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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*

Well looks like summer is here. The mornings are still in the low 70's but it heats up really quick to the low 100's and we all know that the monsoons and its humidity are right around the corner. As you know, we do not have meetings in the June, July and August as members are off on vacations or at summer homes in cooler climates. I have to admit I am suffering a little bit of withdrawal. Since my wife and I joined the club last summer, we have had something going every month with the club. It was the initial meet and greet of members at Detroit Coney Island last July, in August we attended our first mini event at Lures Fish house and then it was dinner meetings in September, October, November and the Holiday party in December. In 2023 I believe we have been at least one if not two club sponsored events every month except June. I am looking forward to the dinner at Nick's in July with some club members and hopefully be able to attend other mini events in August.

I want to give a special thanks to Dave Sacks and the event committee for putting these events together. And a special thanks to Jerry and Pat for putting together the trip to Bisbee. It is a lot of hard work and they do a great job. Just a reminder, the event committee is in the process of putting together the annual survey of proposed activities for 2024 (the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Dave Sacks put a request out on June 1 for suggestions to put on the survey. I had coffee with Dave recently and he indicated he had only 2 responses to his request. This is your club, please get involved. Let Dave know if you have an idea for a mini event, day trips, weekend trips, etc. We have a lot of new members who are still working so we are looking for some ideas for Saturday or Sunday events. He needs your input by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

At the May Dinner meeting we had about 50 members attend and Gary Bennet, one of our newer members spoke about how he got involved in auto auctions, his time at Barrett Jackson and the car collecting business. It was a very enjoyable talk, thank you Gary. We had some issues with Ancala at the meeting, they were short food for the last couple of tables. We did discuss this with them afterwards and they apologized for the poor service. Their service and food had been top notch for the previous meetings in 2023. We are under contract with them for September, October and November. We will be monitoring their service during that time frame to see if we want to renew for 2023. We will also be exploring other venues and options for 2024. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

I want to give a shout out to Dave Rudzki and the Van service department. About week ago, on a beautiful Sunday morning I took my C8 out with the top down. I go to my destination, went to put the top up and it said something was in the way. I tried it a couple of time, turned off the car nothing. So, I got out and watched the top come up, the piece that sets on top of the head rest is supposed to retrack when the top comes up, mine did not. Called Dave Monday morning he asked how quickly could I get the car in, I said 20 minutes. Got my car back that afternoon. He said that they have had a number of C8 convertibles in the shop with that problem so they had the part in stock.

I think I have rambled on long enough. Enjoy your summer, if traveling be safe. Look forward to seeing some of you at mini events over the summer and more of you at the dinner meeting in September.

Let's continue to have Fun in 2023.

*A little fun...*  
***From Our Members...***



## **Corvette Love is Global!**

*by Izzy and Mary Beth Meyers*

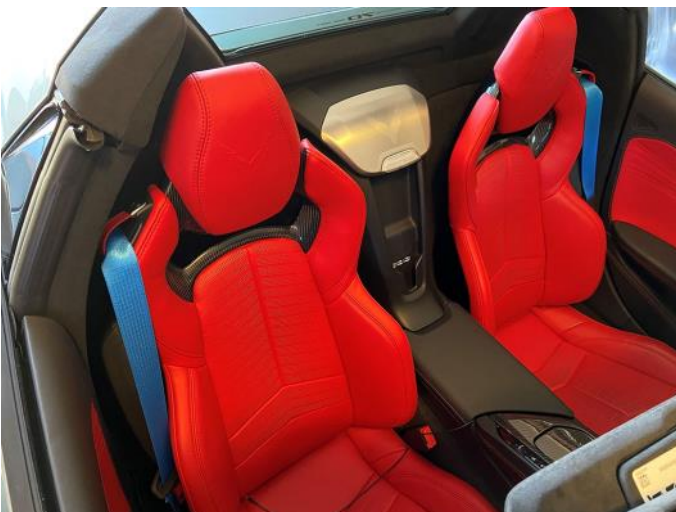
We were on an Asian Cruise vacation. While in the town of Fujinami, south of Tokyo, we were visiting a Shinto shrine and hoping to see mount Fuji.

We saw the shrine but the weather kept the mountain hidden. However, in the parking lot was this surprise, a C5 Corvette with left hand drive. I tried to talk to the driver but he spoke no English (and I speak no Japanese). I did manage to communicate that I had one also.

The car had very cool glossy black wheels and sounded great when it started. It was fun seeing this in Japan.

## **Oops! Is Right**

If something looks a little “off” in the photo below, read on...



You’ve patiently waited months for your new Z06. Delivery day comes and you discover a little surprise.

That’s what happened to member Gary Bennett. Click on the link to Corvette Blogger to read more...

[\[PICS\] Oops! Another Corvette is Delivered with the Wrong Equipment - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](http://corvetteblogger.com)

Thanks to ***Muffy Bennett*** for passing this on.



## They Say Its Your Birthday!



### July

Diane Feck 1st  
Chris Mingie 3rd  
Robert Snyder 4th  
Rollie Trayte 9th  
Mark Bales 13th  
Harrison Ford 13th  
Sharon Heitz 14th  
Fran Harder 16th  
Sue Henry 18th  
Louise Ulrich 19th  
Matt Buesing 22nd  
Walter Juessen 23rd  
James Gargano 24th  
Ed Luse 25th  
Kathy Szkatulski 26th  
Sherry Nelson 31st

### August

Suzy Poulter 13th  
Jim Voice 22nd  
Brenda High 25th  
Reed Milano 25th  
Michael D'Andre 27th  
Mark Chulew 30th  
Susan Rippinger 30th



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



**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.**

**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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## ***SCC New Cruisers! Please welcome our newest members***



**Glen and Brenda High** and their 2021 Sebring Orange Convertible. Glen and Brenda joined prior to the last newsletter but they were busy learning the pleasures of a recent retirement and enjoying their grandchildren. Welcome to the SCC!

### *Is this* **“The End Of the World As We Know It?”**



#### **2025 Corvette SUV**

- Porsche Cayenne the target, so initially ICE and not electric
- Variety of engines, including the 6.2L 682 hp V8 from the Cadillac Escalade V
- Will receive the classic Z code option packages.
- AWD possibly borrowing from the E-Ray
- Last half of 2024 with a starting price estimated at \$60,000 (??)

Speculation or fact? We'll see!

*(Note: These are artists renderings)*





## July

**No Club Meeting**

6th - Nick's Italian Restaurant  
20th - Olive and Ivy

## 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](mailto: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.

## ***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](mailto: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 an idea, but uncomfortable leading it, don't fret. Dave and his team will assist in organization and coordination.

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.

## Coming Events

PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE CAR SHOW NEWS

# Save the Date

## 2023 Historic Prescott Corvette Car Show



[prescottvettesette.com](http://prescottvettesette.com)

Volume 1, Issue 1 February 23, 2023

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*

Tom Jones

2023 Car Show Chair

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## RIP

## George "Buzz" Maharis

## 1928 - 2023

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# ***Vette-Togethers...***



*Saguaro Lake Cruise*  
May 3rd, 2023



*by Charlene Capek*

Around noon, we gathered at Portillo's, then we drove to Phil's Restaurant in Fountain Hills. A good lunch was enjoyed by all in this interesting restaurant. The walls are covered with puzzles of iconic brands like Ford, Coca Cola, and Chevrolets, many behind glass covers. After lunch it was off to Saguaro Lake.



It was a balmy 93 degrees when 35 of us departed on the 80-minute cruise. Captain John was very personable. Ian Eric was a one-man band singing, playing guitar and harmonica. Most of us joined in for Sweet Caroline and other great songs.

During the cruise we saw an eagle, crows and red-tailed hawks. We also saw a very confused pelican who thought he was at the beach in Southern California. I also thought we saw some big horn sheep on the cliffs (after my first margarita!).

Thanks to Frank and Janet Tasnadi for organizing the cruise. It was a wonderful afternoon.



***Vette-Togethers... Saguaro Lake continued***



## ***Vette-Togethers... Saguaro Lake continued***



**Above:**  
Ian Eric, our musical entertainment.



**To the Left:**  
A very confused pelican, far, far from home. It would not survive an Arizona summer, so the plan was to capture and relocate it back to California.



## ***Bisbee Trip***

***May 19th - 21st***

***By Dick Kulczycki***

***Photo contributions - Pat Collins, Rich Kosina, Bill Follette***

Early on a Friday May 19 our group of 9 Corvettes met at our frequent gathering place, Starbucks at the Pavilions near Talking Stick. Our tenth car, Walter Juessen's ZR1, was not in attendance until later in the afternoon as his driver did not want to get up so early in the morning.

After our drivers meeting we began our caravan south on the 101 to 60 East, and eventually to the state road through Florence to north Tucson. It was a perfect day for driving, not too sunny and perfect weather and we moved along with no traffic. We zig zagged through Tucson and stopped for lunch at the Divine Bovine. Their menu had every possible burger combination one could want, great sides and beer for anyone who wished to imbibe. The burgers were great and we highly recommend them! As Jerry and Pat said, they were world class...

Hoping we would not fall asleep from that large lunch, we headed out on our final stretch. We took a small swing through Tombstone for those who had never been there and continued to Bisbee and our home for the weekend, the Eldorado Suite Hotel. We headed up a steep street and into the adjacent parking lot and carefully fit most of the cars in the parking lot like puzzle. Since we were walking all the time we were in Bisbee there was no need to worry about moving any of the cars and they were all safely packed away together.



## ***Vette-Togethers... Bisbee continued***



The hotel was great and everyone had their own bedroom, living room kitchen and bathroom. They had verandas in the front overlooking the town, and also in the back where they overlooked a private patio.

As is our normal custom, later in the afternoon we gathered on the back patio with its waterfall, comfy seats and tables. We enjoyed our hor d'oeuvres and libations in the cool shade. For dinner we all took a walk to our favorite restaurant in Bisbee, Cafe Roca. The menu was wonderful and everyone really enjoyed their meal. Walter almost mistakenly ordered the Cauliflower steak, which he actually thought was a real steak, until he was corrected! The menu changes frequently highlighting seasonal specialties. Upon arrival back to our home away from home, we enjoyed more time with after dinner drinks on the patio.



Saturday morning was relaxing with some headed to the Copper Queen mine for a tour by retired miners and others headed off to various locations around town. Pat had nicely arranged for one of her favorite shops to have private time for our group and there were lots of purchases made at the shop.

Jerry and Pat arranged a Bisbee Pub Crawl for the afternoon visiting first the St Elmo Bar which opened in 1902 and is the oldest continuously operated bar in the state. There was a rowdy bunch of locals hanging out at the bar. Then most of the group moved on to the Bisbee Social Club, which is a few steps down from street level and was formerly a speakeasy. Lastly we visited the Old Bisbee Brewing Company which had a nice patio, perfect for a nice afternoon.



At 7 pm Saturday night, as Jerry and Pat promised, they treated us all to a beautiful and scrumptious steak dinner on the patio. The steaks were cooked to perfection and all the sides were wonderful. They even served wine and dessert! What a nice way to end our well planned trip to Bisbee. We all marveled as to how Jerry and Pat managed to pull this off for 19 people while on a trip!

Thank you Jerry and Pat for showing us the best time in Bisbee, and for all the effort you put forth with the events and our incredible dinner on the road!

## ***Vette-Togethers... Bisbee continued***



## ***Vette-Togethers... Bisbee continued***

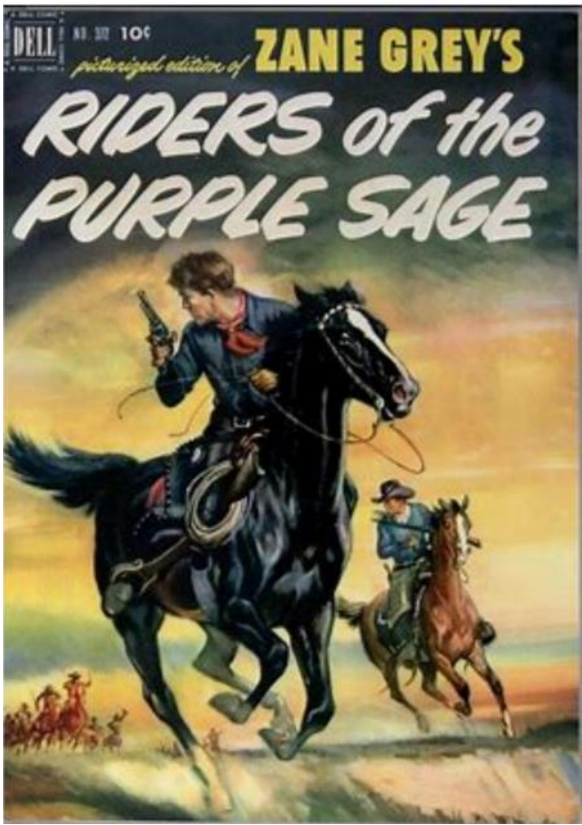


**Left:**  
Chef Extraordinaire  
Jerry Strimbu



**Lower left & opposite right:**  
The hotel courtyard provided a wonderful setting for Jerry and Pat's special dinner.





## ***Day Trip - Payson/Rim Country***

**June 9, 2023**

**by Dave Sacks**

**Photos - Mark/Dave Sacks**

Nine shiny Corvettes and 16 SCC members met at the Target parking lot in Fountain Hills for a day trip to Payson. Chuck and Sandi Wechsler decided to meet us at the restaurant in Payson for a total of 18 members making the trip. It was a beautiful day - the forecasted high in Scottsdale was a moderate 93-94 degrees.

We left a little past 10:30 AM and had a beautiful, relatively traffic free drive up the curvy, hilly and very scenic Beeline Highway. The drive was just over one hour, and was an iconic Corvette experience, zipping through mountain curves. We did not hit traffic until reaching the first stop light in Payson.

We arrived at Fargo's Steakhouse about 10 to 15 minutes early, and while we had assigned parking in a rear lot, we did not see any signs for that. After many of us had parked in the regular lot, I spotted the manager frantically running out carrying signs. She pointed out the rear lot and a few then parked there, but most of us stayed where we were.

Fargo's has a nice covered patio and we spotted a long table with seats for 18. After confirming that the table was ours, we sat outdoors and had a wonderful lunch with the temperature reaching a pleasant 79 degrees. The food and service were excellent, and many of us expressed a desire to return on a future day.



We had a very leisurely lunch, staying until around 2 PM. Afterwards about 10-12 members went to the Zane Grey Cabin and the Rim Country Museum. Others went to Tonto Natural Bridge or the Lavender Festival, while some had plans to stay the weekend. In a sense it was a "flex-trip," with something for everyone. It turned out to be a great day for all!

## ***Vette-Togethers... Payson Day Trip continued***



## ***But Wait! There's More!***

### **Scottsdale Corvette Club Stats**

Membership Director, Rich Kosina, got a little curious and took a look at the top line make-up of the Club. Offered to me as “filler” in case I needed it, I found it worth starting a new page. Much of the data isn't too surprising, but a couple are interesting. So, let's take a look, ranked by SCC households:

#### **Where Do We Live?**

Ranked, in order, and no real surprises:

Scottsdale - 55 - 67%

Phoenix— 9 - 11%

Fountain Hills - 5 - 6%

Cave Creek— 5 - 6%

Paradise Valley - 2 - 2.4%

Chandler - 2 - 2.4%

Followed by Anthem, Mesa, Sun City and Wickenburg at 1 and 1.2% each

#### **What Do We Drive?**

This differs from SCC history. In the past, three years after the introduction of a new generation, that generation took over the top spot. C8 has proved to be a little different. I think we all know why. Strong demand, COVID induced/other supply chain issues and constraints, etc.

Ranked by generation:

**C8 - 30 - 33.3%**

**C7 - 39 - 43.3%**

C6 - 6 - 6.7%

C5 - 6 - 6.7%

C4 - 2 - 2.2%

C3 - 3 - 3.3%

C2 - 4 - 4.4%

C1 - 0 - 0.0% This stat also varies from SCC history. First time we haven't had all generations.

#### **How Many Corvettes Do We Own?**

One - 63 - 79.7%

Two - 13 - 16.5%

Three - 3 - 3.8%

So... What does it all tell us?

Somebody out there needs to pony up and buy a C1 so the club can get back to claiming we represent all generations!!!

Seriously, thanks to Rich Kosina for taking the time to pull the data together.

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