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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, it looks like summer is finally here. After some nice weather in May, June is starting to heat up and we are even experiencing a little humidity. This past week I was back in the Midwest hoping to have some cooler weather. That did not work, the first couple of days we were there it was 90+ with the humidity to match. Hopefully the rest of the summer will not be bad.

In May, we had our monthly meeting at California Pizza Kitchen and it went pretty well, there were some minor difficulties, but the overall response was positive. The room was separate from the rest of the restaurant; we were able to order off of the menu and received separate checks and the food was pretty good. The two issues we have, the room is curved and the second was a way to socialize before the meeting. We can't fix the room but I think we can fix the socialization. To be able to get the checks going for drinks and food they need us at a table. It seemed once people sat down; they did not get back up. If we pick a spot order a drink, once we receive them walk around and talk to the other members, there is plenty of room to do this. As of now, we will be having the September meeting there.

The annual Holiday party has been booked for December 6th at Troon North Golf Club, 10320 E Dynamite Blvd. As in past years, we will have a DJ for dancing, food and drink. The Holiday party is always one of the highlights of the year. So, make sure you mark your calendar for December 6th. More details to follow.

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Have you ever wanted to experience Phoenix Raceway from behind the wheel? Here's your chance! Phoenix Raceway will be hosting Track Laps for Charity on Saturday, October 3, 2026. For a donation to Phoenix Raceway Charities, you will get the exciting opportunity to drive five laps around Phoenix Raceway following the official pace car. All in attendance will receive one Admission to the 2026 Fall NASCAR Cup Series Race on October 18, 2026.

I am working on more details, but the cost is \$99 a car, we would run single file at highway speeds, 20 cars to a group. I should have more details shortly and I will send them out at that time.

On another note, I know it is only June, but my term as President will be up at the end of the year. I have been President for 3 of the last 4 years and on the board for the last 4 years (I have been in the club a little over 4 years). It has been an honor to serve as President, but it is time for someone else to lead the club with some new ideas. So, start thinking about it and if you have any questions about the Presidency, let me know.

Remember, if you need service or are looking for a new Corvette see Chapman Chevrolet, our sponsor.

On a final note, what do you think of a Corvette SUV? The rumors are out there again that Chevy is looking at expanding the Corvette Line to include an SUV. A number of other high performance car lines have started offering them and they have been well received. Time will tell.

We Just Want To Have Fun,

Tim Szkatulski, President

Happy July and August Birthdays!

Chris Mingie 7/3
Terry Cannefax 7/6
Dave Hebard 7/9
Mark Bales 7/13
Jeff Armbruster 7/14
Fran Harder 7/16
Sue Henry 7/18
Louise Ulrich 7/19
Walter Juessen 7/23
James Gargano 7/24



Ed Luse 7/25
Kathy Szkatulski 7/26
Larry Magee 8/1
Suzy Poulter 8/13
Katelyn Mingie 8/20
Jim Voice 8/22
Reed Milano 8/25
Mark Chulew 8/30
Susan Rippinger 8/30

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!



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can immediately start to shop. Any issues, contact Lands' End at 1.800.587.1541

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS

FRANK AND JANET TASNADI

I was at lunch with a fellow SCC member the other day and we were celebrating the fact the day's high temperature was "only" 100 degrees and tomorrow's forecast was for 99... yippee!! That kind of silly talk can only mean a couple of things, you are in The Valley of the Sun and it's the heart of summer.

But it means a bit more than that for those of us belonging to the SCC; it means no more official dinner meetings until fall, and it means fewer events because many of us go away for portions of the summer.

But hold on a minute, have you been paying attention to what Sami and his crew have been doing? We had a day trip to Tortilla Flats, another one to Beeline Café in Payson, and fine dining with legendary chef Mark Tarbel. We also have a July day trip to the top of Mount Lemmon to cool down, Rosconi's is coming in late July as well as a TBA guided tour of the Phoenix Art museum with lunch at Macayo's afterward.

My point here is that Sami isn't taking the summer off. OK... maybe he's had a couple of trips here and there, but he is working his butt off to bring us fun stuff to do. It is hard to do this alone, so let's make this an entire SCC team effort.

- Do you have any favorite places that you can suggest for a day trip or an overnighther?
- Is there something new that you would like to see or do?
- Would you be willing to help or to lead?

There are a lot of fun things to do in AZ even in the grasp of our very hot summers. Think about it... what can you do to help Sami help you... help us. Let's all pitch in however we can.

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Janet and I hope that you all have a great summer. Ours has been busy, and a Corvette-related story from us is here in this newsletter. As far as we know, there will not be an official dinner meeting until September, but we join as many club activities as we can and hope to see you at something soon.

One last thing – we shared our recent road trip experience with you in “The long and winding road-California style” story in this edition. But...

→ One of the photos doesn't fit with the rest, can you spot it? ←

The THIRD person to respond to me correctly gets a \$25 gas card, collectable in person only at the next official SCC dinner meeting in September. Send your answer to SCCFrankT@gmail.com.

Frank

**No NEW
Members This
Time.**





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 to sccfrankt@gmail.com.

Here is new member Allan Keir with his current ride...a 2017 Grand Sport Coupe. It's all black on the inside and on the outside! He is widowed and resides in Terravita CC. His son Peter lives in Bozeman, MT and daughter Amy resides in Carlsbad, CA. He is active in the men's tennis group, and he enjoys the occasional golf game. He is looking forward to making new friends in the club!





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!



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

UPCOMING... mark your calendar!

- Sat, Jul 18 – SCC Summer Get Together at California Pizza Kitchen (sign up in advance via the [EventZilla](#) email sent on June 19)
- Wed, Jul 22 – Rosconi's American Kitchen
- Wed, Jul 29 – Mt Lemmon day trip
- TBD – Phoenix Art Museum with lunch at Macayo's
- TBD – (In the Fall) Antelope Canyon Adventure! Tentatively planned for 2 days, 3 nights
- Sun, Dec 6 – Annual SCC Club Holiday Party, more details to follow

MORE TO BE ADDED!



CPK

By Janet Tasnadi

Since our last newsletter, we have had one official SCC Dinner Meeting, which was held on May 13 at the California Pizza Kitchen (aka CPK) at 10100 N. Scottsdale Rd.

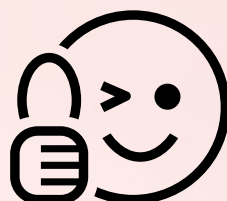
As Tim mentioned in his article, we had our own private room and, as always, it was fun to catch up with members we hadn't seen for a while.

We could each order whatever we wanted for dinner from the entire menu (or just a drink... or nothing at all). They provided separate checks for each couple or individual. There was plenty of parking, and the food was very good.

I don't know how many dinner meetings might be scheduled there in the future, but just so you know, CPK has a LOT more than pizza... chicken piccata, cedar plank salmon, eight different salads, many starters, soups, desserts, and a whole lot more!

Tim shared a few club updates, including the latest on our sponsorship with Chapman, and we also heard about upcoming activities.

For our first attempt there, we thought it went really well.



~ Vette-Togethers ~

(Recent Club Activities and FUN!)



SCC Overnight in Old Cottonwood AZ!!!

April 30 to May 1, 2026

By Stacey and Mark Chulew

Photos by Mark Bales and Bill Follette

What a wonderful overnight trip we had. Dave and Joan Sacks were our group leaders. They went up to Cottonwood beforehand and scoped everything out. We had two days of wine, dine, and Corvettes.

There were 21 people on this trip, including: Dave & Joan Sacks (wonderful group leaders), Dawn & Manny Siprut, Barb & Bill Follette, Sami Weir, Dick & Sue Kulczycki, Tim & Kathy Szkatulski, Mark & Kathy Bales, Chuck & Sandy Weschler (it was Sandy's birthday), Terry & Peggy Cannefax, Tammy & Don Schroden, and Stacey & Mark Chulew.

We met at the usual spot, McDonald's on Carefree Highway and I-17. Everyone was on time and ready for our drive. We cruised briskly up the new and improved I-17. The ride up was very nice. We navigated through seven roundabouts to our featured stop at Alcantara Winery, just outside of Cottonwood in Camp Verde. We arrived just in time for lunch. The wine flights were flowing, and the pizza and sandwiches were yummy. The setting among the grapevines, nestled in a huge hillside valley with the Verde River nearby, was just breathtaking.

After lunch we were given a soup-to-nuts tour of the winery. As we walked through the vineyards, our guide taught us about small-batch wines, which are their specialty. Next was the processing building. Everyone was wondering if Lucy Ricardo was stomping on the grapes. Well, even small wineries are somewhat mechanized. It was a fun and informative afternoon.

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We headed out to the Tavern Hotel in Old Cottonwood. After a quick check-in, everyone went to relax before dinner. We met at the Tavern Grill for a cocktail, then walked across the street to Nic's Italian Steak and Crab House for dinner. Great choice, Joan and Dave!

After a great night's sleep, due to the excellent bed linens, we all met at Crema for breakfast. The group broke into three groups. Some of us went to Jerome, some stayed in Old Cottonwood, and two lucky foursomes got to play golf nearby.

Dave will tell you what went on there after these photos...







Golf Section...

After breakfast, our golfers met in the parking lot and caravaned for the brief ride to the golf course. Coyote Trails is a short 9-hole course with all of the par-4 holes less than 300 yards. Don't let that fool you. This was a tough course. The terrain was hilly, the fairways were narrow, and the greens were fast and undulating. It was often difficult to read the greens because of opposing hills. Drives that seemed good at the moment of impact would invariably end up in the woods as if there was a magnetic force at work. No one looked for their ball in the woods. The starter warned us of rattlesnakes behind a couple of the greens.

One foursome consisted of Don Schrodin, Terry Cannefax, Sami Weir, and Dave Sacks. The other group was Bill and Barb Follette, Chuck Weschler, and Tim Szkatulski. We played a best-ball scramble, which, for non-golfers, means that the four golfers in each group teed off and then all played from the location of the best shot. This continued until the ball was holed. The game was not competitive—just for fun—and we all enjoyed it. One group shot one stroke under par and the other three strokes over. These were great scores!! Thanks, Dave...

Let's continue...

We all met back for a final lunch at the Belfry Brewery. The food was super, and the venue was delightful. After lunch everyone got in their Corvettes (except Mark and Stacey, who drove their truck—but that's another story) and headed home. Thank you again, Joan and Dave Sacks!



Drive to Florence and Lunch at the River Bottom Cafe

May 11, 2026

By Juan Urrea

Photos by Mark Bales

We met on Monday morning, May 11th, as planned at the Starbucks on Indian Bend and the 101 for our lunch getaway. Everyone showed up on time and we actually left at 11:25 to the planned 11:30 departure. We had 10 vehicles going, 9 Corvettes and Mark Chulew in his truck. Sami led the charge towards Florence and Mark worked as the sweeper making sure we stayed together. Although it was Monday morning, traffic was moving swiftly and there were no delays. We made good time and got to the restaurant 10 minutes before our reservation. It worked out well as they were expecting us with 2 large tables set up to accommodate our group. The place offers Casual American eats & draft beer in a laid-back haunt with roadhouse decor and patio. We had a dedicated server who quickly took our drink orders, then lunch orders, and everyone was served efficiently. The ½ pound burgers were enough to fill even the hungriest in the group.

I found River Bottom Grill after seeing it featured in an article about the top 10 hole-in-the-wall restaurants. It is considered a biker bar, but when we visited, the bikers seemed to be taking a break from the weekend. I imagine the atmosphere is very different on a Friday night, with live music and a livelier crowd.

After lunch the group broke up with everyone driving home individually. It was a fun day with good friends sharing stories and breaking bread. I was left with one question; there was a sign on the wall that read, “Ask your server about our oysters”. Being this far from the ocean, and civilization, I was left wondering what they were talking about.

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**This sign was ACTUALLY
outside by the front door!**

Scottsdale Corvette Club Takes on the Apache Trail: Tortilla Flats

May 23, 2026

By John Cahlamer

**Photos by John Cahlamer, Mark Bales, Bill Follette, and
Charles Nance and Suzy Poulter**

Memorial Day weekend brought perfect Arizona weather as members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club gathered at the Pavilions on a sunny, warm morning. Fourteen gleaming Corvettes lined up, turning heads as members spent time socializing and catching up before the day's drive.

The group's destination was the historic Apache Trail, a 46-mile stretch from the Pavilions, known for its breathtaking scenery and challenging terrain. As the caravan set out, drivers were treated to sweeping desert vistas, winding roads, and numerous tight switchbacks that made the journey as thrilling as it was beautiful.

Originally established in the early 1900s, the Apache Trail served as a vital route for bringing water and power to the growing Phoenix area. Along the way, the group passed Canyon Lake, which was alive with Memorial Day activity—boaters, kayakers, paddleboarders, campers, and fishermen all enjoying the holiday weekend. Not too far from The Flats, we crossed two single lane bridges where oncoming traffic was nice to allow our entire convoy to pass as a group.

The drive concluded at Tortilla Flat, a historic stagecoach stop dating back to the early 1900s. It's hard to imagine navigating that rugged trail by wagon in those days; the ride must have been far less forgiving than today's Corvette. Despite the holiday crowds, the Superstition Saloon and Restaurant accommodate our group with much-appreciated reserved parking for their prized vehicles.

Members agreed that both the food and service were excellent, providing a perfect ending to a memorable outing.

Special thanks go to Mark and Stacey Chulew for organizing a fantastic event that combined history, scenery, and the joy of driving into one unforgettable experience.





**The above photo by Bill
is of a very rare
Crested Saguaro that he
spotted on the drive.**





HEADS UP:
Later in this newsletter
you can see photos of the
SCC trip to Tortilla Flats
TWENTY years ago!

Beeline Café in Payson

June 15, 2026

By Juan Urrea

Photos by Juan Urrea and Joan Sacks

It was a quiet morning in Fountain Hills as 4 Corvettes met on a Monday morning to take a group trip to Payson's Beeline Café. As we departed the Target in Fountain Hills at 9:30, 15 minutes early as everyone was there on time, I noticed a Ft McDowell cop staring as we pulled out. Later on I wasn't surprised to see 2 speed traps on the way. Maybe he called ahead warning them of Corvette racers heading up the hill. Sami led the group of cars at speeds below speed limit (surprisingly) disappointing those anxiously awaiting our speedy climb to hand out speeding tickets. Something about driving a Corvette up the Beeline on a weekday, with minimal traffic, great views of the mountains, playing my favorite music, that gives me a happy feeling.

As we arrived at Payson my thermometer was showing a comfortable 86 degrees. The restaurant had plenty of parking as we were in between the breakfast and lunch crowds. They had a nice large booth awaiting our arrival. Servers were eager to take our orders and checked back with frequency to make sure we were satisfied. Something about small town cafes that serve plenty of good food and the smell of bacon that makes it a wonderful experience. As we finished brunch the server was sent back to the kitchen with many compliments to the chef.

The Beeline Café was written up as one of Arizona top 10 "Hole In The Wall" restaurants and it didn't disappoint. After an enjoyable brunch with many conversations, we headed back on to the sweltering valley heat, around 108 when we returned.



*Juan said:
"Sorry David, I don't
know what happened to
you in the picture."*



“C.R.S.”: Corvette-Related Stories

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



The Long and Winding Road... *California Style*

By Frank Tasnadi

Like most of us, we don't put a lot of miles on our favorite ride. We tell the insurance company we drive 4,000 miles annually, but in fact we struggle to get to that number. This year will be different.

Our granddaughter invited us to her high school graduation in Portland, Oregon in June, so I had a thought... why not make a a 3,000+ round-trip road adventure out of this! It wouldn't be a new concept. We did the same trip during COVID in 2020 in my first C7. The C7 that I have now is version number 3. I floated the idea to Janet, and asked her what she thought about me doing it alone; she wasn't thrilled with me going alone, so we settled on her riding north with me and flying home with her daughter and grandson who were going to meet us there. I would do the Pacific Coast Highway southbound from the central Oregon coast to just north of LA on the return trip south. Hmmm... miles and miles of very curvy, seaside, beautiful highway and... no disrespect intended, my love... no one telling me to slow down when I'm already going slow, (too slow, in my opinion)!

Our plan was to take our time... only drive for 5 to 6 hours a day... allowing time to stop in interesting towns, take a look inside historic hotels, shops, and restaurants, and enjoy the scenery with no rush. After leaving Phoenix on May 31st (at nearly noon after a birthday breakfast/celebration with our daughter in Phoenix), our first stop for a night was Barstow. No, it's not much, but it was basically our starting point. Then we moved on to Janet's old stomping ground.

Background info... Janet was born and raised in Glendale, AZ, but lived in California, mostly near the Sierras, for 15 years in the 80's and 90's with her late husband Tod, (yes, it's Tod with one D). She and Tod were both high school counselors in Phoenix, but he was a great chef and longed to own a restaurant back in CA where he was from, especially if it could be near snow skiing, water skiing, whitewater rafting, and not too far from Lake Tahoe. Janet loved the small town of Sonora, the cooler weather, and the idea of owning a restaurant that they created from scratch, but she soon learned that it was a tough life with very long hours. They sold the restaurant after 3 years but stayed in California for another 12 years, mostly in Sonora, and a few years farther north in Redding.

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So... after Barstow we headed to Sonora for night number 2 and visited her favorite places in the area... “downtown” Sonora and the nearby towns of Twain Harte, Columbia and Jamestown. From there, we headed north on old State Highway 49, named after the gold rush there in 1849. It is a great country road, well-maintained and winding enough to be fun. We passed through Angels Camp and San Andreas in Calaveras County. Did you ever read the short story called “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” by Mark Twain? It was actually his first true literary piece and launched his career via author and mentor Bret Harte, (hence the town name of Twain Harte near Sonora). We continued through Jackson, Ione, Plymouth, and Placerville, then over the pass to spend our 3rd night in beautiful South Lake Tahoe, always a favorite of ours. It was our fourth visit in our six years together.

After Lake Tahoe we took the scenic route from Reno to Susanville, and then headed west via Cal State Hwy 89, also known as the “Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway” to McCloud, another amazing little historic town in the shadow of Mt. Shasta. We made a pit stop at McCloud which used to be completely owned by a lumber company, and many original buildings from the early 1900’s still stand and are used today. We took the time to visit a few of them.

From there it was a short drive through the town of Mt. Shasta which brought us to I-5 where we headed north for about an hour to the tiny town of Yreka... only about 30 minutes south of the Oregon border, where we spent night number 4. One good thing about little, tiny towns are the old motels where you can park right outside the door of your room. (One of us tends to overpack, so this short distance counts as a big plus).

On the next morning, we leisurely drove north on I-5 for about an hour and stopped at the home of Janet’s nephew, Jeff, which is on acreage with a view of the Rogue River. Jeff is no kid; he is a retired Marine and a car guy supreme! From his ultimate man cave and huge attached garage, to his ‘64 Nova with a Supercharged 427, to his ‘72 hot rod Camaro, to one of Dale Earnhardt Jr. NASCAR Impalas... well, I am just scratching the surface of his wild, ever-changing car collection. To say we get along well is an understatement, and of course his place is a “must stop” when we are in the area! This time he took us out to lunch, and we said our good-byes and hit the road again continuing north.

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That evening we reached our destination hotel in Milwaukie, the Portland suburb where our daughter and her family reside, for our 5th night since leaving home. We made it there just in time to meet up at the hotel's restaurant with family and an old buddy of mine from Wisconsin who moved there years ago. We had two full days of family gatherings including our granddaughter's graduation. But everyone has been to several high school graduations, so I won't bore you with the details other than it was held in the huge Veteran's Memorial Coliseum. (In Oregon, they don't even try to have high school graduations outside in the high school football stadiums like they often do in AZ... too much rain.)

From a car guy's perspective, we also hit a little gem right there at our PDX-area hotel. The west coast meeting of the National Edsel Club was happening right there! I know, it's the "loser car" of most of our childhoods, but it is now become somewhat cool. I never knew they made so many variations, eighteen for the '58 model year alone. One very cool option was push-button automatic transmission shifting on the steering wheel! It was fun to talk to these old-timers and hear the enthusiasm they showed for these clunky old cars. Most of the cars were trailered in, but one local entry drove in and pulled a matching '50's camping trailer.

After our 4 nights on the road and 3 nights in Milwaukie, Janet flew home with daughter and grandbaby, as planned, and I began the last section of the trip; my 4-night solo drive home via the Pacific Coast Highway... woohoo!! My GPS says, "Portland to Phoenix, 1,633 miles".

I started by heading west from the Portland area toward the Oregon coast, and at Lincoln City I caught US Highway 101 South, Oregon's Pacific Coast Scenic Byway (often called the Pacific Coast Highway, but that technically starts down in California), that paralleled a few different National Forests to the east and the ocean to the west. The highway was fairly straight and unexciting (from a sports car perspective), but the ocean views were stunning.

Overnight stop number 1 was the small town of Gold Beach, OR, where the top-rated hotel was, and I am not kidding, Jerry's Motel 6, located on Jerry's Flat Road. Yes, that is the actual name of the road. This tiny town had only two other lodging options, both of which were rated lower than the 4.2 stars Jerry gets. I checked in and got my room. It was clean and had most of the amenities, but no coffee maker... grrrr!

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Next came dinner, but there were no fast-food chains there. The local restaurants looked unappealing, but the neighborhood grocery store didn't, so it was deli fried chicken, coleslaw and a couple of beers to go. I returned to the Corvette in the parking lot, and much to my initial dismay, it has attracted attention!

One old guy parked next to me in a Mercedes, just leaning against his car, started talking to me about Corvettes. I realized quickly that he knows his stuff, and it turned out he had a C2 and C3, but that was many years ago. He still had the passion, and we carried on for about ten minutes... a really nice guy. During our conversation I noticed out of the corner of my eye another guy sitting in his old station wagon. Once the first guy left, this other guy got out of his car to talk. As he approached, while I was feeling tired and hungry, I wondered why he didn't join in with the first guy to save time. Well, much to my surprise he wanted little to do with Corvettes; he had spotted my Green Bay Packers license plate frame and wanted to talk about that! He is from Green Bay, and like me, he just couldn't handle the winters anymore. He said they have a fairly large Packer contingent who get together most Sundays to watch the games. We chatted for another several minutes. Interestingly, the 7-yr-old Stingray attracted attention often and at nearly every refueling stop, which surprised me a little.

The next morning brought occasional light rain, but again, this is the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, one of the most beautiful highways in the country and, fortunately, the forecast was for this to end shortly. I left Oregon and headed into No Cal, driving in and out and through portions of Redwood National Park on US-101. The light rain and occasional light fog seemed to add to the density of the surrounding forest, making it appear greener with a mystical feel to it. I enjoyed this winding stretch a lot, so much so that I slowed down to take it all in, and at times even pulled over to allow an occasional vehicle to pass. Considering that the Grand Sport has very wide tires that do not perform well in rainy conditions, this was a perfect time to take it slow and just enjoy.

The highway pushed me east from the coast and ocean views for a short time before splitting off at the head of the glorious CA-1, the REAL Pacific Coast Highway, and soon led me back to the coast and some wonderful ocean views.

My stop for night number 2 was Fort Bragg. While Fort Bragg was nothing special, it was a relaxing end to another enjoyable drive that was short enough to really take in the scenery.

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Setting out the next morning, the PCH took on a much more small-town feel as I approached Elk, CA with small cottages along the winding road and some very nice homes on the beach side. The road narrowed and the curves were more challenging, the sun came out, I was blasting the Mamas and the Papas with California Dreamin' on the Bose and life was good! As an example of how rural this was, there were zero bars on the cell phone; thankfully satellite radio still worked!

My eventual destination for that night was... beautiful Monterey! Days earlier, knowing that I had to cross the Golden Gate bridge and that it is a toll road these days, I had already gone online to sign up my AZ license plate 1BDRIDE and my credit card to avoid any toll issues or future correspondence. But as I approached the hot tangled mess of highways, otherwise known as the San Francisco Bay area, I suddenly realized that I was heading towards Oakland! WTF?! My GPS navigator led me AROUND the Golden Gate Bridge, not over it! I didn't want to go to Oakland. I wanted the damned GGB! But, alas, by the time I realized what had happened, in poker terms, I was pot committed. I threw a mini tantrum within the confines of my car and then quickly got over it, after all I have driven it multiple times before. I am a big boy now!!

I arrived in Monterey in the late afternoon and finally had a decent hotel. For the entire solo trip home, I had been buying things for dinner and taking it back to my room to eat... but not today. I was in Monterey and I was going to live it up and find a good seafood joint! The hotel guy said, "I can send you to expensive places with good food, or to a mom-and-pop place with a bit less ambiance but really great food... which would you prefer?" I said give me mom and pop!! He warned that there might be a wait to get in because it's popular with the locals, to which I said, "all the better".

He was right, the Sand Bar Grill on the pier was small and there was a 30-minute wait, but it was so worth it. The only time I had better Cioppino was at Mama's Fish House on Maui.

The next morning gave me sunshine, warm ocean breezes, and a navigator heading me toward So Cal, Baby, continuing along the CA-1/PCH. We are talking about Carmel by the Sea, Big Sur, the iconic Bixby Bridge (this bridge I actually crossed!), Lucia, San Simeon, the Hearst Castle and so many gorgeous vista points you can't possibly count them all. This is the *piece de resistance* of the entire trip!

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With the Beach Boys blaring from the Bose and me remembering that speed limit signs are only a suggestion when you are in a Corvette, I blasted down the highway with a smile bigger than the Cheshire Cat's. I eventually passed through Cambria CA. But, actually, it seemed like I got there way too quickly, partly because I had been having so much fun (and partly because of the speed limit suggestion thing I talked about earlier). But mostly because this is where I had to head to the east towards Bakersfield and then Barstow. For all practical purposes this was the end of the trip. I spent return night number 4 in Barstow, at the same hotel where Janet and I stayed on our first night heading toward Oregon, then in the morning I began the last drive day toward home. But this part was uneventful and can't match anything along the PCH for beauty and fun.

The trip north with Janet was 4 nights and 5 days, we stayed 3 nights in Oregon, and my solo return trip was another 4 nights and 5 days. The overall miles for the round trip were 3,344, average fuel economy 24.8 mpg, and average speed 50 mph.

This entire trip would make a great SCC road trip but it's at least 10 days in length so I doubt it will ever happen, however if it did, it would be one you would never forget, after all, "We just want to have fun"!

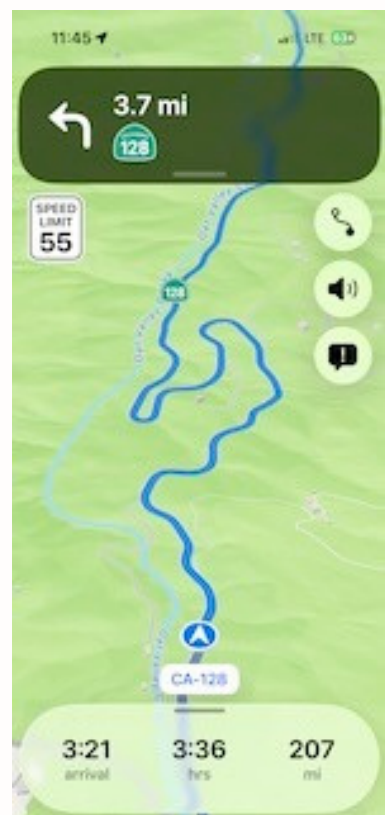
Photos to follow in chronological order.













National Corvette Museum

May, 2026

By Sami Weir



With my son, Josh.



One of the first ZR1 – X cars, which just broke the Nurburgring lap record, which has been held by Porsche for many years.



The first Corvette built in 1953.



Interior of the 1953 Corvette.



Chevrolet was going to discontinue the Corvette, but due to the surprising sales of the two seat Thunderbird Chevrolet decided to put a V8 in the Corvette. The Chevrolet signature on the side of the car has an enlarged V designating that the car has a V8. The rest of history.



The legendary 427 with 3 2 barrel carburetors. When I was ordering my Corvette in 1967 the 427 option was a \$380 option. But I could not afford it. My 1968 Corvette convertible with a removable hardtop and options was \$4300.



No explanation necessary.



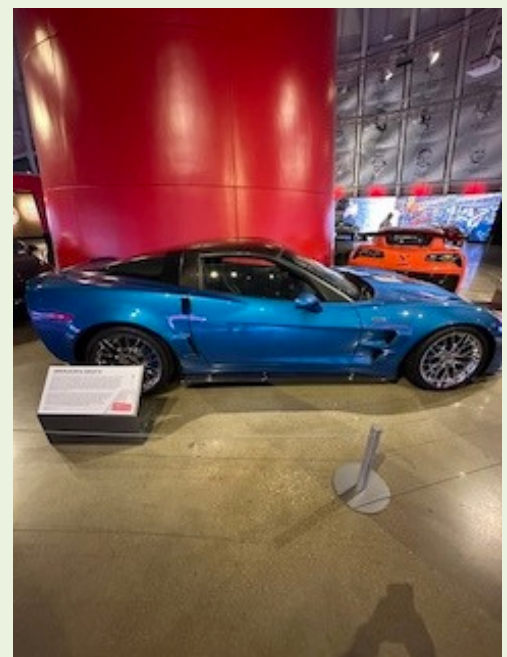
This is one of the Corvettes that fell into the sinkhole that could not be repaired.



This is a picture of the 40 foot sinkhole that has been repaired, but has this very interesting view of the depth of the sinkhole.



This is my favorite Corvette. It is a 1967 coupe in Marina blue. I was going to order this car when I found out that the new C3 was coming out. This particular car was owned by Neil Armstrong the first man to walk on the moon. As most of us know, Chevrolet had a unique leasing program for the astronauts where they paid one dollar a year for a new Corvette. All the astronauts that followed the original Gemini and Apollo astronauts wanted the same deal.



This is the blue devil that I believe was the first ZR one. This particular model fell into the sinkhole, but was recovered and repaired. The reason it is called the blue devil it was owned by the dean of Duke University.

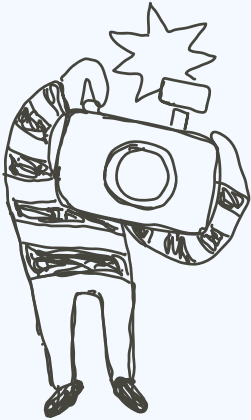


Just a magnificent tuxedo black Corvette.

Flashbacks 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!!!**



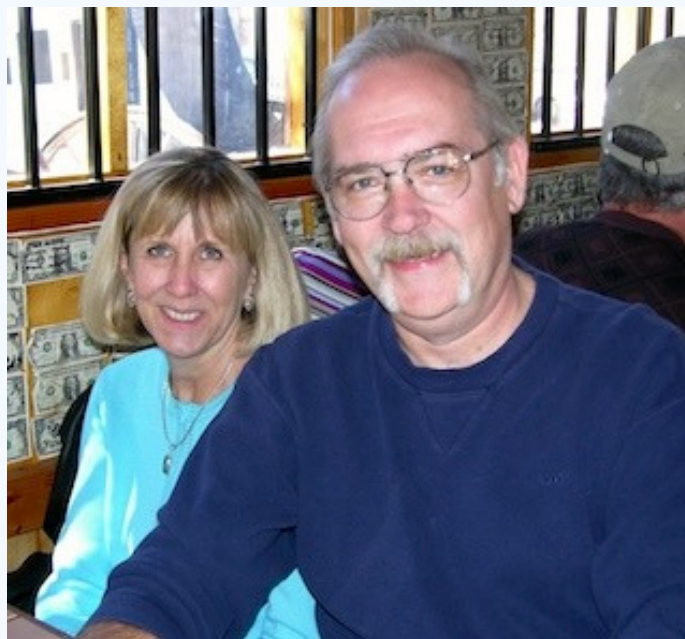
First Drive to Tortilla Flats Twenty Years Ago

January, 2006

By Mark Bales

The SCC had traveled the Apache Trail once before, a few years earlier, to Canyon Lake, but this was our first “official” drive to Tortilla Flat. Eleven couples in total. Five of those couples are still with the club today. And they still look marvelous!





HAVES AND WANTS

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

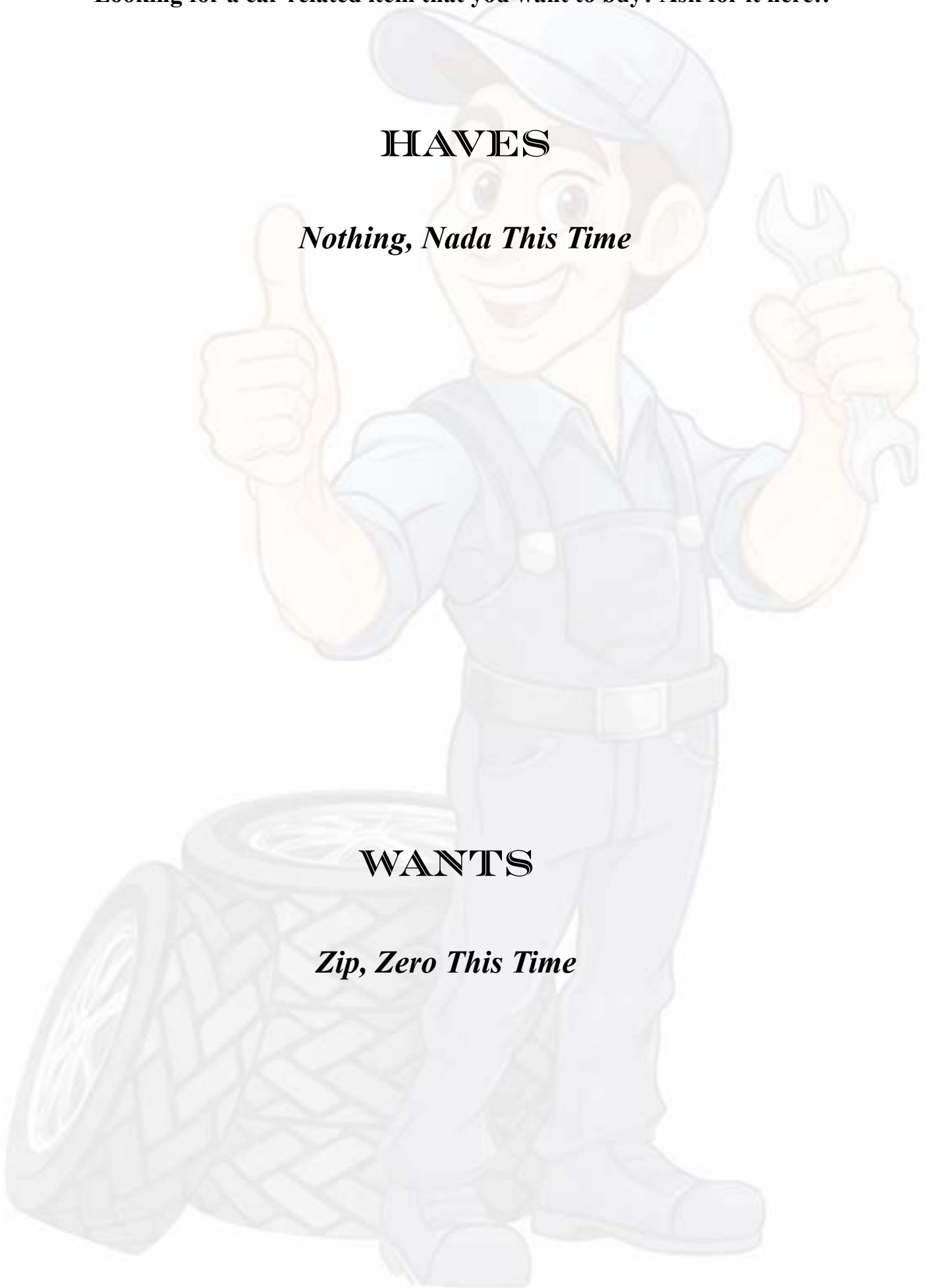
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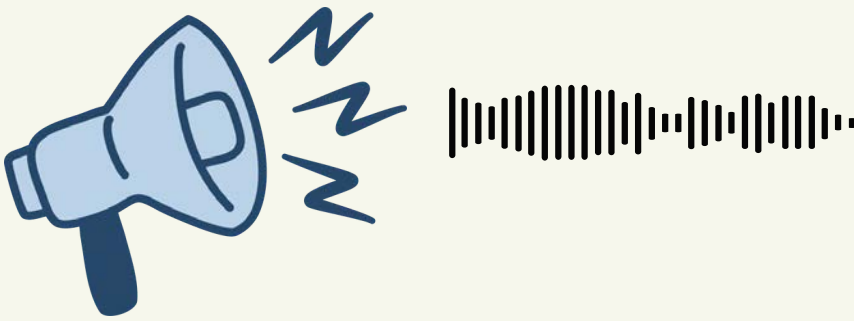
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WANTS

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...

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

"Copy that."

Miscellaneous

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What Do You Think?

Check out the C8 photos submitted by a member who spotted this in a parking lot recently.

Do you like the wrap, would you do it if the price was right or is it just a travesty of everything that is good about Corvettes??

No need to respond, just something to ponder!



Edmunds Corvette Installation Santa Monica

By Sami Weir

Sent to Sami by his son in May, 2026

What better way to celebrate 50 years as an automotive source than with a daring construction project featuring two rotating Chevrolet Corvettes? That's what Edmunds has done for its 50th anniversary.

The source decided to celebrate its golden anniversary with a revamped office space in Santa Monica, California. Included in the office is what you see above: two Corvettes, one being a 1966 C2 Corvette Sting Ray and the other a 2016 C7 Corvette Stingray.

The two vehicles literally sit atop each other to showcase the difference 50 years can make, and they rotate as a magnificent centerpiece. Both of the Corvettes are actual vehicles, too, they're not something made for this display. Only the engines and fluids have been taken out of both vehicles in the name of weight saving.



Great Tire Pressure Device

By Sami Weir

Checking air pressure for most of us is a chore. Getting down on our knees to check tire pressure and trying to find a working air pump can be a problem.

Costco has excellent air pressure pumps that you can set to your desired tire pressure.

Discount Tire will check your tires at no charge as you're waiting in line. The problem is you usually have to wait in line.

As we all know the best way to check tire pressure is when the tires are cold. With this little device, you can check your tire pressure and set it for the desired PSI and this little gadget will stand by itself as it pumps up the tire and shut off automatically. It is a marvelous little device, which is very inexpensive. Saves a lot of time and avoids tipping the kid at Discount Tire five bucks for checking your pressure. But if you get one, please read the instructions as you must recharge the battery on the device after each use.



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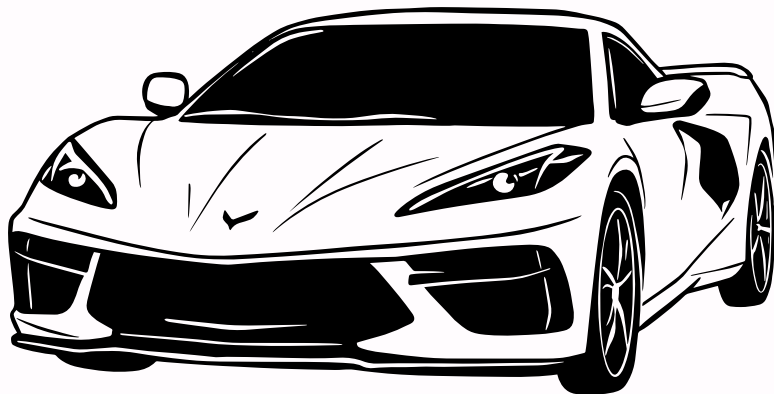
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Chapman Good News Stories

SCC member Dave Hebard had an issue with his new C8, the engine had sprung an oil leak. He brought it into Chapman Chevrolet to investigate the issue, the good news is they quickly discovered where the oil leak was coming from, the bad news is the part is on national back order!!

Estimated delivery time is uncertain but the hope is 3 weeks. Dave is well aware that when a part is on national back order the problem isn't at the dealership level, it typically is a supplier issue, so he asked Chapman to keep him informed.

They performed as promised and even though it took 3 weeks to get his Corvette back, he said his experience with Chapman service was great and he was very happy!



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



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