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

No meetings in June/July/August/December.

*Meetings are held at Ancala Country Club, 11700 E Via Linda, Scottsdale
Reservations Required*

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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 perpetuated 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

By Tim Szkatulski

The month of May is here and the outdoor temperatures are rising, but the mornings and evenings are still cool enough for a ride with the tops off or the top down. May will be our last dinner meeting until September as many members will be traveling to their homes in cooler locations or on vacation. If you are traveling, safe travels and look forward to seeing you in September. If not, hopefully will see you at a club activity over the summer.

We had about 60 members at our March and April dinner meetings. At the March meeting we played a game of Corvette trivia, with the winning table getting a mug with the Scottsdale Corvette Club logo on it. One of the more interesting questions, was what version is the fastest in reverse? Answer, the C7, GM engineers, were able to drive it 53 MPH in reverse. At the April meeting one of our new members, Muffy Bennett, spoke about her background and how she got into the world of collectable cars along with some interesting stories of cars she has been involved with. If you have a chance go to her web page www.muffybennett.com. I am always looking for somebody to speak at meetings that the members might find interesting, if you know of anybody let me know, be it another member or someone from outside the club.

The other day I sat in on a meeting of the activities committee who are working hard to put together various activities for the rest of the year and into 2024, from day trips, weekend trips and mini events. As events are finalized, they will be posted on Sign Up Genius. By the time the newsletter comes out members will be returning from a weekend trip to Seligman/Laughlin and the Saguaro Lake Boat Tour (postponed from the beginning of March). Kathy and I were able to attend a mini event in April, a dinner at Tutti Santi put together by Sami Weir, there were 17 members in attendance. It was a great time, good company and good food, until they presented me a bill for \$862, a mis-communications at the restaurant. I was relieved they got it resolved and were able to issue separate checks as I was a little short. For new members, mini events are a great way to meet other members, get out of the house and above all have some fun, what the Club is all about. They are usually at a restaurant in groups of 10 to 20, and separate bills. The activities committee is always looking for new ideas, places to go etc. and for volunteers to lead an activity or help with an activity. If you have an idea on an activity or interested in volunteering to lead or help with an activity, please let Dave Sacks or myself know.

An update on club business. The Holiday party has been booked for December 10th (week latter than normal) at Grayhawk where have been the last couple of years. After looking at a number of different venues, they provided the club with the best deal. As I have noted in previous letters, the board was looking at if we should stay as part of NCCC or drop out. After numerous discussions and research, the board voted to stay in NCCC. If you have not received an email from Jerry Strimbu, you should be receiving one shortly on the members only area of the Club web site. As of right now we will be posting the club roster in that area instead of emailing out and Rich will update it as there are changes. In the future we maybe adding items to that tab, as we do, we will let you know. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see in the members only area, let me know.

On a personal note, as many of you know my wife and I have been in the process of building a new house. We started the process last March and at times we thought we would never get here. We are scheduled to take possession the 2nd of May. We are now in the process of packing up a house we have lived in for over 31 years; it is amazing what you can accumulate in 31 years and the memories that are hidden away in boxes. As we go through them (mainly Kathy) we stop to look at old pictures, old cards, year books etc. Then you have to decide what to keep and what to do with the rest. It will be great to get it behind us and settle into the new house, all on one floor, yeah!

Let's continue to have fun in 2023

Meet Your Board

Some of our newest board members are also new to the Scottsdale Corvette Club. Larry and Mark joined in 2022 and are already contributing to keeping the SCC on track. Both were kind enough to provide us with a little background. So, meet Larry and Mark.



Larry Heitz - Vice President

Sharon and I both grew up in the Chicago area and after college lived in St. Louis, Colorado Springs and since 2007 in Scottsdale. We have been married 56 years and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Sharon was an active pediatric PT for over 40 years. I started my career as a manufacturing Engineer in the aerospace industry. For the last 30 years I have owned a small high tech manufacturing company that supplies parts to other manufacturers in the aerospace, communications, medical and consumer products industries.

I have always loved cars. My first Corvette in 1968 was a 1968 427 t top...only other Corvette is a 2022 red C8. In between we have owned well over 70 cars as we could afford them...always bought to drive and not to collect or resell... never sold or traded one for a profit. I have gone in phases... 80's and 90's British sports cars, 10-15 MB SL's, lots of SUV's, specialty vehicles like Jeeps, 50's T-Birds, 10 Porsches, etc. My favorite all time engine is the MB 12-cylinder twin turbo. I have owned several cars with that engine.

Sharon and I have both been involved in the not-for-profit community in the Phoenix area for the last 15 years as volunteers, board members and board chairs...mainly in youth homeless, foster youth organizations.

Activities other than work and involvement with youth at this time are golf, travel and workouts to fight off "getting older" Ha!



Mark Morales - Treasurer

I was born and raised in Tucson, until moving to Scottsdale in 2010. I played soccer for Pima Community College, then transferred to the U of A. After I received my degree in accounting, I took a job as a financial advisor.

While at the U of A, I met my wife (to-be) Dorie. We have two boys, Carter who is 21 and Keaton who is 16.

My Corvette came into my life at 10 years old in 1979. My uncle purchased the 1978 silver anniversary edition Vette from the original owner, and I fell in love with it the first time I laid eyes on it. I grew up riding in the cargo area while my uncle and dad sat up front cruising for miles. After forty-one years, my uncle decided it was time for me to take over the car and gave it to me.

When I'm not working, I serve as a board member on the Phoenix Cancer Support Network and volunteer for the McDowell Mountain Conservancy. I also enjoy working out, mountain biking, playing soccer, and gardening on a weekly basis.



They Say Its Your Birthday!



May

John Ketterl	4th
David Nelson	5th
Jan Kellogg	7th
William Joel	9th
Mark Morales	16th
Michael Lipsky	18th
Roger Ceilley	18th
John Ulrich	23rd
Dick Kulczycki	25th
Glynis Romanica	28th
Maria Comacho	28th
Tammy Schroden	31st

"There is nothing wrong with the alignment of the birth dates. Do not attempt to adjust... We control the vertical... We control horizontal..."

(Okay, what 1960's sci-fi TV show did I steal that from??!)

June

Larry Heitz	7th
Tina Shea	7th
Dino Paul Crocetti	7th
Sal Ricotta	10th
David Niggel	12th
Sue Kulczycki	13th
John Cahlammer	14th
Steve Rabin	14th
Pat Collins	15th
Bill Millico	20th
Scott Feck	24th
Michael Shea	26th
Cheri Benner	27th



***We're gonna have a
Good Time!!***



SCC WOMEN!

**SAVE THE DATE!
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF MOST MONTHS**

**THE *VETTE VIXENS* MEET
FOR COCKTAILS
AND DINNER -
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR
NOT.**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL
FOR DETAILS.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**SCC MEN!
Save The Date!**

**Third Wednesday
Most Months.**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!



**DON'T FORGET THE
MEMBERS' ONLY
DRAWING AT THE
MONTHLY DINNER
MEETINGS!**

**You Must Be Present To
Win!!!**

**THE PRIZE MONEY STARTS OUT AT
\$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00
EACH MONTH UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER!**

**BE SURE TO BE THERE!
YOU MIGHT WIN!**



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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



Florida? Gulf Coast State? No... Prescott, AZ. 2014

SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members

John and Louise Ulrich



From John...

When Louise married me 36 years ago there was 2 & 4 wheel baggage.... Since building plastic Corvettes at 7 years of age, there always seems to be a Corvette in the background.

After high school, a 1970 took me through college. The 1981 arrived 32 years ago with Louise requesting a red 4spd. Done! It lives in MN under a cover for 7 months a year. It placed 1st in class at NCCC judging for 4 years straight.

The C3 theme of the C7 was the first time I needed a new one. Arrangements were made, colors picked and a flight south took us to the Museum in 2014. What a memory, walking into the Museum and seeing our car.

We brought the C7 to AZ in 2017 and needed a place to put it after our seasonal rental ended. We bought a garage with house attached. We leave AZ when it hits 100 degrees and arrive back when it goes below.



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SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members



***Tammie
Neaves***

and her
2023 Ceramic
Gray Z51
Convertible

This is Tammie's first Corvette. She has lived in the valley since 1985, except while serving in the USAF and working for the FAA.

She loves all animals and has one Arabian horse, two Papillon dogs, and one gray marble cat. Tammie works from home during the week and enjoys remodeling houses as an investment hobby.



Bill Millico and his 2019 Grand Sport

Glen and Brenda High and their 2021 Sebring Orange Convertible.
Glen and Brenda are busy learning the pleasures of a recent retirement and enjoying their grandchildren. We look forward to photos in the July issue.

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Message From Our Membership Director - Rich Kosina

Did they forget their name tag?

We all hear it over and over whether it's a weekend driver event or the monthly membership meeting "please wear your name tag." But what about those folks displaying a paper name tag? Likely they are prospective new members.

If the first time you see them is at the monthly membership meeting and they were working the registration desk, it is a task they were assigned. If there are multiple prospects attending the meeting, shifts are created, and they're assigned to work one. Whichever the case, these folks are interested in joining the Scottsdale Corvette Club and it is the job of all of us to make them feel welcome.

We must remember back to when we ourselves first joined the club. Back then we were outsiders, possibly feeling a little intimidated seeing all these existing members and observing how everyone seemed to know everyone else. Quietly, we wondered if we would ever fit in.

I'm asking the entire membership to recall when they first joined the club and remember how great it was when a stranger put out their hand and said "hi, I'm so and so, welcome to the club," maybe adding "what Corvette do you own?" If you always do this - thank you! If you haven't made it a point to do this, please do. Your welcoming smile and friendly handshake says everything about yourself and the kind of Club YOU represent. You'll also be making someone feel just a little bit more comfortable in their new and strange surroundings.

We always say "We just want to have fun" and let's insure prospective new members are having fun too.

SCC New Rides!



John Prenzno

added this
2016 Z06 C7.R
to his collection.

Paying tribute to the Corvette Racing C7.R, only 570 C7.R coupes were produced. Seventy for export.

The car includes the 3LZ trim level and the Z07 Performance Package.

We now have both a Black and a Yellow C7.R in the club.

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May

10th - Club Meeting
3rd - Saguaro Lake Wine
and Music Cruise
12th - Andaz Happy Hour
17th - Vixens/Poker
19th - Bisbee Trip
24th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

June

No Club Meeting
TBD - Woods Canyon Lake
21st - Vixens/Poker

Mini Events

July

No Club Meeting... nothin'



Maybe a Mini Event

August

No Club Meeting
16th - Vixens/Poker
23rd - Board Meeting

Mini Events

September

13th - Club Meeting
20th - Vixens/Poker
22nd - Prescott Vette
Sette Show

Mini Events

October

11th - Club Meeting
15th - SCC Cruise For
A Cause
18th - Vixens/Poker
25th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

November

8th - Club Meeting
15th - Vixens/Poker

Mini Events

December

No Club Meeting
10th - Toy Run &
Holiday Party
6th - Board Meeting

Mini Events

Coming Events

Scottsdale Corvette Club ~ October 15, 2023 7-night cruise

Revel in the relaxation of the Caribbean on the *Allure of the Seas* from Galveston, TX



SCC Cruise for a Cause –

For every 8 cabins booked into our group, Suzy will donate to our charity Ronald McDonald House the average value of one person's cruise fare in our group. Prices start at \$449 per person, not including \$130 per person taxes.

Realistically, most will book ocean-facing balconies. Balconies averaging \$1,915 per couple for cruise, port taxes and insurance. Drinks, Tips, WiFi, Airfare and pre-cruise hotel will be extra and determined at a later time.

This cruise group is open to ANYONE YOU WANT TO INVITE – Friends, Family, Neighbors, whomever to maximize our charitable donation.

To Book, contact Suzy Poulter Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com or call/text 925-200-8166

Have your Crown & Anchor number handy if you have one/know it.

The deposit due at booking will vary, but expect it to be \$500 per cabin, refundable until July, 2023, when the balance will be due.

Royal Caribbean Group, Ltd. Ship's Registry Bahamas
For more details: <https://tinyurl.com/SCC-Galveston>

7-NIGHT WESTERN CARIBBEAN *Allure of the Seas*



DAY	PORTS OF CALL	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Galveston, Texas		4:00 PM
2-3	Cruising		
4	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	4:30 PM
7	Cruising		
8	Galveston, Texas	7:00 AM	

Ports of call, port order and times may vary.

2024 SCC Cruise for a Cause - September 22, 2024

Whether you're going with us to the Caribbean this year or not, you're welcome to book our **2024 Cruise for a Cause** to Alaska at any time!

It will be the NORWEGIAN ENCORE, sailing round-trip from Seattle for 7 nights, 9/22/2024. Why September you ask?



- 1) Kids are in school
- 2) The ship can explore more areas of Glacier Bay National Park late in the season because the seal pups are grown
- 3) Kids are in school – are you seeing a theme here? Seattle cruises can be overrun with kids in the Summer!
- 4) It's closer to a year from our October 2023 trip
- 5) It's cheaper than the Summer

This ship has a great observation lounge at the front of Deck 15 – great for Alaska any time of year AND a go-kart track we can do a group activity in. It'll be a blast!

The group cruise prices I negotiated start at \$740 per person for an inside to \$1,385 per person for a suggested mini-suite Category MB. These rates include perks. You get to pick between two different sets of great perks – one has a drink package and the other has other benefits for those that don't drink. The deposit varies based upon the current promotion, but is likely \$500 per cabin or less, refundable, and the balance will be due in May, 2024.

On top of the great group rates, Norwegian has a special group program perk I've selected that will allow me to donate an extra \$100 per cabin to our charity ON TOP OF the money Charles and I will give to our charity for every 8 cabins booked. The more cabins we book, the more we'll donate! So excited about that!

For more information, email Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com or text/call 925-200-8166. Book early for best cabin selection!
~ Suzy Poulter

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Coming Events

Important!! 2024 Activities Survey - August - Important!!

In August, the Activities Committee will be issuing the annual Activities Survey to guide them through 2024. Based on YOUR input, the committee will focus on those activities favored by club members. That's YOU.

If you have any ideas on activities for 2024, please send to Dave Sacks sacks.da47@gmail.com. Dave and his team would not only appreciate your ideas, but also your willingness to volunteer to lead or assist in organizing events.

If you have any activity ideas, please send to Dave by July 15th.

For years, our club slogan has been, "We just want to have fun." We can continue that with your help.

PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE CAR SHOW NEWS

Save the Date 2023 Historic Prescott Corvette Car Show

Volume 1, Issue 1 February 23, 2023



prescottvettesette.com

The SCC weekend trip is currently booked, however some members often go up for the day.

If you aren't part of the SCC trip, but plan to attend, please let Jerry Strimbu or Mark Bales know.

We'll look for you at the show.

You are invited to participate in the **17th All Corvette Car Show** hosted by **Prescott Vette Sette** on Saturday September 23. As before, the car show will be held around the picturesque Courthouse Plaza in downtown Prescott. This year, we will significantly increase registration by filling Goodwin Street with Corvettes. We expect to have 300+ cars on display as we did last year. So make your vacation plans and reserve rooms now.

Registration for the Car Show opens April 1st 2023

Activities that are planned in addition to Saturday's Corvette Car show: **Early check-in** Thursday evening and Friday will again be at the Hassayampa Inn - our Host Hotel of the car show. Then enjoy their 'Stingray' drink in the bar - or better yet on the patio!

The very popular **Poker Run** will be held **Friday morning**. This year we expect to register perhaps 100+ drivers and of course that means a larger prize for the Winner and the Loser. Expect a new and exciting drive that will show off the Prescott area in a different way.

We are trying to arrange a **Friday afternoon hand-car-wash** volunteered by students of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. They have been car show volunteers (behind the scenes) for years. Donations will reward them for their support of our car show, so be generous.

We are very excited to tell you about our plans for **Friday and Saturday evening**. How about on **Friday Evening**, a "good 'ol Fashioned Street Dance" and sponsored by The USVets Prescott. The Whiskey Pistols, a terrific local band will provide the music. We plan to have a Beer/Wine Bar plus some heavy snacks. The corner of Montezuma and Goodwin St. will be our Dance Floor from 5:00 pm to maybe 9:00 pm. **Saturday Evening** please join us for the 1st Annual **Awards Party** and a great Bar-B-Q Dinner with the Whiskey Pistols again, providing the entertainment. This memorable event will cost only \$25/person and we are sure it will sell out. Our hosts for the fabulous food and great venue, will be the Manzanita Grill and Bar inside the main Clubhouse of Antelope Hills Golf Course (next to the Airport on the way to Williams and I-40). The Awards, prizes and gifts will be given to you, our guests, as we try to Thank You for your participation.

Be sure to tell all of your fellow Corvette friends that did not come !



If you have questions, give me a call

Tom Jones

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Vette-Togethers...



Tucson Air Show

March 25-26



Photos and Story by David Sacks

We left the Pavilions parking lot at 9:30 AM on Saturday March 25 for our adventure to Tucson. The weather was excellent, and we had a smooth free ride until we hit traffic on eastbound Route 60 where we met traffic for the Renaissance Festival, slowing us to a crawl. Frustrating, but in reality we only lost about 15 to 20 minutes of time.



After passing the Festival entrance, we turned on State Route 79, and after a brief stop to close ranks, smooth sailing ahead. We made a pit stop at the Speedy Gas station in Florence, where Frank and Darlene Heavlin joined our caravan for a total of 10 cars and 18 participants.

The next stretch of Route 79 from Florence to Oro Valley was absolutely beautiful with lavender plants lining both sides of the two-lane highway and no traffic to keep our 'Vettes from purring along.



We arrived at the Noble Hops in Oro Valley for lunch around 12:20 PM. The place was bustling, but we had reserved tables on the patio. The temperature was a little brisk, but not uncomfortable as the sun was shining brightly. The food, service and camaraderie were excellent. We had a leisurely lunch and enjoyed hanging around until about 2:00 PM.

Vette-Togethers... Tucson Air Show continued

We then departed for an approximately 30-minute drive to the San Xavier mission. After pausing for some group photographs, we made our way inside and around the grounds of the mission. The mission was originally established in 1692 and the current building was constructed between 1783 and 1797, making it the oldest European structure in Arizona. The architecture is truly awesome. It is not just a tourist attraction. It is a working Catholic church, holding services and prayer opportunities for its parishioners.

On the way back to the metro Tucson area and our hotel, we had a special treat – we could view part of Saturday's air show from our cars. The show was identical on both Saturday and Sunday, so we got a preview of the USAF Thunderbirds and other aircraft at about 4 PM.

After checking in at the Marriott TownePlace Suites, we had time to freshen up and meet for dinner at BJ's Brewhouse. The restaurant is 0.7 miles from the hotel, so many of us walked and some drove. It was a nice walk going, but a little chilly for the return stroll back.

We had planned to have snacks and conversation in the lobby after returning from BJ's. However, most seemed a little tired from the day, and we had to rise up early the next morning. We scheduled breakfast for 6:30 AM to allow us to get early access to avoid base traffic, get good parking, and a good viewing location. Thus, the socializing was tabled in exchange for a brief drivers meeting in the lobby. Of course, there were a few grumbles about the early hour, including from a woman who is very close to me! Nevertheless, we soldiered on.

After a great breakfast, our caravan left the hotel at 7:15 AM for the short two mile drive to Davis-Monthan AFB. The main gate was not open, but we found the park slightly up the street where drivers could stage their cars in line to be amongst the first to enter. There were non-SCC members in line, including a veteran of the air show who was first in line. Surprisingly earlier than anticipated, he gave the signal to move out and a few minutes later we were inside the base. We were directed to parking on the second row just steps from the security gate. We couldn't ask for anything better!



Vette-Togethers... Tucson Air Show continued



Inside the grounds there were various vendors, food stands and exhibits. On the ground, we saw a WW II B-25 bomber similar to those that took part in Doolittle's raid on Tokyo as well as a C-5 cargo plane and other aircraft. There was also a virtual reality game that simulated in-air refueling.

We found a place along the flight line to set up our chairs, and a few members rented reserved seats.

The show was very exciting. We saw an assortment of aircraft and stunt flyers including a jump team, A-10 Thunderbolts, a T-35, Navy EA-18 Growlers, a biplane stunt exhibition, an F-35A demonstration, helicopter flights and the USAF Thunderbirds who ended the show. Personally, I thought that the most awesome single aircraft was the F-35. Its speed, noise and its ability to shake the ground were unmatched. In one maneuver, it could fly slow enough to seem like it was hovering, and then instantly speed away with its after-burner glowing.

Some of us left to return home during the afternoon, and some stayed to the very end, but we all had a very exciting day. Another air show seems like a good candidate for next year's calendar!!



Vette-Togethers... Tucson Air Show continued



Quiz:

What colors were the Corvettes used to film the TV series “Route 66” and why?

(Answer in a few pages...)

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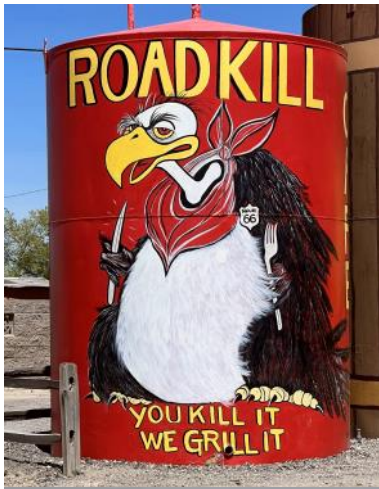
Vette-Togethers...

Seligman - Laughlin - Oatman Trip

April 28th-30th

Article by John Cahlamer

Photos courtesy of John, Sue Cahlamer, Bill Follette, Stacey Chulew, Dave Sacks & your editor.



On a warm, sunny, Friday morning, April 28, eight shiny Corvettes gathered in the McDonald's parking lot at Carefree Hwy and I-17 for a three-day road adventure. Mark and Stacey Chulew organized the trip to Laughlin, NV taking as much of the historic route 66 as possible. We stopped for lunch at the Roadkill Café in Seligman, AZ.



At this point Sue Henry and her son in their 2013 white Grand Sport joined us from Flagstaff. When checking out the route, a few weeks before Mark Chulew said he ran over a large opossum. We were pleased to see it on the menu as a high dollar entre. Seligman was bustling with bikers and tourists.



We proceeded on route 66 to Kingman after which we hit AZ-68 and drove through Bullhead city, crossing the Colorado River into Laughlin. We stayed two nights at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. Some of our gambling members hit the slots before we were checked in. The Follette's joined the group at this point. Dinner was an excellent buffet at the hotel.



After dinner, we toured the good size collector car museum on the third floor, after which several tried their luck at the blackjack tables as well as slots.



Note: A very rare photo of your editor who is under the Witness Protection Program..

Vette-Togethers... Seligman - Laughlin - Oatman continued



We woke to a beautiful sunup. The river was roaring.

At ten a.m., we met to take about a 45-minute drive to Oatman, AZ. This is a historic old gold mining town famous for its wild donkeys that walk the streets and sidewalks looking for handouts. Wild is a misnomer. They were very tame. It was biker weekend in Laughlin, and the town was filled with bikers. To me the town looked like a compressed Cave Creek with very old buildings.

Back at the hotel there were many activities: river walk, view the Davis Dam, water taxi rides, shopping, pool lounging, napping and of course gambling.

Dinner was at the Outback Steakhouse in the Aquarius Hotel and Casino to the south of our hotel. Mark and Stacey were good enough to arrange a room to seat all of us.



Following, we were on our own to sit at the poolside, listen to music in the lounges, and as a number of us did, hit the gaming tables and slots. Sue and I tried the water taxi back to our hotel and the evening weather and view was perfect.



We were on our own taking off to the Phoenix area the next morning. I think this trip epitomized the Scottsdale Corvette Club's motto "we just want to have fun", and we did.

A big thanks to Mark and Stacey for their work organizing and managing this successful event.

(Editor's Note: Several great photos from several great contributors, so more photos on the next page)



Vette-Togethers... Seligman - Laughlin - Oatman continued

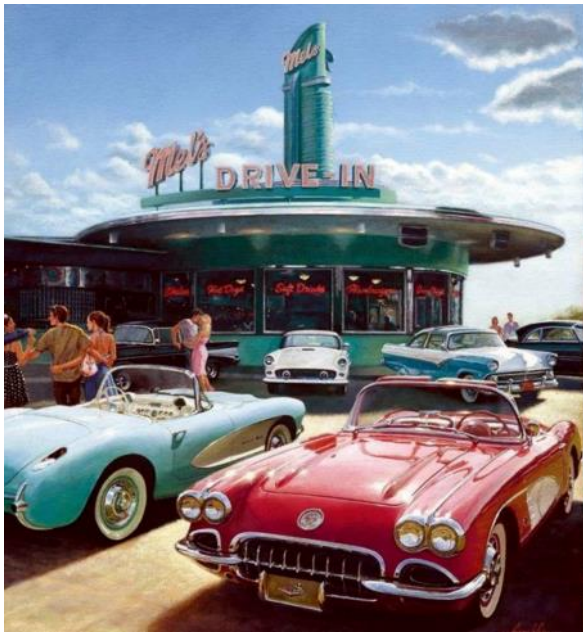


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Horizon Blue, Cascade Green and Fawn Beige. The show was in black and white so some colors, like red, didn't work.

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Brief History of the Drive-in Restaurant (and an experiment with AI)



Drive-in restaurants, also known as carhops, first appeared in the United States in the 1920s, with the invention of the automobile. These establishments allowed customers to remain in their cars while their food was delivered to them by servers on roller skates or on foot. The first drive-in restaurant is believed to have been Kirby's Pig Stand in Dallas, Texas, which opened in 1921.

In the following years, drive-in restaurants became increasingly popular, particularly in the 1950s and 1960s. Many of these establishments were designed with a distinctive architecture known as Googie, which featured futuristic elements like neon lights, bright colors, and geometric shapes. Famous drive-in chains of this era included A&W, Sonic, and McDonald's.

Drive-in restaurants declined in popularity in the 1970s and 1980s as fast-food chains shifted towards indoor seating and drive-thru service. However, many classic drive-ins still exist today, particularly in smaller towns and rural areas. In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in drive-ins, with some establishments incorporating modern technology like online ordering and mobile payment.



Above: Your order delivered to your car via conveyor belt.



Right: Feeling a little warm?

Your car hop would pump cold air into your car.



Editors Note: The top three paragraphs of this article were NOT written by me. AI gets the credit. I simply asked for a brief history of drive-in restaurants, and AI spit out an article. I might have done it differently, but thought you might want to see an example of what's making the news....

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