



# Scottsdale CORVETTE Club™

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### *Dinner Meetings:*

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

*No meetings in June/July/August/December.*

### *Reservations Required*

*Note: In 2024 Dinner locations will vary. Watch for 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 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*

I want to wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024. I can't believe a year has gone by since I wrote my first From the Driver's Seat. 2023 was been a year filled with a lot of highs and a few lows.

On a high note, the activities committee led by Dave Sacks put together a great year of activities. There was a trip to Southern Arizona to Sonita and the wine country, led by Rich and Angie Kosina. There was another trip to

Southern AZ to Bisbee led by Jerry Strimbu and Pat Collins. Members are still talking about the great meal they prepared and served on Saturday night. The most recent was a day trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and lunch in Superior, led by Dave and Joan Sacks. There was also a trip to Laughlin, led by Mark and Stacy Chulew, the Prescott trip in September led by Jerry and Pat and a trip to the Tucson Air show led by Dave and Joan. In addition to the above there were a number of small dinners at various restaurants in the Valley and trips to the Martin Car Museum and the Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum. I am sure I am missing some as Dave and his team did a great job putting events together.

One of the highlights of the year was the Halloween party thrown by Frank and Janet Tasnadi. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but from what I heard it set the bar for future house parties. The year ended with our annual Toy Run and Holiday Party. When we arrived at Van's, the box was pretty empty, but when we left the box was full. I want to thank all the members who donated toys and a special thanks to ***Bicycle Ranch of Scottsdale*** who donated the bikes. After pictures were taken, we were off to Grayhawk for dinner and a night of dancing. The food was great and the DJ did a good job of getting people on the dance floor. I even saw Walter out there for a couple of dances.

On a low note, we had issues with the monthly dinner meetings at Ancala. When they were on, everything was great, but we had issues with them running out of food at a few meetings, the quality of the food was an issue at some and the Bar was an issue at others. In 2024 the board has decided to look at possible new venues for our dinner meetings. We looked at numerous locations and received pricing from about 8 different venues. As I said in the invite for the January Dinner meeting, we need a space that has parking for our prized Corvettes, a private room that can accommodate anywhere from 40 to 60 people as it changes every month, have some menu options and be reasonably priced. For January we have decided on Venue8600 as it meets most of the criteria. We are still talking with Ancala, Grayhawk and a number of other venues for possible future meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

I would like to thank Jerry Strimbu, Ed Luce and John Snook for their service on the board this past year and welcome Janet Tasnadi to the board for 2024. Dave Sack, Rich Kosina, Mark Morales, Steve Rabin and Sami Weir will continue on for the board for 2024 in their same position except for Sami who is now the Vice President. I look forward to working with them in 2024.

Looking forward, 2024 is an exciting year for the Club as it officially Celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Club was incorporated in 1999. The club still has two original members, Lloyd Benner and Dick and Sue Kulczycki. We will have a special dinner later in the year to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club. We will be doing other special things during the year to help Celebrate our Silver Anniversary.



*From the Driver's Seat continued...*

During this past year we have had a number of speakers and played a couple of trivia games at our monthly dinner meetings. I am always looking for speakers or other activities for our meetings. If you know of anyone that would be a good speaker for the club or an activity for the meeting, please let me know. We try to keep speakers or activities to 20 minutes, 30 at the most so we can take care of club business and get the meetings done by 9:00PM.

And remember,... All we want to do is have fun.

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## **Scottsdale Corvette Club Board of Directors 2024**



***From left to right:*** Dave Sacks, Activities Director  
Rich Kosina, Membership Director  
Steve Rabin, Secretary  
Sami Weir, Vice President  
Janet Tasnadi, Member-at-Large  
Tim Szkatulski, President

***And not pictured...***

**Mark Morales, Treasurer. *Mark was under the weather***



## They Say Its Your Birthday!



### January

Donna Reagan 3rd  
Linda Milano 5th  
Dave Bowie 8th  
Kimberly Ceiley 13th  
Al Redford 13th  
John Schrei 14th  
Bob Mingie 17th  
Lloyd Benner 22nd  
Barry Mentzel 26th  
Dawn VanSickle 28th  
Alla Glazov 31st

### February

Tom Georgiou 2nd  
Izzy Myers 3rd  
Glen High 12th  
Mike Jordan 17th  
Bob Goodhue 23rd  
Charles Nance 23rd

***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!**



**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!**



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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



**SCC MEN!  
Save The Date!**

**Third Wednesday Most  
Months.**

**POKER NIGHT!!**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR  
DETAILS!**



## ***SCC New Members***



***Barry  
And  
Lana  
Mentzel***

***And their 2022  
Black Z51  
Coupe***

From Barry, “Lana and I live here half the year and the other in Michigan just north of Detroit. I’m a periodontist, retired over 5 years. Lana worked retail and then for our son. We have one daughter and two sons. Four grandchildren ages 9-13. We like to travel, spend time at the gym, read, relax.”

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***Jeff  
And  
Lisa  
Armbruster***

***And their 2008  
Crystal Red Metallic  
Convertible***



## ***SCC New Rides***



John Schrei sold his 2014 Torch Red convertible and picked up this 2021 Rapid Blue HTC.



Krysha Sorce and Dick Weber with Krysha's 1965 Rally Red Corvette convertible. The car isn't new to Krysha, but it is new to Arizona.

Krysha had been keeping the Corvette in Illinois.



## Coming Events 2024

### January

10th **Club Meeting**  
13th Bartlett Lake  
17th Poker/Vixens  
20th AZ Dinner Theater  
Board Meeting

### February

3rd Concours in the Hills  
**14th Club Meeting/Van**  
17th Pima Air Museum  
21st Vixens/Poker  
Board Meeting

### March

2nd Bugatti Tour  
8-10th Yuma Air Show  
**13th Club Meeting**  
20th Vixens/poker  
Board Meeting

### April

7th Copperstate Rally  
**10th Club Meeting**  
17th Vixens/Poker  
Board Meeting

### May

**8th Club Meeting**  
15th Vixens/Poker  
17-19th Coronado Trail  
Board Meeting

### June

**No Meeting**  
8th Sedona Day Trip  
19th Poker - No Vixens  
Mini Activities  
Board Meeting

### July

**No Meeting**  
  
Mini Activities  
Board Meeting

### August

**No Meeting**  
21st Poker - No Vixens  
  
Mini Activities  
Board Meeting

### September

**11th Club Meeting**  
18th Vixens/Poker  
Board Meeting

### October

**9th Club Meeting**  
16th Vixens/Poker  
Board Meeting

### November

**13th Club Meeting**  
20th Vixens/Poker  
TBD Detroit Coney Grill  
Board Meeting

### December

**8th Holiday Party and Toy Run**  
Board Meeting





***Sold!!!***

## ***January Auctions and The Concours***

***Check out this fun clip put  
together by our own Dave  
Sacks!***

Barrett Jackson Corvettes  
2018

[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/)

<b>Barrett-Jackson</b>	<b>Jan 20th - 28th</b>	<b>Westworld of Scottsdale</b>
<b>Arizona Concours</b>	<b>Jan 21st</b>	<b>Scottsdale Civic Center</b>
<b>Bonhams</b>	<b>Jan 24th</b>	<b>6902 E Greenway Parkway Scottsdale</b>
<b>Gooding &amp; Co</b>	<b>Jan 29th - 30th</b>	<b>Fashion Square, Scottsdale</b>





*Continuing our series, “My First Corvette”*

## ***Manifesting My First Corvette***

by Tammie Neaves

I live by the words “Believe It to Receive It”. Then, being in the “flow,” send the request out to the Universe and wait. The Universe never fails to return a request, sometimes in surprising ways.

I wasn't thinking about Corvettes, or any cars for that matter, when I met Monty for the first time at a local bar/restaurant in Scottsdale, AZ. Meeting someone on a singles site over the internet most of the time is challenging, but Monty seemed nice enough on the phone and had a house nearby in Scottsdale. I decided to accept Monty's offer to meet him, so I ventured out on a Wednesday night. We had chicken wings and a beer, something I wouldn't typically order, but it seemed to be Monty's favorite. Our conversation was diverse, but then turned to cars, fast cars. He told me he had a 2016 red Dodge Challenger sitting in his garage at his house. He asked me what kind of fast car I liked. I had to think about that because no one had really talked with me about cars in years. What came out of my mouth even shocked me, I said “a new Corvette.” Thinking back, I had owned two convertible sport cars, a BMW Z3 and an Alfa Romeo Veloce. These cars were older, not very fast, not very expensive, but fun to drive, sort of. Monty let out a little laugh and said “Well, why don't you go buy one?” I felt like he was a little condescending. He didn't know anything about me, my situation, or how I could manifest when I put my mind to it. That night sparked the fire in me, which led me to purchase my first Corvette.

The next day, I looked on the Autotrader website for Corvettes. I was looking for a newer vehicle, but not at a dealership, since I really do not like dealing with dealerships. I found a few across the country that I liked. I put together a process in my mind. I would travel by flight to see the best one from my selection, then order a transport to ship it back to me once it was purchased. The one I really liked was in Connecticut. I must have sent out at least ten messages, requesting information on the vehicles listed for sale. To my surprise, no one responded. I wondered why people put their cars on Autotrader but then don't respond. Don't they want to sell their cars? I found a used Vette at small, local dealership in Scottsdale. I called them and had a nice chat with a salesperson. I was told that Corvettes were in high demand, sometimes selling in hours after they were advertised. It made me wonder about the ones I emailed, maybe they were already sold?

Now it's Friday early evening, just two days after I met Monty at the local bar. He texted me “Have you bought a Corvette yet?” along with a smiley face. I thought “what a jerk, it's only been two days.” I wasn't going out anywhere that Friday night, so I sat down with a glass of wine and started the process of building a Corvette on the Chevrolet website. It took me about two hours to go through each item to select, since there were a lot of selections and I had to familiarize myself with some of the unique items. I finally made it to the end, pressed the button that showed “build and find your vehicle” and voila, there it was, my exact build just 20 miles away at a Chevrolet dealership in Avondale. It showed the MSRP price, but I heard that dealerships were selling new vehicles 10 to 20K over MSRP. Still, I was so excited that I called the dealership up right away to see if they still had “my” car. I thought, I'll just sit in it, get the feel for what it would be like to own one. I hoped someone would answer, since it was about 8:45 pm on a Friday night. Someone answered and said yes, the car is still there. I told them that I couldn't make it to their dealership until the following Tuesday night. As the man who answered the phone chuckled, we made an appointment for the following week. After we hung up, I remembered that they sell fast, therefore the chuckle thinking the car would not be there the following Tuesday. I knew that if it was meant to be, then the Vette would still be at the dealership, just for me.

## *“Manifesting My First Corvette” continued...*

The following Tuesday afternoon I called the dealership to see if they still had the Vette that I selected. Yes, they did and yes, I can stop by to take a look at it. When I arrived at the dealership, they connected me with a salesman, Charles Moore. I told Charles that I was there to see the gray Corvette. He told me that he had just sold the gray one, but he had three remaining at a “special” price. He said Chevrolet provided 12 Corvettes to their dealership to sell at MSRP (no markup) as a Superbowl special. I was told that Chevrolet selected the Avondale dealership, since it was the closest to the stadium hosting the Superbowl in 2023. Charles took me to the back lot where he showed me a yellow, then a black Corvette, but neither appealed to me. He took me to see the last Vette, on the other side of the outdoor display area and there it was....MY Corvette. I told Charles that was the vehicle I was looking for all along. We then had a discussion about the color gray. My Vette is Ceramic Gray (officially Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic), but Charles thought I was looking for Hypersonic Gray. Charles opened the door so I could look inside, then take a seat. At that moment, I knew the Universe always keeps its promise to deliver and it just did it again. That night, I put a deposit down and the next day, I was officially the owner of a new Corvette. I didn’t pick up my vehicle until the following Saturday morning, since I had the wheels powder coated black and added paint protective film to the front and sides. As I drove off the dealership lot, my hands were shaking, since this was the first time I had driven the Vette I just purchased, or any Vette, for that matter. At the first stoplight out of the dealership, I pulled the lever and the convertible top tucked away in the back. Two motorcycles drove by me and a man on one said to me “hey lady, your top is down.” I just smiled and said to myself “thank you, Universe.”

### Notes:

No names have been changed because no one is innocent.

I didn’t speak to Monty again until months later. We met one time again, just so he could drive my Vette. Jokingly, I told him I couldn’t buy a Vette in two days, but I did buy one in seven days.

Charles Moore had the same color Vette as what I purchased, only one year older.





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



## ***Boyce Thompson***

### ***Arboretum***

*November 29, 2023*

*Story - Rich Kosina*

*Photos - Rich and John Ulrich*

On Wednesday November 29 at 9:20am with the temperature a cool 55 degrees, ten cars carrying 19 nature loving souls departed the now infamous Pavilion's Starbucks for a relaxing drive east to Boyce Thompson Arboretum. We arrived around 10:30am and since it was a weekday there were only a few other visitors, practically providing the entire place to ourselves. The large group settled into smaller groups seemingly based on peoples walking speed. Besides the many, many different species of cacti, usual Mesquite and Palo Verde trees we came upon along the loop trail we also witnessed roses in bloom, Eucalyptus trees and a pristine running stream. After a couple hours we departed for the short drive to the Town of Superior for Lunch. As the temperature had risen nicely, several of us slid into convertible mode for the ride over. Superior is nestled up against a mountain providing a quite scenic backdrop as we drove in on Main Street.

As we often experience, the Corvettes created some excitement with many people stepping out of their businesses to see and video the scene. Arriving at Bella's Restaurant we found reserved parking places right in front of the restaurant. Bella's is a combined gift shop and restaurant with tables intermixed

among the items for sale. They also have a great shade covered outdoor patio we had all to ourselves. Diners choose from a variety of salads and sandwiches. Amazingly all the food came out of what was probably a tiny 10' x 10' kitchen prepared by Bella and her sole server. Still, they did a great job for us, and they were very appreciative for our visit. With our appetites fulfilled, we individually departed back to the Valley, having enjoyed a beautiful adventure on a sunny November day with our Corvette friends.

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## ***Vette-Togethers... Boyce Thompson Arboretum continued...***



It typically takes 1-2 prior visits by hosts to get things just right for an excursion like this and we want to give a big thanks to Dave and Joan Sacks for their hard work setting this trip up. Thanks guys!

Participants:

Strimbu/Collins-2, Ulrich-2, Sacks-2, High-2, Goepfert-2, Szkatalski-2, Urea-2, Kosina-2, Sue Henry, Krysha Sorce and John Prenzno





# ***2023 Toy Run and Holiday Party!***

***December 10, 2023***

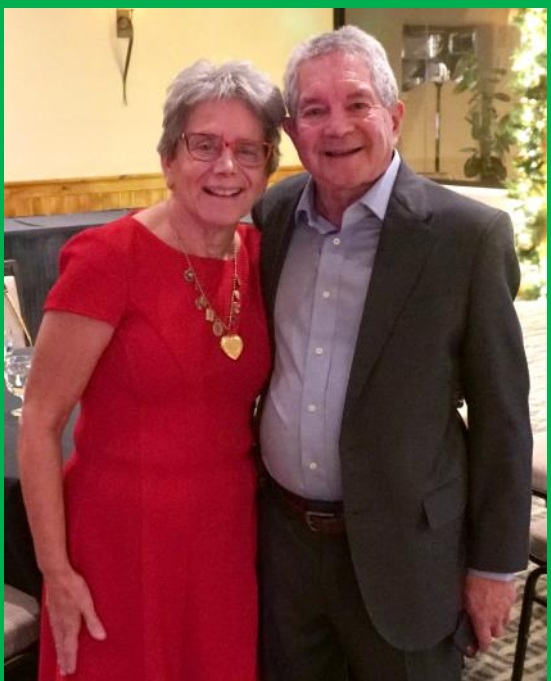
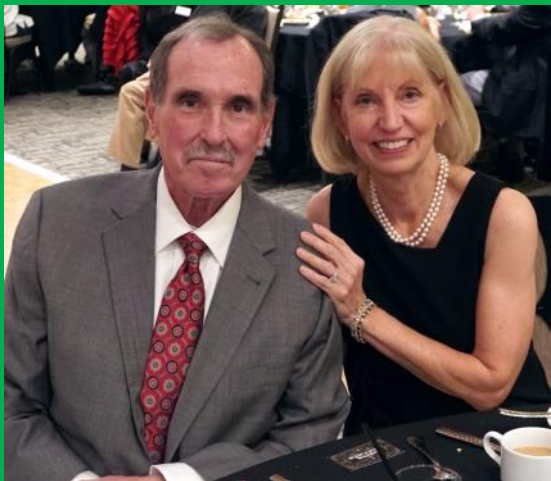


***Another great  
Toy Run  
and  
Holiday Party!***





**2023 Toy Run and Holiday Party!**





## ***2023 Toy Run and Holiday Party!***



***"Feel like dancin' Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!"***



## ***2023 Toy Run and Holiday Party!***



*Dance the night away!*



*Above: Dave and Joan Sacks evening didn't end up quite as planned...*

*Left: A Historic moment. There is only one other record of Walter Juessen dancing!*



# Haves and Wants

**Haves** - You can offer something for sale, you can offer to give something away, or you might “have” information/advice about the Corvette you think other members might be interested in.

**Wants** - Would be the reverse. You are looking for a part, or maybe just advice.

## Haves

### Advice - From member Peter Boland

I have a friend who's been in automotive service most of his life, also a passionate road course racer. He's the Owner, Builder & Driver of car #14 Advanced Autoworks and, is the main principal of that company. From a grocery getter to full blown beast, the Gent. is a walking encyclopedia.

Saw him earlier this week and, as usual got a dose of arcane information regarding our LT1 engines (a lively topic, I used to build engines back in the late 60's early 70's we compare technology of both circa).

The ‘tid-bits’;

1) Carbon buildup on intake valves (topside). Our fuel injectors are mounted in such a way, where by fuel is jetted directly into the combustion chamber. The job of the intake valve is to bring in air provided by the throttle body. Performance wise, optimal arrangement but, with a down side. The gas never runs over the top of the valve as in conventional engines, washing the topside. Thus, a carbon buildup begins to form, starting on day one. There are reports of one quarter inch build-up's, consequently head removal is required, along with manual cleaning.

Fortunately there's an aftermarket ‘fix’ that eliminates the potential. It's known as a “*catch can*,” UPR CSS-5030-96-CSS, priced at \$349.95. Installation is relatively simple. Anyone who's mildly capable of spinning a wrench should be able to do it.

For full details, google ‘Catch Can’ followed by Pt. No. Code.

2) Fuel Additive; I don't remember the exact number but, the force generated by the injection system is incredible. I've always viewed liquid additives as ‘snake oil’ for the uninitiated. Times change, a product that's highly recommended is BG44K fuel additive. Add to a full tank every few months for clean injectors.

Don't know about the rest of the gang but, I wasn't aware of any of the foregoing.

## Wants

### From member Rollie Trayte

“I would love to find a reasonably priced Lexan top for a C6. I saw one on either FB Marketplace or Craig's list for \$850.... Not my definition of “reasonable”

If you have questions for Peter or a top for Rollie, check the Membership roster for their email/phone.

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