that nothing was broken, but the bad thing is that he is in pain and currently under the care of a number of doctors to diagnose and treat it. The other bad thing was that his Corvette was totaled.

I want to give special congratulations to Larry and Charlene Capek, who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on October 12th. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to all members celebrating in November and December, and a happy anniversary to all those celebrating in November and December.

Remember our sponsoring dealership, Chapman Chevrolet, for all your service needs and for that new Corvette you don't need, but want.

Best wishes during the upcoming holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends, and be safe.

Remember, "We Just Want To Have Fun."

Tim Szkatulski, President

Happy November and December Birthdays!

Cherie Blehm 1-Nov
Kathy Bales 2-Nov
Don Schroden 2-Nov
Connie Cassel 4-Nov
Rich Kosina 7-Nov
Anne Linsdau Hoeppner 10-Nov
Marnice Hebard 11-Nov
Sharon Guizzetti 12-Nov
Lana Mentzel 14-Nov
Dave Sacks 14-Nov
Dawn Siprut 14-Nov
Barbara Sungail 15-Nov
Larry Capek 18-Nov





Stacey Chulew 30-Nov
Barbara Follette 30-Nov
Manny Siprut 30-Nov
Carol Desch 1-Dec
Jennifer Rabin 4-Dec
Steve Patricola 7-Dec
Janet Magee 11-Dec
Peter Boland 17-Dec
Juan Urrea 17-Dec
Jen Lewis 18-Dec
Terry Patricola 24-Dec
Chris Avgenackis 26-Dec
Bill Follette 29-Dec

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!

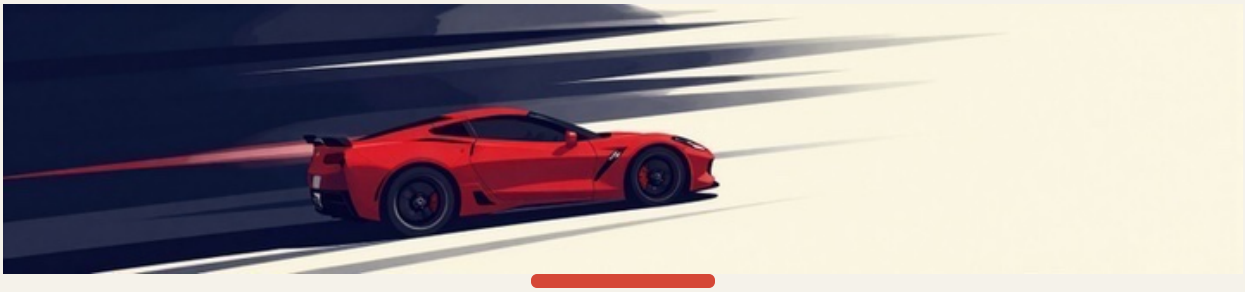


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For New Members: You'll need to create an account. Go to the top of the page from the link above and click on MY ACCOUNT and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit, and that's it! You can immediately start to shop. Any issues, contact Lands' End at 1.800.587.1541



FROM THE EDITORS

What Drove You Here?

by Janet Tasnadi

What was it that drove you to join the Scottsdale Corvette Club? Was it a lifelong love affair with Corvettes? The thrill of the open road? The chance to spend time with people who understand why you need to park way out in the back of the lot to avoid door dings? Or maybe it was simply the discovery that owning a Corvette gives you a perfectly legitimate reason to take the long way home!

Whatever brought you to SCC, we're glad you're here. But before you became a Corvette owner, there was another car in your life that deserves a little recognition: your very first car!

Think back for a moment. Was it a shiny new beauty, a hand-me-down from Mom or Dad, or a well-used clunker that required a little encouragement (and perhaps a push) to get going? Maybe you paid for it with your first paycheck, or maybe you bought it for the princely sum of $200. Did it have a radio, working windows, and a heater? Or were those considered optional luxuries?

For many of us, our first cars were a far cry from today's Corvettes, with their impressive horsepower, sophisticated technology, and creature comforts. Back then, power steering, air conditioning, and even seat belts weren't always a given! Yet somehow, those old cars carried us to school, our first jobs, dates, drive-in movies, and countless adventures. And for some of us, they carried a few memories we'd rather not explain to our spouses!

Now we want to hear YOUR story!

Tell us about your first car. What was it? What year did you get it? How much did it cost? What happened to it? And, most importantly, do you have an old photo tucked away in a drawer or family album?

Send us a few sentences—or a short story if you're feeling inspired. Dig out that old photograph if you have one. We'd love to share your memories in an upcoming issue of The Corvette Connection.

After all, every Corvette enthusiast started somewhere. And who knows? Your first car might turn out to be just as memorable as the Corvette sitting in your garage today!

I have a story about my first car – a great lesson about life – and you'll be hearing all about it!

Happy motoring, and send your stories to Frank at sccfrankt@gmail.com





WOO HOO!

This edition's $25 Gas Card Contest is a Corvette trivia crossword puzzle!

- **There is a smaller scale version and a larger scale version of the SAME puzzle.**
- **Read the rules and have fun!**
- ***The answer to the previous newsletter's puzzle follows this new one.***

Ready?

It starts on the next page!

The Gas Card Contest - Corvette Trivia Crossword Puzzle

by Janet Tasnadi

The FIRST person to send Frank a correctly completed puzzle copy OR a numbered list of correct answers WINS a $25 gas card... but ONLY IF you are at the November dinner meeting!
Have fun, and good luck!

Rules:

1. Some puzzle answers may contain more than one word or might include a word with a dash or hyphen, but the answer here would be written together. For example, if an answer was “seat-belt buckle” it would be written as SEATBELTBUCKLE.
2. Your answers must exactly match ours.
3. To submit answers you may send a scan, photo, screenshot, or typed list of:
   - A printed and completed puzzle grid.
   - Or a list of the correct answers with the corresponding clue number.

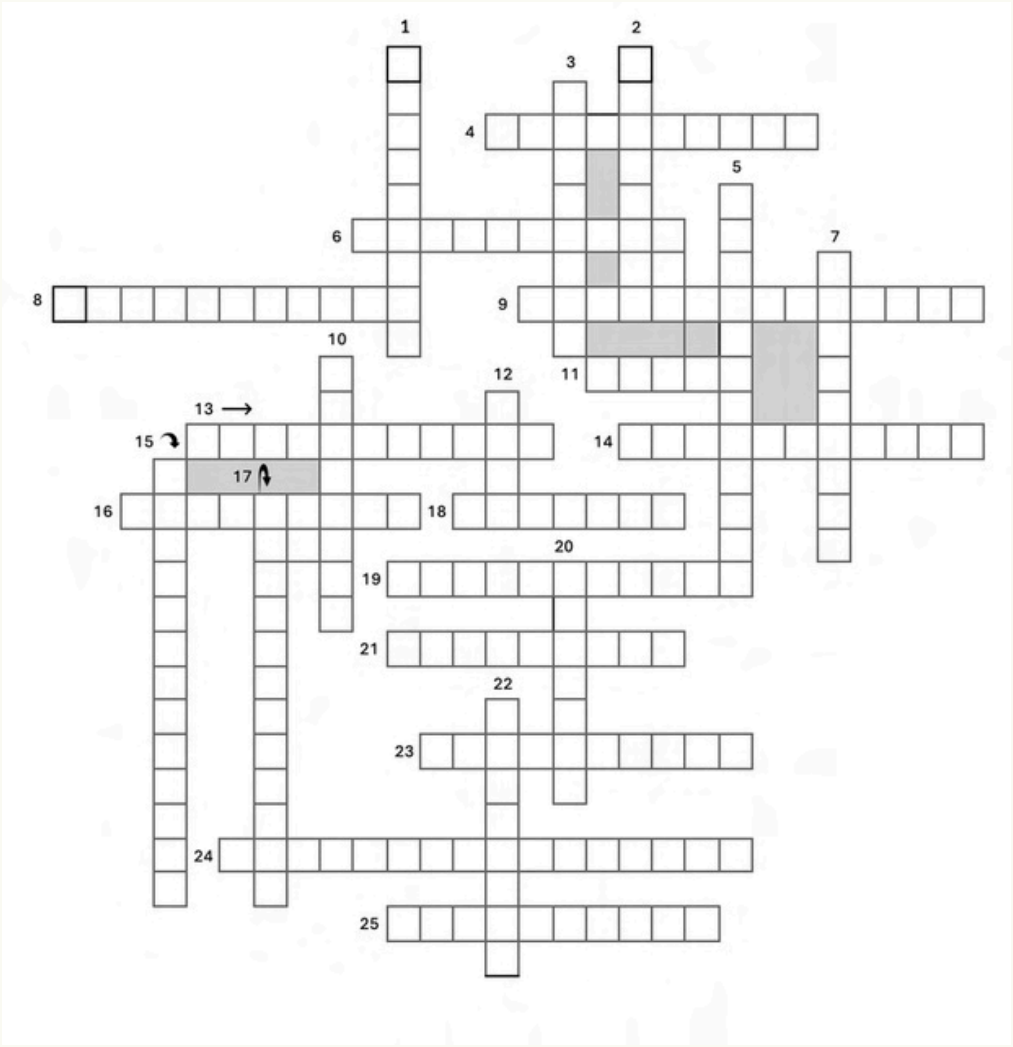
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Corvette Trivia

Puzzle

Note: A larger scale version of the same puzzle is on the next two pages.



Across

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11. A nostalgic feature to many Corvette enthusiasts that was introduced in the early '60s, *think sunny.*
13. A designing Corvette Godfather, *think... use the real name.*
14. Coveted today by collectors but hated at the time by the head of design, *think looking back.*
16. Name of one of the two main designers of a 1963 edition, *think... aquatically speaking, and use shorter version of the first name.*
18. A not-so-sexy nickname for C1 Corvettes based upon their smooth, flowing lines, *think... shaped like something in your home.*
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24. A supposedly affectionate nickname for the fiberglass body, *think... wonderful.*
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2. An entertaining way to show off a shiny red 1959 XP-96... *think Hollywood movie.*
3. Spelled 2 ways over time, *think aquatically... as referred to once already in this puzzle.*
5. The other one... *see 16 across.*
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10. Related to classic Corvettes that have been upgraded with modern performance parts while retaining their vintage aesthetics, *think blend of two words.*
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LARGER Font Clues

Across

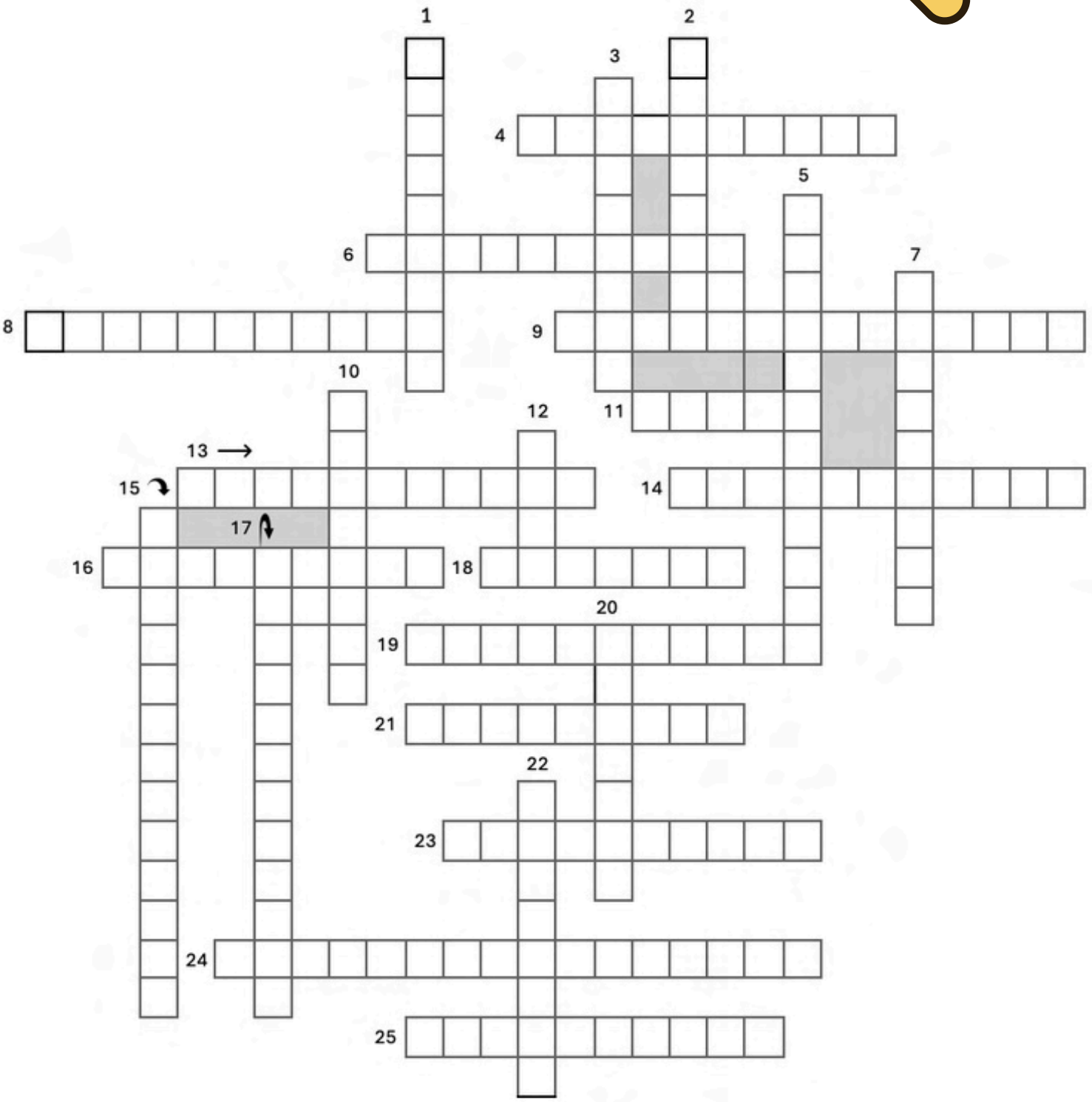
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LARGER Scale Puzzle Grid





PREVIOUS EDITION'S CONTEST ANSWER

First, the clues:

1. In the From the Editors article we said:

"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"

- Hint... the word "end" is in italics to draw your attention.

2. Then we said:

"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."

- Other hints:
  -A reference to what is important happens "in the end". (Hint.. the end of the newsletter is the Chapman ad).
  -Or "go back to the beginning". (The first page of the newsletter also has a Chapman ad).
  -We should all be aware of something that an "organization we all appreciate asserts". (Meaning that we all appreciate Chapman Chevrolet, and on their ad they have a motto.)
  -Deer Gives Throttle is an anagram, rearranging the letters spells... **Together Let's Drive**, the motto on the Chapman Chevrolet ad!

Answer: Together Let's Drive

And winner was Charles Nance!

RECENT ARRIVALS



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

If YOU are fairly new to the club and still have not been featured, please send us an email with a brief bio and a photo of you next to your Corvette... to sccfrankt@gmail.com.

Welcome new members!!

Michael Lesiecki and Carol Desch
and
Mark and Cindy Hitchcock*
and
Barin Yoder and Cherie Blehm*

Their bios and photos are coming soon!!

Introducing
Michael Lesiecki and Carol Desch

Mike and Carol have been Phoenix residents for 30 years. "The Silver Fox"—a 2021 C8 Stingray in Silver Flare—is their first Corvette, and the Scottsdale Corvette Club is their first car club. They love road trips, have put 49,700 miles on the clock, and are happy spending 8–10 hours a day in the C8. They prefer two-lane back roads over interstates to enjoy the scenery. This past summer, they drove from Phoenix to Denver mostly on US Highways and found mountain driving in the Corvette to be a dream.

Mike retired last year after working as a consultant in advanced manufacturing and helping colleges, including the Maricopa Community Colleges, secure grants from the National Science Foundation. Carol does whatever she pleases.

They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last August and have two sons and four grandchildren living on opposite coasts.

In addition to Corvettes, Mike enjoys woodworking and metalworking, while Carol crochets and sews. Carol also loves to travel, and they both enjoy hiking and backpacking, especially in the Grand Canyon and southern Utah.

They built out their 2013 Sprinter campervan from a bare shell, drawing on ideas from their sailboat days to maximize space and energy efficiency. They use the Sprinter for camping and to tow their sandrail to remote locations across Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and California.

Night sky photography is another passion.

The attached photos show:

1. Carol in front of "Carhenge" in Nebraska.
2. The C8, the Milky Way, and a faint comet, shot at 3:00 AM at the Grand Canyon in October 2024.
3. Carol & Mike Route 66 Flagstaff.









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!



A New-To-Club... *Corvette*??

by Frank Tasnadi

I'm sure you're asking yourself, "What is this old car doing in our Corvette Connection newsletter?" Allow me to explain.



This is Manny Siprut's newest ride, and no, he did not sell his sweet Z06. This is in addition to that!

Manny was at a car show and spotted this 1932 Chevy. As he looked it over closely, the owner noticed his interest and announced that it was for sale.

A short conversation ensued, and before he knew it, Manny was the proud owner of this sweet ride. Now, for those of us who know him well, we realize this is VERY uncharacteristic of Manny. Nonetheless, here it is!

So now you're saying to yourself, "WTF? This isn't a Corvette!" (No, this internet slang isn't what you think. It stands for "What's This, Frank?") Ah, but it is—or at least, at its heart, it is. To start with, it's a Chevrolet, but the heartbeat of this Chevy is an original Corvette 300-horsepower, 327-cubic-inch V8. It has been slightly modified from its

original configuration and is putting out a bit more HP these days, but you get the idea. In this editor's mind, it qualifies for a spot here!

So, we have a 327, automatic transmission, A/C, P/S, P/B, and tilt steering—all the comforts of a modern car wrapped in a beautifully restored 1932 body.

Congratulations to the Sipruts on their new ride!









SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB

2026 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Subject to Change

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

PAST – 2026 ACTIVITIES	
Mon, Jan 26	Walking - Dining Tour
Thu, Jan 29 – Fri, Jan 30	Titan Missile Museum
Sat, Feb 21	Needle Rock Kitchen & Tap – Verde River Drive & Dine
Fri, Feb 27 – Sun, Mar 1	Wilcox Winery
Sat, Mar 7	Coney Grill Social
Tues, Apr 14	Phoenix Brewing Company Visit
Mon, Apr 27	Tonto Grill Dinner
Thu, Apr 30 – Fri, May 1	Old Cottonwood/Verde Valley Wine Tasting Trip & Optional Golf
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
Sat, Jul 25	Phoenix Art Museum with Lunch at True Food Kitchen
Wed, Jul 29	Mt Lemmon Day Trip

UPCOMING – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!	
Fri, Oct 9 – Sun, Oct 11	Antelope Canyon Adventure
Sat, Oct 17	Arrivederci in Fountain Hills Drive and Dine
Wed, Nov 4	Dinner at the Tonto Bar and Grill, Cave Creek
Sat, Nov 14	Yarnell to Prescott Drive and Dine
Sun, Dec 6	Annual SCC Club Holiday Party, more details to follow
May 2027	Proposed Grand Canyon Railway Weekend... planning stage



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!



Summarized by
Janet and Frank Tasnadi

Our September dinner meeting was held at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK), located at 10100 Scottsdale Road. As Tim recently mentioned, CPK offers something for everyone, and it's definitely not all pizza! Members can order whatever appeals to them, whether it's a full meal, a light bite, or nothing at all. Separate checks are also provided for convenience.
Our meetings have become more casual than in years past. We generally don't have a guest speaker, and we hold our business meeting around 7:00 p.m., with many members heading home by 8:00.

At the September meeting, Charles Nance and Gerry Goepfert split the 60/40 raffle prize. No one won the "Member in Attendance" drawing, allowing that pot to grow to more than $200. Charles also won the $50 gas gift card by correctly answering the quiz from the previous newsletter. And Mark and Stacey Chulew had their number drawn, earning the club's offer to pick up their dinner!

The October meeting was also held at CPK and was well attended. The weather was wonderful, and the construction behind the building was finally finished, making getting in and out much easier. Hooray!

Tim showed a fun display on his computer featuring photos from many of our club outings. After some time to socialize and catch up, we took care of the usual club business. Sami announced that he'll be organizing activities again next year (HOORAY!), and we welcomed a potential new member.

The raffle drawings kept things interesting! Walter Juessen's name was drawn for the free dinners that he and Barbara enjoyed. Tom Georgiou's number was drawn for the "Member in Attendance" prize, but since he was not there, the pot continues to grow. It will reach $250 for our next meeting! The 60/40 raffle was split between Mike Lesiecki (a NEW member) and Larry Magee. There was no gas card prize this time because the contest is tied to our newsletter, which comes out every other month. But don't give up—there could be a winner in November! Check out the new contest puzzle in this issue.

Recent Club Activities and FUN!

LAPS FOR CHARITY
PHOENIX RACEWAY

By Tim Szkatulski
Photos by various attendees

On Saturday, October 3, at about 1:15 p.m., Mark and Stacy Chulew, Frank Tasnadi, Sami, Tali, and I, along with my son-in-law, started our journey to Phoenix Raceway to participate in their Laps for Charity at the Circle K at 7th Ave. and Loop 101. Peter Boland was supposed to meet us, but unfortunately, he was T-boned in his Vette about a week before. Peter luckily had no broken bones, but was pretty shaken up and was still under a doctor's care. When I talked with him last, his Vette was probably going to be totaled. Walter joined us later at the track.

Back to our trip to the west side. We decided beforehand to leave early and stop at the Buc-ee's before we went on to the track. I am not sure if that was a good idea or not. On a Saturday afternoon, Buc-ee's was crazy. I could not believe the amount of people there, and everyone seemed to be buying something.

If you have not been, they must have 100 gas pumps, plus a huge parking lot, and the main store has to be at least 60,000 square feet, and the place was packed. They have food, drinks, housewares, clothes, barbecue equipment, and more. One thing I was surprised at was that they have all of this fresh food and drinks, but nowhere to sit... either indoors or outside. It is just one big convenience store.

The other surprising thing was their pricing. Food and drink were reasonable, and gas was about 70 cents cheaper per gallon than at Costco. So, if you have never been, it is an interesting place to see; just don't go on the weekend.

We left Buc-ee's around 3:00 to continue our drive to PIR and arrived about 3:20. Unfortunately, the gates did not open until 4, so we sat on the side of the road and waited along with a number of other cars, especially a number of first-generation T-Birds.

When the gates opened, we got in line, led by Walter, and since we only had six in our group, we had to wait for them to fill our line, which they did with mostly other Vettes. We met a group from Sierra Vista and an East Valley club.

When we finally got on the track for our five laps, it was fun, but a little slow. I believe I got up to about 70 mph as I crossed the finish line. For me, the best part was being on the track and imagining how the NASCAR drivers go around the track at over 100 miles an hour, as in spots it is not very wide.



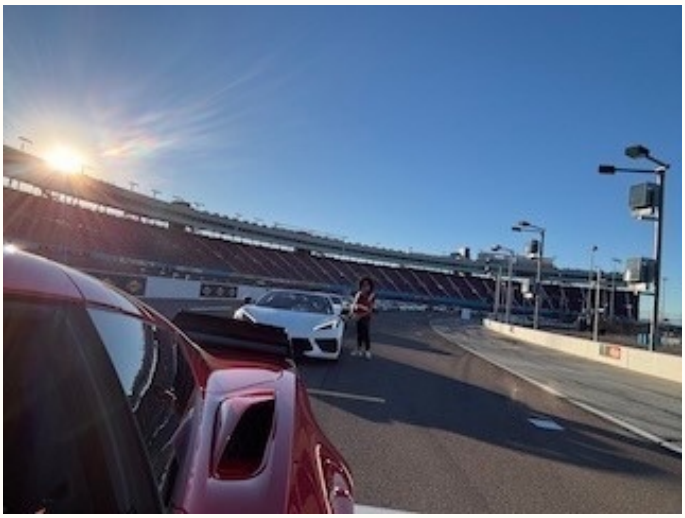


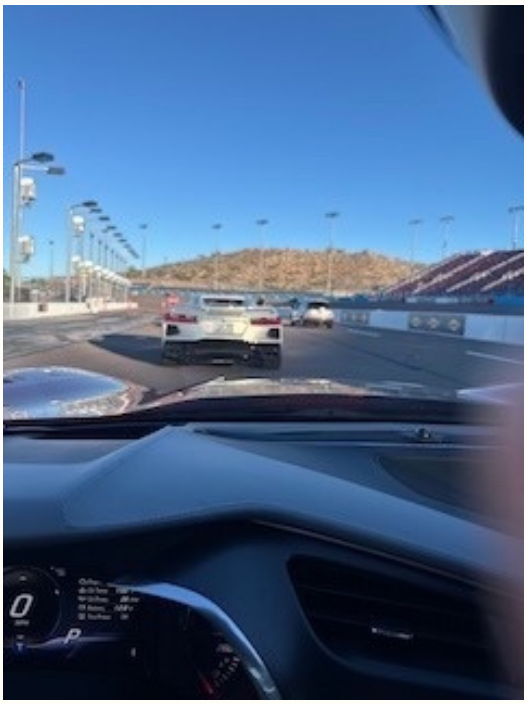


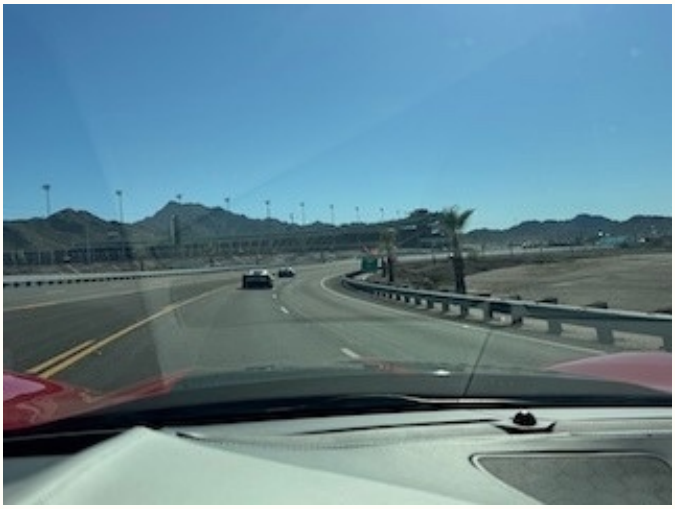














Antelope Canyon Adventure

By Steve Patricola

Photos by Mark Chulew, John Cahlamer & Steve Patricola

October 9-11, 2026



As planned, we all met our fearless leader, Sami, at the McDonald's on Carefree Highway. There were seven cars, six C8s and one C7. Sami provided another handout detailing the next few stops (Flagstaff – Chevron gas station, Sosa Restaurant, and Cameron Trading Post). Being the taskmaster he is, he assigned tasks for writing and picture-taking.

Our trip north on Route 17 got off to an auspicious start as we encountered an accident between Anthem and Black Canyon City. Traffic slowed to a crawl until we passed the accident on the left shoulder of the road. Once through, our fearless leader stepped on the gas, and we headed off to Flagstaff for a gas top-off and lunch at Sosa Restaurant.

When everyone had topped off their tanks, Tim and Kathy needed to get cash for the Antelope Canyon excursion, so they headed off to the bank while we all headed to Sosa. When we arrived, we discovered that parking was a challenge, but eventually we all found spots. We ordered our food, and eventually Tim and Kathy showed up. It seems their GPS took them out of Flagstaff and then back in, like a big circle. Some finished early and left for the trading post, while Sami and the others planned to meet up on Route 89.

If you haven't been to Cameron Trading Post, it's on Navajo Nation land. It has all kinds of Native American art, jewelry, clothes, etc. While looking around, I found the same belt that Mike Lipsky (a former member) and I bought 12 years ago. After stretching our legs and hitting the restroom, we headed off to Lake Powell Resort and Marina (LPR&M).

We arrived at LPR&M and checked in. Most were assigned rooms in Building One, which had a magnificent view looking east over the marina, Lake Powell, and the surrounding landscape.

We all met for dinner and were served by a gentleman who looked, no kidding, like Wolverine, the movie character. I mean, the dude had the lamb chops, the hair, and the look. Frankly, I was jealous, being bald and all. Sigh. After what seemed like forever, we were served, and the food was good for the most part. Then our waiter, Wolverine, came back not once, not twice, but three times to verify our orders before processing the checks.

There was rain in the forecast for Saturday, but we all met at 10:30 and headed out for Canyon Tours in Page. We were the green group and were assigned to Waylon, our Native American guide, who was thoughtful and professional. We loaded into Bus 3, which was enclosed (12 years ago, we went in open vehicles), and headed off to Antelope Canyon, hoping we would beat the rain.

We arrived, and Waylon went over the tour rules before proceeding to walk the 600 meters (1,800 feet) through the canyon. Waylon explained that the canyon is made up of sedimentary (sandstone) rock containing iron oxide. He also mentioned that flash flooding does occur and can be caused by rain 10 miles away. The canyon has a smooth, undulating, erosional texture. It has multiple colors, and depending on the sunlight, the colors can change. We were able to walk above the canyon, which allowed us to achieve a different perspective. It was awesome to see it again, and those who saw it for the first time felt special.

We beat the rain but had to cancel the Horseshoe Bend trip. Lunch was at the LP Italian Deli in Page, and frankly, being of Italian descent, I thought it wasn't bad. Dinner was served on time, and all the food was well received.

On the downside, the resort had a problem with a boiler, which meant NO hot water for us. If that wasn't bad enough, the water stopped altogether. After about an hour, it started running again. On Sunday, again, NO hot water.

It seemed everyone except Sami left about 6:30 a.m. The drive home for most of us was through rain. Temperatures went from 70° to 32° in Flagstaff.

In closing, it was a great trip. For those who haven't been north to the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, or Monument Valley, Arizona is beautiful. As you travel north on Route 89, the scenery is breathtaking, and as you go through mountain-carved roads, you behold God's beautiful creation. We are fortunate and blessed to be able to experience these wonders with the club.







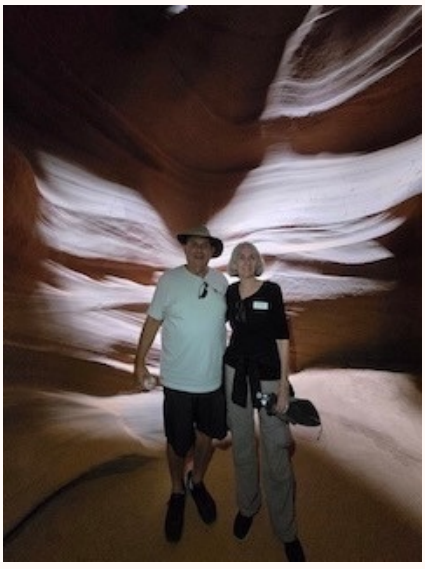




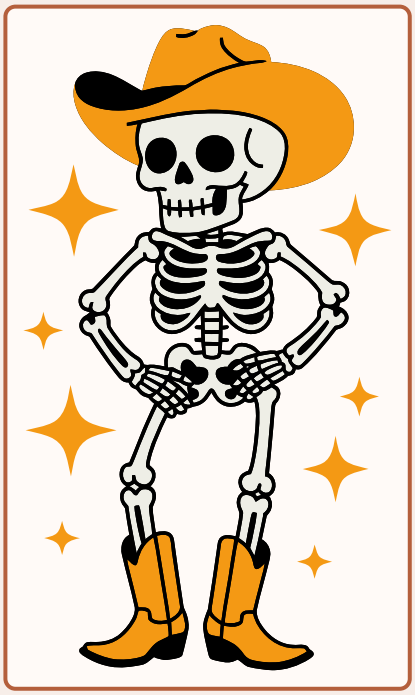









CHILL OUT







Dine and Drive to Arrivederci in Fountain Hills

By Rich Kosina

Twenty Club members enjoyed a leisurely drive and lunch to Arrivederci Italian Restaurant in Fountain Hills.

On Saturday, October 17, the members met at The General Store in Scottsdale at 11:45 and departed shortly after.

The drive took us north on Pima and east on Dynamite through Rio Verde, eventually arriving fountain side at the restaurant.

The menu offered many options, and both the food and service were outstanding.

Thanks to Sami for arranging this outing.




Italian
FOOD





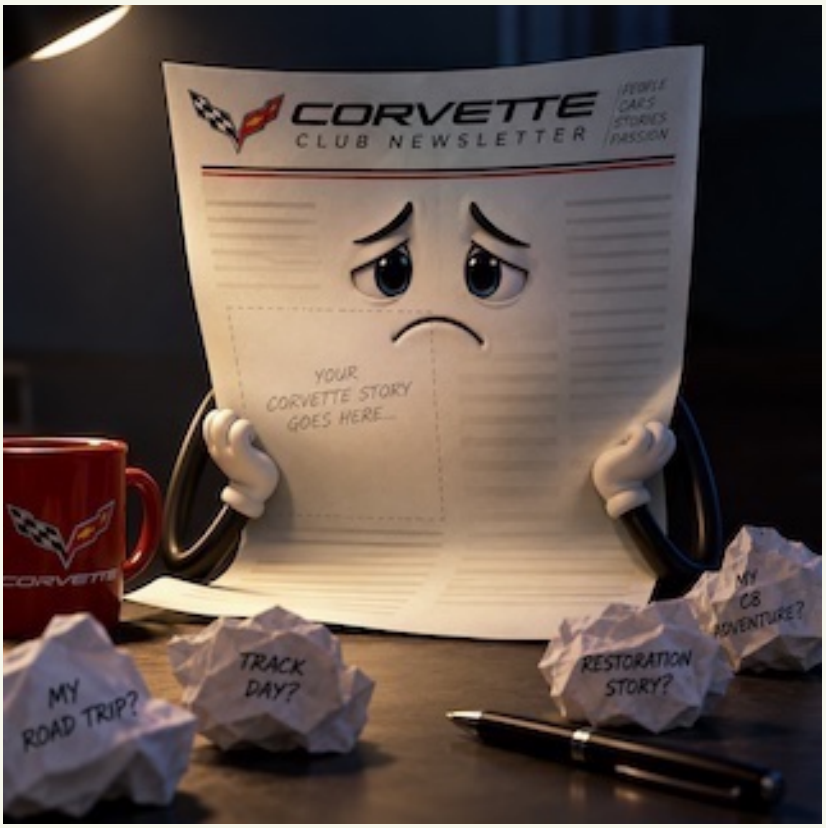




"C.R.S.": Corvette-Related Stories

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

Sigh... no one had a story this time.



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!!!

Thanks again to Bill Follette for coming up with another FUN memory!
This trip was to Wickenburg back in 2016.

































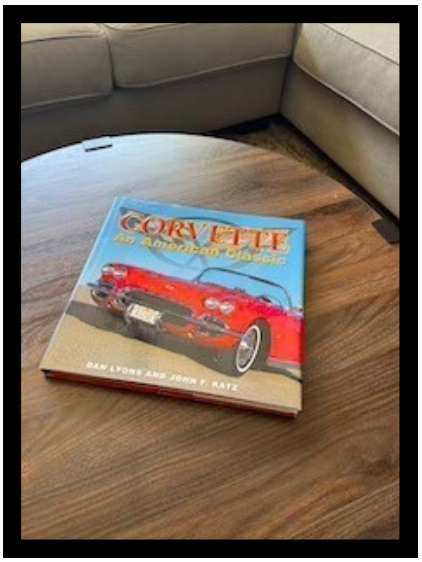




HAVES AND WANTS

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



As mentioned previously, former member Patrick Dennis said goodbye to the Valley of the Sun and moved to North Carolina. Before he left, he gave me a few Corvette-related items to distribute as I see fit. This edition's giveaway is a very nice Corvette coffee table book, *Corvette, An American Classic*, by Dan Lyons and John F Kat. It is in very good condition and would be a prized addition to anyone's Corvette literature collection.

It is FREE to the first person who claims it by emailing me at sccfrankt@gmail.com.

WANTS

The Corvette Connection "Haves and Wants" section has never been a rousing success, even before Janet and I took over as your editors, but it is a service and, when needed, can be a helpful tool. We think it is important to keep it available.

This edition has only one "want," and it's from Juan Urrea. Wow, try saying that five times real fast—one want from Juan! Anyway, Juan's "want" is a bit different from most, but it still fits the criteria. He wants:

"A referral for a good touchless car wash in the area."

I asked Juan if he would elaborate and give us a specific area, but he doesn't care as long as it's a good one in the greater Scottsdale/Phoenix area. He lives near Shea and 64th Street in Scottsdale.

Please help Juan if you can! Contact him at judamodi@cox.net.

IMPORTANT CLUB RADIO INFORMATION



For any members who do not yet own a club radio, want to replace their current radio, 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 to a transmission. 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 <u>NOT</u> updated...

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$192.49
(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

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"We all made it through the light."

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(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

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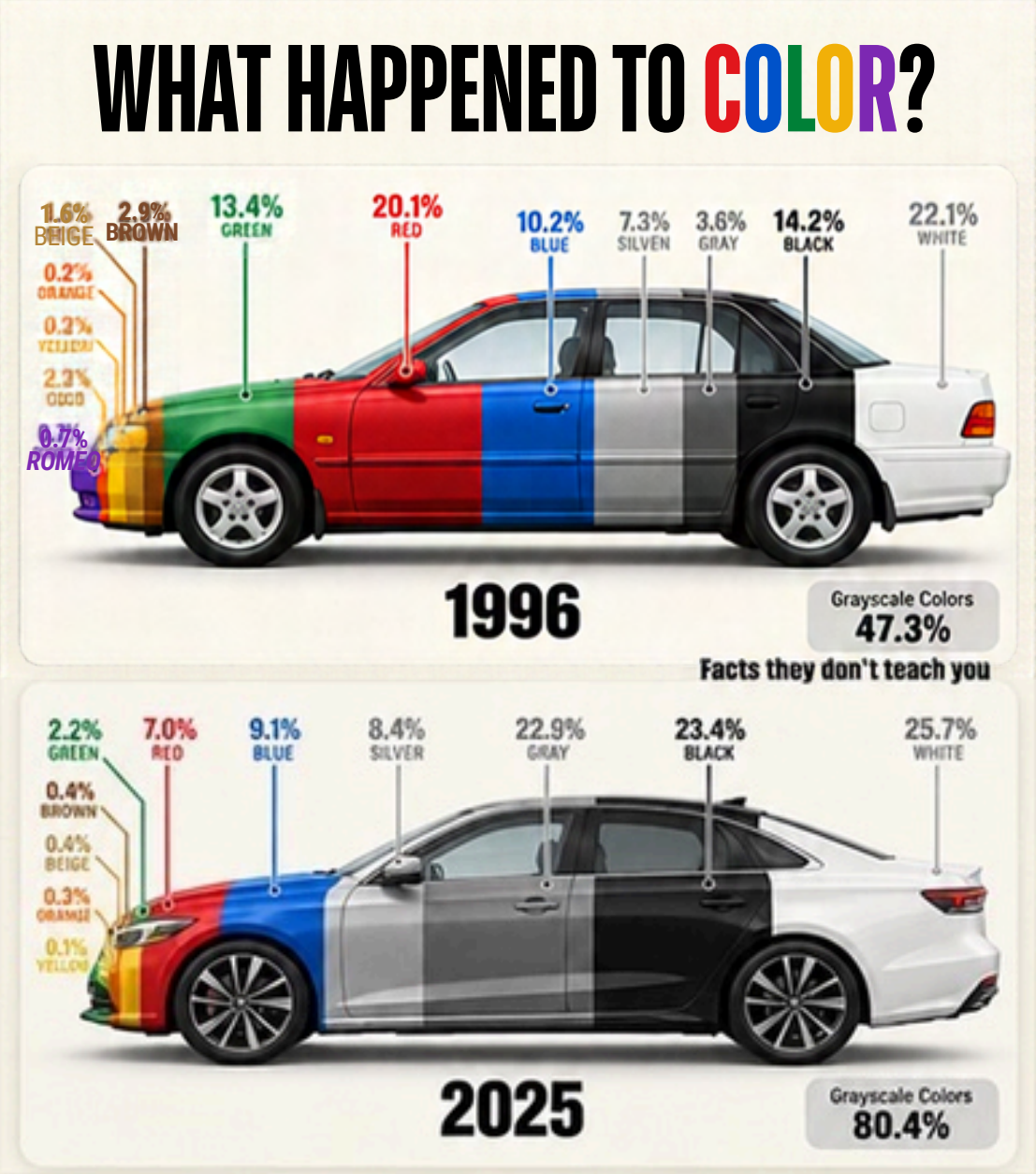
"Copy that."

Have You Ever Wondered About Car Colors?

by Frank Tasnadi

Have you ever wondered about car colors? I mean, all of them in general? I know many of you reading this are thinking, “Huh? No! Why? Are you losing it, Frank???”

But I bet many of you are thinking, “Yeah, there are way too many white SUVs in the parking lot just like mine, and I lose mine more often than I care to admit. What’s going on?”



Well, automotive color tastes and trends have changed dramatically over the last 30 years. Green once accounted for more than 13% of all cars sold in the U.S. Today, it's barely 2%. On the flip side, gray has made a comeback. In 1996, 3.6% of new cars sold were gray. By 2025, that figure had climbed to a whopping 22.9%.

We Corvette owners—well, at least some of us—like to say, "All Corvettes are red", knowing, of course, that isn't true. But our prized automotive toys aren't immune to these trends. The overall popularity of red dropped from 20.1% in 1996 (20.5% for Corvettes) to 7.0% overall in 2026. Corvettes held up a bit better, with red accounting for 13.1%.

As U.S. car buyers, we've become a rather boring bunch. In 1996, grayscale colors (silver, gray, white, and black) accounted for 47.3% of all cars sold. By 2026, that figure had climbed to 80.4%. Europe is even more extreme, with white alone accounting for over 40% of all cars sold!

Please don't be offended by all this. I'm not saying your white or grayscale Corvette is boring. I'm simply pointing out that people are choosing from fewer color options than in years past—and, quite honestly, wondering why.

OK, so what about us? As a group, we've bucked national and international color trends considerably, at least when it comes to our Corvettes. So, are we cooler and hipper than the average Joe or Jane out there?
Absolutely! 😊

But honestly, I guess that depends on your perspective. We are indeed a different bunch, and I, for one, like that!

Here is how it stacks up for the SCC Corvettes :

Bold Colors 59.1%:

Red: 34.2%
Blue: 12.3%
Yellow: 5.6%
Orange: 5.6%
Purple: 1.4%

Neutral Colors 40.9%:

Black: 13.6%
White:10.9%
Silver:9.6%
Gray: 6.8%

Shout-out to John Ulrich for sending us information about changing color of cars. This really got us thinking and digging deeper!





*****Editor's note: Please share any Good News Chapman stories you have with us so we can pass on the good word.**

From Sami Weir:

I would like to share my experience with Chapman Chevrolet. I spoke with the Service Manager and our go-to service representative, Brianna Bourlier (her direct phone number 480-752-1465).

They have been very happy with our membership getting our cars serviced there. One big change is that they will pay COMPLETELY for a ride share home AND pickup.

- **The 22,500 mile transmission service: $864.54. *Van quoted me over $2000.***
- **Engine Air Filter: $229.95. *Van charged me over $435 three years ago.***
- **Cabin Air Filter: $64.95**
- **Oil Change: $179.97**
- **Tire balancing and Rotation: $84.95**

They were ready for my appointment and Brianna was wonderful. She authorized me to mention that they would pay completely for a ride share home and back as my maintenance would take 3-4 hours.

From Juan Urrea:

After having my Z06 parked all summer, I couldn't wait to take it out on the first cool, top-down, type of day. My joy of feeling the wind rushing past was interrupted by a message from the car's message center that told me that the exterior transmission filter needed replacement. I quickly glanced at the miles, and it read a couple of miles past 7,500. I was shocked to see this as I'm used to transmission filters usually needing replacement at 45,000 miles. When I got home, I pulled out the manual to see what other surprises I would need to prepare for and was surprised to see that there is no maintenance schedule booklet. I then went to the back of the manual where you'll usually find it and there was no mention of maintenance schedule. I reached out to Brianna at Chapman Chevrolet, and she was very accommodating and set up an appointment at my convenience.

I brought in the car and asked her where to find the maintenance schedule, and she quickly told me that they no longer have it in the manual; we both looked surprised. She told me that she would track one down and forward to me. (See next page).**

As I see it, it applies to the Z06 and other C8 Corvettes. I'm attaching it here so that the membership with C8's can have it.

The car was supposed to be ready later in the afternoon, so she ordered a ride home for me on a Lyft. That afternoon, I saw an incoming call from Brianna and assumed that my car was ready. This is when the other shoe dropped. She informed me that my car had a blown out front strut (WHAT!). She texted me a very detailed video of the inspection from the technician. They wanted to make sure the car wasn't being jumped or raced causing such damage. The video revealed no damage to the undercarriage, and it was concluded that the strut must have been defective from the factory. Now for the other news, it would take about 3 to 4 weeks to get the part from GM (second WHAT!!). I said, ok, I'll pick it up and let me know when the part arrives so that I can make another appointment. Ready for the next WHAT?!... she mentioned that GM would not allow the vehicle to be moved. At this point I was out of options.

The next day I was surprised to see Brianna calling. She said that they found the replacement part in Vegas and would be overnighting it. It would take another day, but the vehicle would be ready and best of all GM would be picking up the tab for the repair and the replacement of the first transmission filter.

I'm always the first to complain about taking the car into the dealer for service, but I'm now convinced that they can be far more thorough than Jiffy Lube or the neighborhood shop.

**JUAN'S Car Maintenance Schedule from Chapman

2024 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 -- Maintenance Schedule (US/CAN)

Owner's Manual — Service and Maintenance

Tire Rotation and Required Services Every 12 000 km (7,500 mi)

Tires are rotated to achieve a more uniform wear for all tires. The first rotation is the most important.

Anytime unusual wear is noticed, rotate the tires as soon as possible, check for proper tire inflation pressure, and check for damaged tires or wheels. If the unusual wear continues after the rotation, check the wheel alignment. See When It Is Time for New Tires and Wheel Replacement.

- Perform Multi-Point Vehicle Inspection. See Multi-Point Vehicle Inspection (MPVI).
- Lubricate body components. See Exterior Care.
- Check engine coolant level. See Cooling System.

Additional Required Services – Normal Service

Initial 12 000 km (7,500 mi)

Caution: The transmission external canister filter must be changed at 12 000 km (7,500 mile) during the break-in period. Failure to replace the external canister filter can cause damage to the transmission and potentially void any warranty.

- The initial transmission external canister filter change must be performed at 12 000 km (7,500 mi). This service can be complex. See your dealer.

– If the canister filter is replaced more than 800 km (500 mi) prior to the initial 12 000 km (7,500 mi) break-in period, the filter still needs to be replaced again within 800 km (500 mi) +/- the 12 000 km (7,500 mi) service interval.

– The transmission maintenance schedule needs to be restarted if the transmission assembly is replaced. The new unit will require the same initial break-in maintenance.

Every 12 000 km (7,500 mi)

- Check engine oil level and oil life percentage. If needed, change engine oil and filter, and reset oil life system. Or when the CHANGE ENGINE OIL SOON message displays, have the engine oil and filter changed within the next 1 000 km (600 mi). If driven under the best conditions, the engine oil life system may not indicate the need for service for up to a year. The engine oil and filter must be changed at least once a year and the oil life system must be reset. Your trained dealer technician can perform this work. If the engine oil life system is reset accidentally, service the vehicle within 5 000 km (3,000 mi) since the last service. Reset the oil life system when the oil is changed. See Engine Oil Life System.
- When the REPLACE AT NEXT OIL CHANGE message displays, the engine air filter should be replaced at the next engine oil change. When the REPLACE ENGINE AIR FILTER SOON message displays, the engine air filter should be replaced at the earliest convenience. Reset the engine air filter life system after the engine air filter is replaced. See Engine Air Filter Life System.

Every 36 000 km (22,500 mi)

– Replace the passenger compartment air filter. Or every 24 months, whichever comes first. More frequent passenger compartment air filter replacement may be needed if driving in areas with heavy traffic, poor air quality, high dust levels, or environmental allergens. Passenger compartment air filter replacement may also be needed if there is reduced airflow, window fogging, or odors. Your GM dealer can help determine when to replace the filter.

·Change the dual clutch transmission external canister filter. Check the transmission fluid life percentage. If the percentage is less than 10%, replace the fluid and external canister filter. Change the external canister filter every 36 000 km (22,500 mi) thereafter. This service can be complex. See your dealer.

Every 72 000 km (45,000 mi)

·Change the transmission fluid and external canister filter. Change the external canister filter every 36 000 km (22,500 mi) thereafter. Or when the CHANGE TRANSMISSION FLUID SOON message displays, change the fluid and external canister filter within the next 1 000 km (620 mi). Failure to change the transmission fluid at required intervals can lead to reduced transmission performance. The transmission fluid must be changed at least every three years and the Fluid Life System must be reset. Your dealer has trained service technicians who will change the fluid and reset the system. If the system is ever reset accidentally, the fluid must be changed at 72 000 km (45,000 mi) since the last fluid change. See Dual Clutch Transmission Fluid Life System.

Every 156 000 km (97,500 mi)

·Replace spark plugs. Inspect spark plug wires and/or boots.

Every 161 000 km (100,000 mi)

·Replace hood and/or body lift support gas struts. Or every 10 years, whichever comes first. See Gas Strut(s).

Every 240 000 km (150,000 mi)

·Drain and fill engine cooling system. Or every six years, whichever comes first. See Cooling System.

·Drain and fill power electronic cooling system and rechargeable energy storage system coolant (E-Ray). Or every five years, whichever comes first.

Severe Conditions Requiring More Frequent Maintenance*

·Public service, military, or commercial use vehicles to include the following:

– Ambulances, police cars, and emergency rescue vehicles.

– Civilian vehicles such as light duty pick-up trucks, SUVs, and passenger cars that are used in military applications.

– Recovery vehicles such as tow trucks and flatbed single vehicle carriers or any vehicle that is consistently used in towing trailers or other loads.

– High use commercial vehicles such as courier delivery vehicles, private security patrol vehicles, or any vehicles that operate on a 24-hour basis.

– Any vehicle consistently operated in a high sand or dust environment such as those used on oil pipelines and similar applications.
·Vehicles that are regularly used for short trips of 6 km (4 mi) or less. The oil life indicator will show you when to change the oil and filter. Under severe conditions the indicator may come on before 12 000 km (7,500 mi).
* Footnote: Under extreme driving conditions listed above, it may be necessary to replace your spark plugs at more frequent intervals. For further assistance in determining the most suitable service maintenance intervals for your vehicle, please contact your authorized GM Dealer.
Extreme service is for vehicles mainly driven off-road in four-wheel drive or used in farming, mining, forestry, or snow plowing.

Additional Required Services – Severe Service

Every 72 000 km (45,000 mi)

·Change the front hybrid drive unit fluid (E-Ray). This service can be complex. See your dealer.

Owner Checks and Services

Every Five Years

·Replace brake fluid. See Brake Fluid.
·Replace front lift system fluid (if equipped). See Recommended Fluids and Lubricants.

Every Seven Years

·Replace Air Conditioning Desiccant every seven years. The air conditioning system requires maintenance every seven years. This service requires replacement of the desiccant to help the longevity and efficient operation of the air conditioning system. This service can be complex. See your dealer.

Seasonal

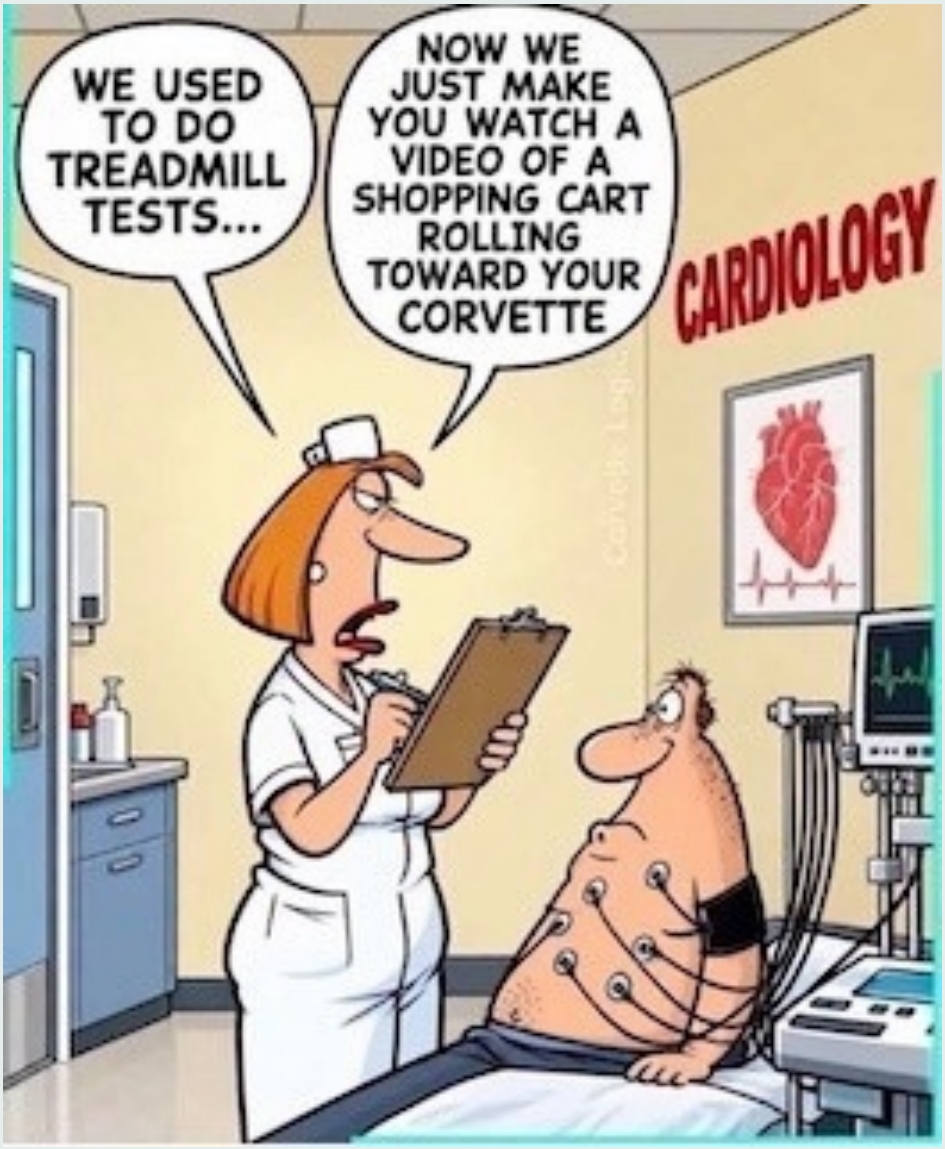
·For Z06 or E-Ray models, inspect the engine air cleaner filter and clear out any leaves, dirt, and debris from the air filter housing to maximize engine performance and air filter life. See Engine Air Cleaner/Filter and Vehicle Storage.

Conditional

·If brake squeal is observed during normal on road driving, clean and apply copper paste lubricants to the brake pad abutments on both front and rear calipers. See Recommended Fluids and Lubricants.

--Caution, this schedule was provided to Juan for his car.
The editors had the document format changed from PDF to DOCX by AI.
If you have any questions or issues regarding YOUR car,
check with Chevrolet before proceeding.--

Just a chuckle!



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