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

No meetings in June/July/August/December.

Reservations Required

Note: Dinner locations may vary. Watch for the President's email.

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Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter. This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car. All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.

From the Driver's Seat

Bob Goodhue, Club President



By the time you read this, Julie and I will have returned from our vacation trip to Maui. Now, I am writing this before we go to Maui. Did we have a great time? I have no clue at the time of writing. I am optimistic. Anything beats Arizona summer months. Also, will this really be a vacation? We are retired, so it's not like we are taking a break from work. So confusing.....

I hope you all are having a relaxing summer. Temperatures have not been that extreme, but still, the desert is hot and dry. To those of you who have left the state for cooler temperatures, good for you! Thing is, when Julie and I lived in the State of Washington, we vacationed in Hawaii to warm up, not cool down. It's interesting how we are backwards in Arizona. Or were we backwards in Washington? I am still seeing people driving convertibles with tops down in 100+ degree temperatures. All I can say is....TOURIST!!!!

We are having great activities this summer. Thank you, Sami, and those who have stepped in to assist and host. It's amazing how many we have. It keeps our membership busy and creates a good venue for us all to meet and promote companionship.

Our September meeting is fast approaching. We will still be at Venue8600. As I mentioned at the last meeting, our holiday party will be at Venue8600, due to increased costs at Grayhawk. Also, the party will be on a Saturday, December 6, rather than on a Sunday. Members mentioned they had not been attending the party, due to the Sunday date. Hopefully more members will come to our year end party.

I am scheduling guest speakers for our monthly dinner meetings. This is what I have so far:

- September: Doug Bromley from Bromley's Corvettes - They do whatever service, restoration, and customization that is possible.
- October: Still looking
- November: Albert Quihuis - He will talk about the history of Arizona and hopefully bring out some unusual topics that are not common knowledge.
- January: Jon Moss - He will talk about "Saving the Corvette"
- February: Patrick Jones - He will discuss his company's new Bling Sauce products for automotive care. And it is not something you put on a burger.

That's all for now. Stay safe, cool, and I will see you at the September meeting!



A Message from your NEW Newsletter Editors:

Frank and Janet Tasnadi

Hello fellow Corvette lovers! We are Janet and Frank, and we're thrilled (and only a little terrified) to be taking over the reins of the Scottsdale Corvette Club newsletter.

Frank joined the SCC in 2012 with his first Corvette, a 2006 Corvette Coupe, Monterey Red Metallic. Next, he had 2014 Z51, then a 2015 Z06 (formerly owned by member, Manny), and now a 2019 Grand Sport. He served the club on the board for several years as the

Membership Director, liaison with national organization, and as the Activities Director—though sadly, most of the 2020 events he and others carefully planned in 2019 were promptly steamrolled by Covid.

A retired auto claims regional manager with USAA Insurance, Frank knows his way around a car inside and out. He'll be your point person for gathering news and writing articles—although he tends to get a bit “wordy” and sometimes writes articles so long they need a table of contents, his articles are typically pretty entertaining!

Janet joined SCC in 2020 as Frank's significant other, and in 2021, we tied the knot! (We may occasionally pull out the “still newlyweds” card as a handy excuse if the newsletter ever runs fashionably late.) She is a retired teacher and high school counselor from the Paradise Valley School District, and has served the club for 3 years as the tech person setting up EventZilla events, annual club surveys, and website updates. She's wrapping up her second year on the board, currently moonlighting as VP, but plans to step down at the end of this term to pursue her true calling—wrestling with fonts and formatting as the club's newsletter wizard. She'll be in charge of layout. She knows her way around a Mac and Excel, but give her ChatGPT and she'll stare at it like it's a sassy student who won't stop talking. And let's not even discuss the MS PUB file we inherited. Janet discovered that Microsoft Publisher and her Apple MacBook get along about as well as cats and bathtubs—so now she's learning a whole new newsletter program while muttering things that would make a sailor blush.

Mark and Dorinne, three of our most recent newsletter publishers, set a high bar—polished, professional, and timely. We're aiming to continue with the standard they set, but also want to add a little “Taz” twist to it here and there. And, no, the “three” is not a typo. Our last publishers were Mark Bales, then Dorinne Dobson, then Mark again!

Now... here is YOUR PART. **Please send us your content ideas if you have anything new you would like to see in your newsletter.** Our email addresses are on the front page of this newsletter.

Please be patient with us, and maybe include chocolate. We'll get the hang of this eventually. Maybe. Hopefully. Probably.





No new SCC members this summer... looking forward to the fall!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...WOO HOO!!

JULY

1 Diane Feck
3 Chris Mingie
6 Terry Cannefax
9 Brian Daw
9 Dave Hebard
9 Rollie Trayte
13 Mark Bales

14 Jeff Armbruster
16 Fran Harder
18 Sue Henry
19 Louise Ulrich
23 Walter Juessen
24 James Gargano
25 Ed Luse
26 Kathy Szkatulski
31 Sherry Nelson

AUGUST

7 Kevin McMenimen
13 Suzy Poulter
20 Katelyn Mingie
22 Jim Voice
25 Brenda High
25 Reed Milano
27 Michael D'Andrea
30 Susan Rippinger
30 Mark Chulew

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!

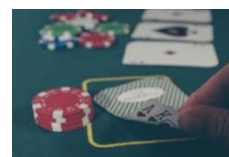
SCC WOMEN, JOIN US... "VETTE VIXENS"



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 SCC LOGO SHIRTS OR ACCESSORIES?!



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2025 Calendar of Events

Last Updated 12/5/2024

JANUARY

8th CLUB MEETING
15th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
23rd Lake Pleasant Scorpion Bay Luncl
14th Boyce Thompson Arboretum

FEBRUARY

12th CLUB MEETING AT VAN CHEV.
19th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
15th Concours in the Hills
8th Mystery Trip
5th Board Meeting

MARCH

12th CLUB MEETING
19th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
6th Globe Minng Museum
18-21st Death Valley/Las Vegas (MC)

APRIL

9th CLUB MEETING
16th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
3rd Tortilla Flats
22-24th Canyon De Chelly (FT)

MAY

14th CLUB MEETING
21st VIXEN DINNER/POKER
TBD Page/Antelope Canyon
7th Board Meeting

JUNE

NO CLUB MEETING
18th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
Mini Activities TBD

JULY

NO CLUB MEETING
NO VIXEN DINNER/POKER
Mini Activities TBD

AUGUST

NO CLUB MEETING
NO VIXEN DINNER/POKER
Mini Activities TBD

SEPTEMBER

10TH CLUB MEETING
17TH VIXEN DINNER/POKER
TBD Luau (TBD)
TBD Prescott Car Show (TBD)
3rd Board Meeting

OCTOBER

8th CLUB MEETING
15th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
TBD Titan Museum/Lunch
TBD Dwarf Car Museum

NOVEMBER

12th CLUB MEETING
19th VIXEN DINNER/POKER
TBD Phils' Grill
TBD Vulture Mine
5th Board Meeting

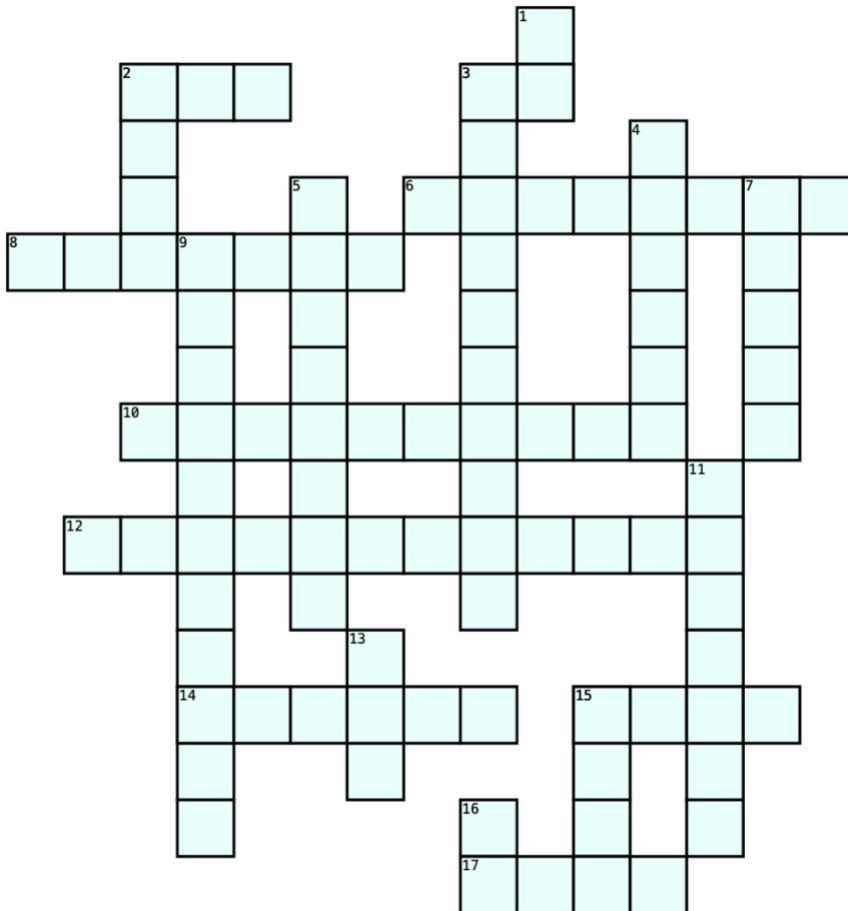
DECEMBER

7th TOY RUN/HOLIDAY PARTY

Activities are subject to change. Information usually comes as emails from board president, the designated members in charge of Vixen dinners and poker, Activities Director, and/or SignUpGenius.

Test your skills!

(Answers on next to last page.)



Horizontal:

- 2. Corvette's track-ready performance package
- 3. Corvette's generation as of 2025
- 6. America's First Sportscar
- 8. Corvette convertible window material (historic)
- 10. Corvette's iconic fiber material
- 12. Corvette plant city in Kentucky
- 14. Legendary Corvette Designer
- 15. Corvette's original production year
- 17. Corvette's first fuel-injected year

Vertical:

- 1. 2020 model with mid-engine layout
- 2. Chevy's performance division
- 3. Corvette's logo symbol
- 4. Corvette Z06's racing inspiration
- 5. Corvette's performance tire supplier
- 7. Removable roof style
- 9. Corvette's 1963 feature split
- 11. Corvette pace car event
- 13. Corvette ZR1's supercharger nickname
- 15. Corvette's first V8 engine year
- 16. Corvette's first model car

“VETTE-TOGETHERS”

Our Always FUN Group Activities... Dinners, Day Trips, and Overnights



GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNING TO TORTILLA FLAT

Mark Chulew

May, 2025

Get your motor running. Head out on the freeway. Looking for adventure in whatever comes your way. Born to be wild.

Wild enough to head to Tortilla Flat for spectacular scenery and great food at the Tortilla Flat Saloon. On Saturday May 5th, a whole bunch of SCC Members met at Starbucks at Talking Stick for an exciting ride to Tortilla Flat.

Tortilla Flat is a small unincorporated community in far eastern Maricopa County, Arizona, along Apache Lake. For any history buff it is the last surviving stagecoach stop along the Apache Trail. It seems this journey to Tortilla Flat is an annual event for the Club. It's no wonder since the roads are Corvette friendly and the scenery is outstanding. It was a wild ride and due to the skill of our members no wildlife was harmed. I personally find it one of the best day trip rides in the Phoenix area. The Saloon couldn't have been more accommodating. A special parking area was set up for us, which also doubled as a viewing area for all the rest of the tourists. Nothing looks better than a row of Corvettes. We were promptly seated and our orders taken. Everyone enjoyed their meal.

OK, picture this, a 1 hour drive on a smooth twisty road in your Corvette, followed by a fabulous lunch. What could be better. Get your motor running!









DRIVE TO FARGO'S STEAKHOUSE IN PAYSON

By David Sacks

On Thursday June 12, ten SCC members in 6 cars met at the Target in Fountain Hills for a quick (about 1 hour) drive up the Beeline Highway to have lunch at Fargo's Steakhouse in Payson. It was a hot day for early June in the Valley, so we had the added benefit of getting about 10-15 degrees cooler, and being able to dine on an outdoor patio.

The Beeline was relatively traffic free and we were able to navigate the curves and the hills in a typical Corvette manner. Being a weekday morning, it was easy getting through the traffic lights in Payson, and we arrived at Fargo's where a special parking area was marked off for our cars.

We all had a leisurely and delicious lunch on the patio. The food and service were excellent.

We then departed on our own for the drive back down the Beeline. I understand that some of our members had quite a spirited return trip. That is what a Corvette is for!!

It was a great day for all who participated.







An Exceptional Evening at Tarbell's: Motor Monday Meets National Corvette Day

Hosted by Sami Weir

On June 30, members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club enjoyed a memorable dining experience at Tarbell's restaurant during Motor Monday, an occasion that serendipitously coincided with National Corvette Day. The evening began with a warm welcome from Mark Tarbell and his staff, who had painstakingly reserved parking spaces for our Corvettes. Despite the sweltering heat exceeding 100 degrees at 6:00 PM, they stood attentively by, ensuring that the cones marking our spots were promptly removed upon our arrival—a gesture that set the tone for the exceptional hospitality to come.

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

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

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

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



How Some Of Us Are Spending Our Summer Vacations

>>>If YOU have a car-related summer experience, please let us know!<<<

My Summer Project

John Ulrich

My summer MN project was supposed to be a quick reseal of a leaking "batwing" rear differential, new suspension bushings, brake reseal and wheel bearings on my 1981. Being a 44 year old car, it's the first time in 34 yrs of ownership I've had to go this deep in a repair. I remounted the rear differential only to have to leak again! Out it comes for a second time. At least the weather is cool here!





Jim Voice's World Class Adventure, Part 1:

In response to Frank's request for some automotive related stories for the newsletter, I sent him some information on a European super car tour trip Glynis and I were on in June. The tour company is Ultimate Driving Tours, recently changing their name to Hunter Moss Tours, the names of the two owners of the company. They are based out of Australia and their business plan is to offer a true bucket list experience, conquer exhilarating roads and iconic passes, stay in the finest luxury accommodation, and dine in world famous restaurants. The cars are the best offerings from Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin, Porsche, McLaren and more. The accommodation was historic hotels and castles, ultra luxe resorts and charming villas. Evenings were spent in a series of celebrated restaurants helmed by award winning chefs.

It was truly an amazing experience. There were 16 couples from all over the world, divided into 2 groups of 8 couples with 8 different cars per group. We drove for 2 days, had one day to relax, and then drove for 2 more days. There was a support staff that catered to our every whim and who led each tour and brought up the rear in the event someone got lost. The tour leaders were aspiring professional race car drivers, and they set a very quick pace. We definitely drove the cars near their limits on mostly mountain passes with constant tight corners. The lead car was giving us constant information by radio about what was ahead of us, especially as it related to oncoming traffic as we were using both lanes in many of the blind hairpins. We started out with a drivers' meeting after a hearty breakfast and were on the road about 9:30 am. We would drive for about an hour and ½, then stop in a unique out of the way spot for a break after which we would drive again until noon, when again we ate at amazing places with excellent food. After lunch we would change cars and repeat the morning program ending up at our hotel around 4:30 where we were greeted with champagne and hors d'oeuvres. We would then freshen up and join both groups for an amazing dinner.

We started out in France and drove into Italy, and then finished up in Switzerland for distance of about 1200 miles.

For the next issue, I will describe the cars we drove, the roads we drove on, and the scenery and hotels we stayed in. Here's a couple pics taken with some of the cars.

Just to pique your interest there is a surprise ending to the tour which I'm sure will be appreciated by all.

Jim's Part 2 will be in the next issue!



MORE Photos from the Death Valley Trip this past March

The article for the trip was in the last newsletter, but Dave and Joan Sacks had more great photos to share. Thanks Guys!







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

- **Seatbelt Extender:** C8 seat belt extender. Great if one has a physical issue getting the seat belt latched. The C8 seat belt is deep in the seat. --Free-- Contact **Sami Weir**



- **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 Z07. Anyone interested can call me, **John Prenzno**, at 602-920-4595.

WANTS

- Nothing submitted... what car-related things do YOU want?



Flashbacks From The Fast Lane

Here is a GREAT IDEA created by Bill Follette. We're launching a brand-new section that's equal parts fun and nostalgic! Whether you're a seasoned SCC veteran or still learning the ropes, you'll enjoy this lighthearted look back at past outings, road trips, and classic club shenanigans. Bill will be sharing great memories and outstanding photos from that big, fancy camera he carries with him wherever we go.

But we can share the space with others, too. Got old photos or stories tucked away? Dust them off and send them in—we'd love to include them along with Bill's features! Let's take a ride down memory lane together and celebrate the good times that made SCC what it is today.

BOOK REVIEWS

Janet Tasnadi

At first, I didn't want to do this feature thinking that it would simply take too much time. But I do like to read... and I DO like to RECEIVE book recommendations. So, hopefully, this will be a two-way opportunity. I will recommend and briefly review some books, **AND I would love to receive book recommendations and brief reviews from YOU.** Feel free to email them to me at JanetSCC2020@gmail.com.

Today I am recommending three of the books I have recently read. Oh, and when I say that I “read” a book, I *technically* mean that I listened to it. I converted to audiobooks whenever possible several years ago.

The Measure, by Nikki Erlick. *Ok, admittedly, this one takes an open mind, and you can't focus too much on implausibility.* On an otherwise ordinary morning in early March, every person on Earth age 22 and older wakes up to find a small chest with their name on it waiting just outside their front door. Inside is a smaller box and a note that reads, **“The Measure of Your Life Lies Within.”** Some people hesitate. Others can't resist the mystery. Those who open the box find a single string—each one a different length. Confusion quickly spreads. People turn to social media, news outlets pick up the story, and soon the world is abuzz with speculation. Doctors and scientists begin investigating and, eventually, a startling truth emerges: the length of each string is an accurate reflection of how long that person will live. Short strings correlate with short lives, often ending through illness, accident, or sudden trauma. Long strings? They indicate long life. And in-betweeners fall somewhere in the middle.

So here's the question the book explores: **If you could open a box and find out your life's length, would you?** And if you did—how would that knowledge change the way you live? What if you were a young short-stringer in love with a long-stringer? Would you stay, knowing your time is limited? Or would you walk away?

This was a recent pick for a book club I am in, and once we got past the strange premise, it sparked some amazing conversation. To kick things off, we handed out envelopes with strings of various lengths inside and pretended they were real. It added a fun, imaginative twist to an evening full of thoughtful (and occasionally hilarious) debate.

The Women, by Kristin Hannah. This novel has already received plenty of attention on major book websites, but it's still well worth recommending. I vividly remember how deeply the Vietnam War permeated life in the 1960s and early '70s—especially the draft lottery, which brought intense anxiety to millions of young American men and their families, including mine.

But this story offers a different perspective. It focuses on the women who voluntarily served in Vietnam as nurses. The main character, Frances “Frankie” McGrath of Coronado, California, is fictional, but Kristin Hannah did extensive research to ground the story in historical truth. Drawing on real accounts from nurses and veterans, she brings to life the often dangerous, traumatic, and transformative experiences these women endured.

One of Kristin Hannah’s central goals in this novel is to shed light on the vital, yet often overlooked, contributions of the American women who served in Vietnam—many of whom returned home to indifference or even outright denial. It was common for them to hear, “*There were no American women in Vietnam,*” despite the fact that over 11,000 did serve *there*. While a few lost their lives, many others worked in makeshift field hospitals, stationed close enough to the front lines to feel the ground shake from explosions. They worked around the clock, triaging the wounded under unimaginable pressure, fighting to save lives in the face of devastating injuries and chaos. Their bravery, compassion, and sacrifice are an essential part of the war’s legacy—and this novel does a powerful job of honoring their stories and ensuring they are not forgotten.

Lady Tan’s Circle of Women, by Lisa See. I’ve always loved historical fiction, but this book took me somewhere completely new—15th-century China. It’s a time and place I knew little about, and while I was fascinated by everything I learned, it also made me realize just how much I don’t know.

Life for women back then was so different, it’s hard to imagine. Even women from wealthy families faced strict rules. Foot binding, arranged marriages, and never being allowed to leave the family compound—they often lived their whole lives surrounded by in-laws, following strict traditions and ranked by status. There were eunuchs, concubines, long stretches without their husbands, and very few choices for women.

But the story focuses on Tan Yunxian, a young woman lucky enough to live with a grandmother who was trained in Chinese medicine—a woman ahead of her time. That hidden knowledge gave Yunxian something rare: purpose and some rare independence in a world that offered women very little. Over time, this passion helped her find meaning in her life.

I read that the research for this novel was very detailed, thanks in part to a real Chinese medicine book written in 1511 by the actual, well-known female doctor named Tan Yunxian. Her story was almost lost to history, but her great-nephew reprinted her medical notes, and one copy managed to survive all these years. An American woman named Lorraine Wilcox, who has been teaching East Asian medicine since 1990, taught herself how to translate old Chinese medical texts. Lisa See used Wilcox’s translation to help tell Lady Tan’s story in her novel.

Reading about all this made me wonder how my hobbies—like pickleball and Mexican Train dominoes—stack up next to Lorraine Wilcox’s impressive “Chinese medical translation” accomplishment!

EVERYONE:

>> IMPORTANT Message from our Membership Director, Rich Kosina <<

Have you bought a new Corvette? Maybe changed your street address? Email address? Changed your birthday? Please review the membership roster located on the club website at: **www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com**, then go to About Us, then Members Only, and enter your username and password.

OR... take the **shortcut** and go directly to **<https://www.authpro.com/auth/scottsdale/>**

If you forget your login info, please contact Mark Morales. If the info about you is not correct, please email me with your corrections at rkosinascc@gmail.com.

Thanks! Rich

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Puzzle Answers:

Horizontal:

2. Z07

3. C8

6. CORVETTE

8. PLASTIC

10. FIBERGLASS

12.

BOWLINGGREEN

14 DUNTOV

15. 1953

17. 1957

Vertical:

1. C8

2. ZORA

3. CROSSFLAGS

4. LEMANS

5. MICHELIN

7. TTOPS

9. SPLITWINDOW

11. INDY500

13. LTS

15. 1955

16. C1

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