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## SCC Corvette Connection

January/February 2026



### *Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement*



*To enhance the experience of Corvette 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.*

**2026 Board of Directors:**

*President*

**Tim Szkatulski**

*Vice President*

**Mark Chulew**

*Treasurer*

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*Secretary*

**Steve Rabin**

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*Activities Director*

**Sami Weir**

*Technology/Web Liaison*

**Mark Morales**

*Member at Large*

**Tali Amir**

*Dinner Meetings:*

*Dinner meeting dates and locations vary.*

*Watch for the President's email.*

**Reservations Required**

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# ***From the Driver's Seat***

**By: Tim Szkatulski, President**

First, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2026. As I write this, I am having a little déjà vu as I wrote my first "From the Driver's Seat" back in December of 2022. As most of you know, Bob has stepped down as President and the Board voted to have me finish out Bob's term for 2026. I would like to thank Bob for serving the club this past year.

At the Board Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, the board voted on officers for 2026 which are:

President: Tim Szkatulski

Vice President: Mark Chulew

Treasurer: Kirsten Avegenacki

Secretary: Steve Rabin

Membership Director: Juan Urrea

Activities Director: Sami Weir

Technology/Web Liaison: Mark Morales

Member at Large: Tali Amir.

I am looking forward to working with them in 2026. I would like to thank the members who have stepped down from the board besides Bob... Janet Tasnadi and Rich Kosina.

Well, 2026 will be a year of change for the Club. As you know in October Van Chevrolet made a business decision to end their sponsorship of the club. They had been the sponsor of the Club since May of 2001. Over the years, Van has provided us with not only discounts on new Corvettes and service they provided us with a monthly sponsorship fee which at the end was \$500 a month (\$6,000 a year). The club used the \$6,000 mainly to help subsidize the annual Holiday party and monthly dinner meetings. Over the last few years that has helped the club to keep the costs down for the Holiday party and dinner meetings in a market where costs have been rising significantly as anybody who has been out to dinner lately knows. The Board is working on finding a possible replacement sponsor along with looking for ways to reduce our operating costs going forward. One of the main items we are looking at are the monthly dinner meetings as they have been the largest expense of the club over the last couple of years. As you saw from the invite to the January dinner meeting, we are trying something new. We have heard from a number of members on the dinner meetings and possible sponsorships, if you have any ideas, please pass it on to me. The club is fine from a cash perspective as we have approximately \$11,000 in the bank which is in line with 2024. The final Financial Statements for 12/31/2025 will be posted to members section of the web page in mid-January.

2026 should be an exciting year for activities as Sami and his committee are working on more day trips, house parties and small dinners at various restaurants in the valley. If you have an activity or restaurant, you think the club members would enjoy, please reach out to Sami.

Look forward to seeing and talking with you at the various activities in 2026.

All we want to do is have fun!

## A Message from Your Newsletter Editors

Frank and Janet Tasnadi

The votes are in! It was a spirited election indeed, and we have one clear cut winner for the new name of your SCC newsletter.

But before we get to the meat and potatoes of all this, we have a very interesting information about the votes. Five of our ten given suggestions received votes, and there were also several write-in suggestions. The most interesting tidbit is regarding the second-place name. It was a very distant second place which was *not* one of the ten name options we proposed. It was a write-in... the same write in from multiple people... and it was to simply keep this called “the newsletter”!

The run-away winner, though, garnering twice the votes of all the other options combined is:

SCC Corvette Connection

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*SCC Corvette Connection*

Thanks to all who participated!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Entering the new year, the call goes out again for more “Haves and Wants” AND your personal “CRS” (Corvette Related Stories). We know you have lots of interesting stories. Please take a minute and send them our way. We have a CRS we hope you will find interesting in this edition.

Remember, The SCC Corvette Connection is yours and **WE NEED YOU** to keep making it a success!!

Frank and Janet Tasnadi

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In other news...

*WELCOME, New SCC Members!!*

Brian Sorby

Sunny Sorby

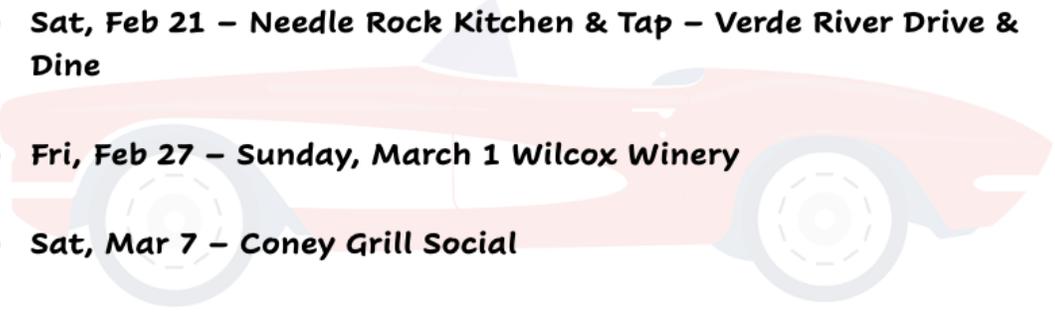
Mark Buchholz



# **Early 2026 SCC Activity Calendar**

*Subject to change*

Look for information as it becomes available in SignUp Genius  
emails from Scottsdale Corvette Club!

- **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 – Sunday, March 1 Wilcox Winery**
  - **Sat, Mar 7 – Coney Grill Social**
  - **Tues, Apr 14 – Phoenix Brewing Company Visit**
  - **Sat, Apr 18 – Tortilla Flats Scenic Drive**
  - **Mon, Apr 27 – Tonto Grill Dinner**
  - **Dates TBD – Antelope Canyon Adventure... tentatively 2 days, 3 nights**
  - **More to be added!!**
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## Happy January and February Birthdays



Donna Reagan - January 3  
Linda Milano - January 5  
Kimberly Ceilley - January 13  
Bob Mingie - January 17  
Lloyd Benner - January 22  
Barry Mentzel - January 26  
Kirsten Avgenackis - January 29  
Alla Glazov - January 31  
Tom Georgiou - February 2  
Charles Nance - February 23



### 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!

### 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 above page 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 @ 1.800.587.1541

## ***Pit Stop Recap!***

***What you might have missed at a recent dinner meeting***

*As a new feature to the newsletter, we will be reviewing the latest SCC dinner meetings so you can share in the fun... and see what you are missing if you don't attend!*

### **November 12, 2025, Dinner Meeting - by Janet Tasnadi**

We had a great turnout at our dinner meeting, once again held at Venue8600. The meal was excellent, and it was especially nice to see several of our “snowbird” members who had been away during the hotter months.

Our guest speaker was author Albert Quihuis, who captivated us with stories from Arizona’s colorful and sometimes wild history. He spoke about the “Five C’s” of Arizona, early endeavors, mining, agriculture, conflicts, and the factors that drew settlers and developers to our beautiful state as it evolved over time.

Admittedly, after enjoying a delicious buffet meal, some of us struggled to keep up with the depth and detail of his presentation, but we were all impressed by Albert’s extensive knowledge. Even longtime Arizona residents walked away having learned something new. The business portion of the meeting, led by club president Bob Goodhue, proceeded as usual, followed by the introduction of the new board members for 2026. We sincerely thank Bob for his outstanding service as club president in 2025 and will miss him as he steps away at the end of the year.

As always, our raffles and drawings added to the fun. Participation is voluntary, and Joan Sacks—our magnificent raffle and drawing facilitator—makes the experience especially enjoyable at each dinner meeting. Remember, you can’t win a raffle if you don’t play, and you can’t win the member drawing if you’re not present!

*There is a fun January "BBQ" dinner meeting coming soon, but I was told that the next meeting with a raffle is scheduled to be the one in February at Venue8600.*



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~ *Vette-Togethers* ~  
(Recent Club Activities)

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**Tonto Bar and Grill**

by Sami Weir

On Sunday, December 14, we enjoyed a sunset dinner at the beautiful Rancho Mañana Golf Course at the Tonto Bar and Grill. This year, we changed things up by holding a winter dinner instead of our usual summer gathering. There was a fabulous turnout, with 24 people originally planning to attend. Due to some unfortunate illnesses, our final group numbered 18. Fortunately, the restaurant staff were very flexible and accommodating with the changes.

The sunset setting was the perfect time of day for our winter mini extravaganza. As usual, there was plenty of conversation and camaraderie before dinner—and just as much afterward. The food and service were excellent, parking was plentiful, and the overall experience was wonderful.

Everyone had such a great time chatting and reconnecting with members we hadn't seen in a while that we stayed at the restaurant for over two hours and 45 minutes. While dinner began at sunset, by the time we left it was pitch dark. There was lots of interaction within the group, along with many great suggestions for future activities.

Our main aim in the Scottsdale Corvette Club is simply to have fun—and we certainly accomplished that.





## *2025 Holiday Party*



By: Kirsten Avegenacki

On Saturday, December 6, the Scottsdale Corvette Club gathered at Thompson Peak Park to kick off an evening filled with horsepower, holiday spirit, and heartfelt camaraderie. More than 20 gleaming Corvettes lined up in formation before cruising together to the Scottsdale Fire Department in DC Ranch.

There, members stepped out to deliver new, unwrapped toys as part of the City of Scottsdale Fire Department's Holiday Toy Drive — benefiting the Scottsdale Paiute Neighborhood Center and other family assistance programs. The club's donations supported a wide range of children and teens, from infants to high schoolers, with gifts including books, board games, clothing, sports gear, and even beauty accessories and electronics. It was a meaningful way to bring joy to local families and share the spirit of the season.

After a group photo to mark the occasion, the caravan continued to Venue 8600 for the annual Christmas party. Along the way, several Corvettes showed off their performance on the open road, delivering plenty of smiles per gallon — and thankfully, not a single speeding ticket.

The evening festivities were well attended and kicked off with the club's familiar DJ, who took requests spanning everything from disco to old-time rock and roll!

Dinner was a feast, featuring a prime rib carving station, chicken, asparagus, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh salad, and a variety of desserts.

Adding to the holiday cheer, each table had a surprise waiting: a gold star taped under one chair. The lucky member who discovered it won the beautiful Christmas centerpiece from their table — a fun and festive way to spread joy and send a little piece of the celebration home.

Once the music started, the dance floor came alive. If there had been a competition, some members would have easily claimed the crown — their energy and moves even outlasted the younger crowd. The night also included a special moment when Tim gave a speech, formally passing the torch from the 2025 board to the incoming 2026 board.

All in all, it was a night to remember: a perfect blend of community service, camaraderie, food and drink, festive surprises, and plenty of dancing. The Scottsdale Corvette Club once again proved that it's not just about the cars — it's about the people, the friendships, and the joy of celebrating together.





We dropped off the toys at the Fire Station... except they were all out on a call!



## “C.R.S.”

### *Corvette-Related Stories*

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

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## **Paradific!**

*by Frank Tasnadi*

Most, if not all, of us Zonies go there. In fact, we go there often—typically in the summer months when temperatures are borderline unbearable here at home, while it is “paradific” there... *sorry, I just made that word up = paradise and terrific.* The place I am referring to is **San Diego!!**

Probably not all of you have been to, or even heard of, Liberty Station, so here is a brief history. The 600-acre site began life in 1923 as a Naval Training Center before closing in 1997. In 2000, the City of San Diego purchased the property and transformed it into a diverse collection of restaurants, art galleries, shops, bars (most locally owned), grocers, parks, a golf course, open spaces, and a very cool little place called the **Corvette Diner**. It is a freestanding building on the edge of this mega complex and has been in business since 1987.

Janet and I have driven past it dozens of times over the years, and quite honestly, I dismissed it as probably a kitschy place with poor food quality. I wasn't about to get sucked into wasting time and money simply because it had “Corvette” in the name.

Well, this past September we gave in to our curiosity and stopped for lunch.

Immediately upon entering, we were greeted by a well-restored '59 Corvette... cool!! Then the kitschy stuff kicked in—but it was very well done so I didn't really care. A nose of a '60s-era Corvette peers out over the restaurant, an internal radio station provides '50s, '60s, and '70s-era music with the call letters “KVET”, and a neon clock reading “Corvette Rocks” hangs right below.

Hubcaps line the walls and wouldn't fool any of us—only a few are from Corvettes. Others are from Cadillac, a Chrysler... and disgracefully, a Ford!!

We were quickly seated in a '50s-style booth and greeted by a period-correct waiter. The menu did not disappoint, offering a large selection of burgers, pizza, salads, and more. Burger names include *The Kookie*, *Brenda*, *Ike and Tina's Tuna*, and *Peggy Sue's Pastrami*, to name just a few.

Janet started by ordering a chocolate, peanut butter, and banana shake, and I immediately spotted a drink you just don't see much anymore—one that started in my hometown of Racine, WI. I'm referring to a **chocolate malt**. NOT to be mistaken for a shake—a malt is much better, in my humble opinion!!! I'm lovin' this place already!! Both the malt and shake came in tall glasses with whipped cream and a cherry on top, along with the steel blender cup containing the remaining portion of your drink—just like the old days!

Janet also ordered Sandy's Salmon Salad, while I went with the Dee Dee Cheeseburger (with fries, of course). They did not disappoint!

Our wait staff danced a bit and attempted to sing along to the oldies. The effort was appreciated and, overall, not half bad. We were told by the manager that evenings are a lot more rocking, with a DJ and a small show going on all the time.

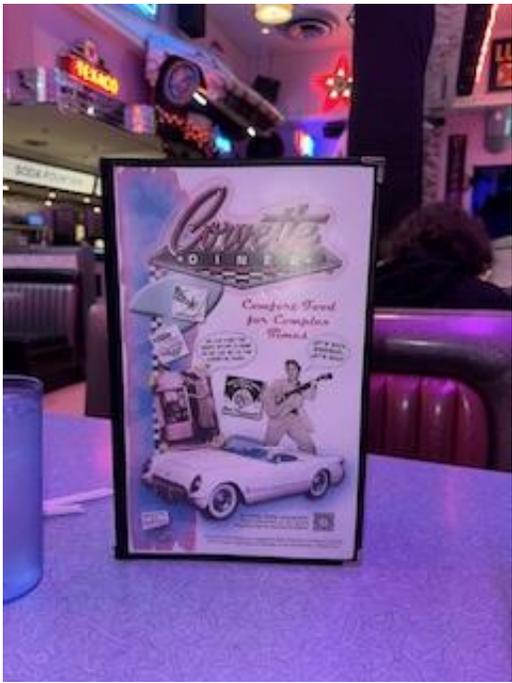
So, I was wrong. This is a good place with good food and a fun atmosphere—something I deprived myself of for many years... no longer!!

This coming September, when I am once again enjoying the paradific (sorry—one last time... really) climate, I will make it a point to stop at the Corvette Diner again—this time for **dinner!!**

**And YES... there were a lot of pink lights inside!**







## *Flashbacks From the Fast Lane*



Once again, we thank **Bill Follette** for making the following Flashback contribution!

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*Here are photos from the 26 October 2014 SCC's first participation at the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championship hosted by Molina Fine Jewelers.*



*As in previous years, the event was held at WestWorld in North Scottsdale and showcased spectacular automobiles, amazing polo matches and more. The Saturday lineup featured the top women's team in the world during 2014 featuring professional female polo players like Sunny Hale, Sarah Wiseman and Paola Martinez on the Women's World All-Star Team. Sunday more teams assembled for the USPA Governor's Cup Match which included Polo players from around the U.S. visiting for the United States Polo Association's Annual meeting in Scottsdale. Bentley Scottsdale was the new title sponsor and a Dog Fashion Show was a new addition for this year.*



# 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

- Set of Cup 2 Tires: I have a set of Cup 2 tires that I would like to sell. New car take-offs from my 2024 Z06/Z07. \$1000 for all 4 tires. Anyone interested can call me, John Prenzno, at 602-920-4595.
- 2002 Red Convertible Corvette 36,000 miles, automatic. This beauty used to belong to longtime SCC member Larry Sorce. \$22,000. If interested, please contact Krysha Sorce at 847-682-5506.



## WANTS

**No Wants?!** – You can't possibly have everything you want.  
Email Frank for the next issue.



## 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 have 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 does an admirable job. It is \$77 less expensive than the Motorola. The Motorola has a larger battery and therefore increased range thus the higher price. As relayed at the October dinner meeting, when caravanning on a club drive, our members need to keep a safe distance behind the car in front of them. However, this distance should not be blocks of space. If just a couple cars leave large a distance, it's likely that the vehicles at the back will not hear radio transmissions. However, one radio is not recommended over another. The choice is yours.

If you've participated in a club drive, you know it can often be difficult to reach for your radio to respond, or if you're driving with the top down it can be very hard to hear. HQ98 offers several earpieces to help with this. If you decide to purchase an earpiece, please **tell HQ98 the exact radio model you have** so they can get you the correct connector for your particular radio.

Lastly, you do not need to purchase your radio from **HQ98**, but **know the Scottsdale Club has its own frequency. If you purchase a radio from another source, you will need to bring it to HQ98 to configure the club frequency and there is a charge for this.**

We always say, "we just want to have fun." Hearing directions, comments, and an occasional bad joke through your radio make participating in a drive safer and little more fun.

*See photos on the next page.*

## SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB RADIO SPECIAL



**BLACKBOX  
BANTAM**  
**\$192.49**

(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

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

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## SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB RADIO SPECIAL



**MOTOROLA  
CP100D**  
**\$269.37**

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

## SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB EARPIECES



**PRYME  
LMC SERIES:**

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

(PRICE INCLUDES TAX)

Earpieces listed come in various connector types. If ordering, let us know which radio you have and we will make sure to select the correct connector for your radio.

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OR

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*"Copy that."*

## Ready to visit Corvette-related sites in each of the 50 states?



Here are some ideas! Granted, some are more general car-related than Corvette specific, but there is something here for everyone:

AL – Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (Birmingham) – huge car & motorcycle collection.

AK – Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry (Wasilla) – historic autos & more.

AZ – Arizona Automobile Museum (Tucson) – rotating classic car exhibits.

AR – Ozark Mountain Motor Museum (Dora) – rare cars and automotive history.

CA – Petersen Automotive Museum (Los Angeles) – epic car collection with Corvettes. Vette Vues

CO – Rambler Ranch (Elizabeth) – massive private car collection (appointment). Wikipedia

CT – New England Air Museum (Windsor Locks) – great shows & some car exhibits.

DE – Wilmington Corvette Club events – seasonal shows.

FL – Muscle Car City (Punta Gorda) – huge American muscle displays. IMPROV®

GA – Savoy Automobile Museum (Cartersville) – classy collection with historic Corvettes. Vettes of Atlanta

HI – Aloha Classic Car Museum (Honolulu) – cool cars in paradise.

ID – Idaho Horsepower Museum (Meridian) – classic cars & hot rods.

IL – Volo Auto Museum (Volo) – giant classic car assortment.

IN – Studebaker National Museum (South Bend) – automotive heritage. Wikipedia

IA – Antique Car Museum of Iowa (Grinnell) – great vintage selection.

KS – Kansas City Automotive Museum (Kansas City) – car culture history.

KY – National Corvette Museum (Bowling Green) – the ultimate Corvette pilgrimage site with 70+ Corvettes and interactive exhibits. Wikipedia

LA – Shreveport Classic Motorsports Museum – local muscle car favorites.

ME – Owls Head Transportation Museum (Owls Head) – classic vehicles and aviation.

MD – Antique Automobile Club of America (AACCA) Museum Eastern Division (Hershey

region nearby) – classic autos.

MA – Larz Anderson Auto Museum (Brookline) – America’s oldest car museum.

MI – Gilmore Car Museum (Hickory Corners) – one of North America’s largest auto museums.

Wikipedia

MN – Wheels Across the Pond (Mound) – British classics + American cars.

MS – Dixie Classic Auto Museum (Tupelo) – classic collectors’ gems.

MO – St. Louis Car Museum (St. Louis) – Midwest classic car mecca. The Sun

MT – Montana Auto Museum (Dillon) – broad historic vehicle collection.

NE – Glenn L. Jackson Memorial Museum (Omaha) – Americana and autos.

NV – National Automobile Museum (Reno) – huge classic collection. AAA International Relations

NH – Audrain Automobile Museum (Newport) – curated high-end car shows.

NJ – Ocean City Boardwalk Corvettes Show – beachfront Corvette celebration. CorvSport.com

NM – Route 66 Auto Museum (Albuquerque) – Route 66 car culture.

NY – Saratoga Automobile Museum (Saratoga Springs) – includes notable Corvette displays.

Wikipedia

NC – North Carolina Transportation Museum (Spencer) – big car history venue.

ND – Fargo Air Museum – aircraft & some car exhibits.

OH – Airstream Factory Tour & Antique Car Shows (Jackson Center area).

OK – National Route 66 & Transportation Museum (Elk City) – classic cars.

OR – Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM) (Hood River) – epic collection.

PA – Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum (Philadelphia) – rare racing cars. Hemmings

RI – Audrain Motor Week (Newport) – classic car week with top machines.

SC – BMW Zentrum & Automotive Heritage museums (Greer).

SD – Black Hills Classic Car Museum (Hill City) – Americana on wheels.

TN – Lane Motor Museum (Nashville) – quirky & rare vehicles. Wonderful Museums

TX – Classic Chevrolet Collection & Big Texas Motor Speedway Car Events.

UT – Utah Motorsports Campus & local car shows.

VT – Vermont Antique & Classic Car Museum (Springfield).

VA – Virginia Museum of Transportation (Roanoke) – cars & trains.

WA – LeMay – America’s Car Museum (Tacoma) – huge multi-brand collection. AAA International Relations

WV – Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine + Classic Car Shows.

WI – Wisconsin Automotive Museum (Sheboygan).

WY – Hot Springs County Museum Classic Car Exhibits.