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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 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*

*By Tim Szkatulski*

I hope everybody is getting out and enjoying this beautiful weather we are having. Taking a ride in their prized Corvette with the top down or the T tops off. A couple of weeks ago, on the trip to the Pima Air Museum, when we came out from lunch everybody who had a convertible put the tops down for the short ride to the Museum to enjoy the great weather.

I would like to thank Van Chevrolet, our sponsoring dealership, and its General Manager Matt Cerreta for hosting the club for our February dinner meeting. We had about 40 members there who enjoyed pizza, wine and beer. Matt gave the club some insights on the future of the Corvette even passing around a picture of what might be the C9 that would be coming out around 2026 or 2027. Matt also answered questions from the club relating to the current market for the C8's, the Z06 version, the E-Ray and ZR1 that will be coming out in 2025.

As many of you know, in 2023 we had a number of issues with Ancala Country Club for our monthly dinner meetings. In January, the board made the decision to try a new location. The new location selected is Venue 8600 located in the Scottsdale Airpark just off the 101. We received a positive response from the members who attended. The venue is convenient to get to, plenty of parking, the food was good, it was hot and plenty of it. The room set up was good, gave us plenty of room to stand around and socialize during the cocktail hour and they have a good AV system that we put to use. Based on the positive response we, have booked it for the March, April and May meetings. We also have a tentative hold on it for the fall meetings.

I would like to thank Dick Kulczycki for giving us some insight on the beginning of the club and its early years. Dick and his wife are original members of the club, being members for 25 years. I would also thank Mark Bales for providing me with a slide show of pictures from the first 20 years of the club (he is working on adding the last five years). We ran the slide show during the cocktail hour and it was fun to see the older Corvettes and some of the current members who were a lot younger back then. One thing you can see from the pictures is the club has lived up to its motto, "We Just want to have fun".

As many of you know, this is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scottsdale Corvette Club. It was officially incorporated in the Summer of 1999. We will have a special dinner meeting in October to celebrate the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be more details coming as the date gets closer. Also, I am in the process of booking the 2024 Holiday Party. I am looking at Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> and am currently talking with Grayhawk to have the party there again. We have had the party there the last few years and they have done a great job.

On another note, I would like to bring attention to the issue of members signing up for events and not showing up or cancelling beforehand. I know things come up, but if you can't make an event, please let who ever is leading the event know as soon as possible. In the last month, I have been to three events and all had issues. For the February Dinner meeting I had 53 people sign up, three let me know before hand they could not make it and only 40 showed up. I purchased food and beverages for 50, so there was a lot left over. For lunch for the Concourse in the Hills, I believe 18 people signed up, we had 7 show up, but the restaurant had tables reserved for the 18. On the trip to Tucson, we are getting ready to leave Phoenix and we were missing one car, had to hold up our departure and call them to see if they were coming; they were not. So please be considerate of your fellow club



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

members, and the members who put events together. A lot of work goes into planning and executing these activities. In addition, we need to be considerate of the restaurants we have committed to.

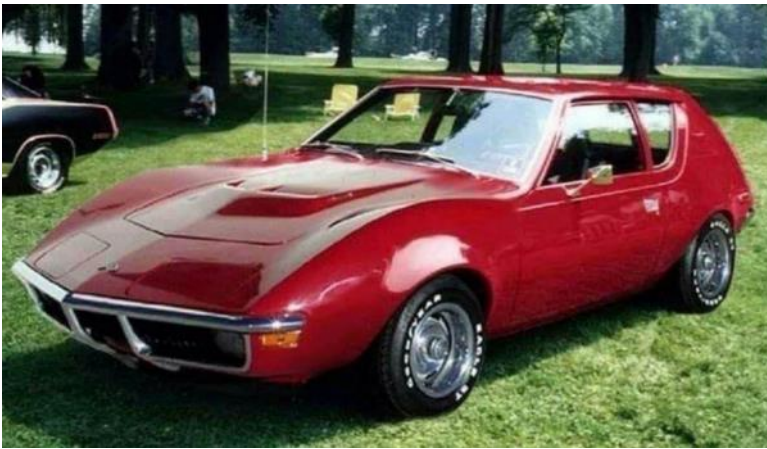
We are starting to look for someone to take over Eventzilla for the club. Janet Tasnadi has been doing it for the last couple of years and is doing a great job, but she has taken on new duties since she became a member of the board. If you are interested, please contact Janet and she can fill you in on what is involved.

Look forward to seeing you at upcoming dinner meetings and events.

We just want to have fun

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***Remember, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."***





## They Say Its Your Birthday!



### March

Michael Cassel 4th  
Dorothy Durby 6th  
Gloria Snook 6th  
Christin Schrei 7th  
Angie Kosina 8th  
Nancy Wilson 16th  
John Snook 19th  
Joan Sacks 21st  
Lucy Boland 22nd  
Mary Beth Myers 23rd  
Tim Szkatulski 26th

### April

Chuck Weschler 4th  
Krysha Sorce 7th  
Michael Terrey 10th  
Gerry Goefert 13th  
Sue Cahlamer 14th  
Lisa Armbruster 19th  
Sami Weir 23rd  
Paul Swenson 25th  
Roseann Gargano 27th  
Christina Georgiou 27th  
Sandi Weschler 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 -  
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DETAILS!**



## ***SCC New Members***



*Please welcome*

Karen and Ken  
McMenimen  
and their  
2019 Elkart Lake  
Blue Z06

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### ***Message from our Membership Director, Rich Kosina***

Do you remember when you first joined SCC? Attending your first meeting and not knowing another soul? For just a few it's been 25 years. For some others it may be just a couple months. What we all share in SCC is we've all been there.

Not much has changed in how folks join today. They still must endure their first awkward meeting, be introduced to a room full of strangers, and now they must even spend time checking in these strangers.

So why am I telling you all this? One other thing a prospective new member must endure is the dreaded paper name tag. They know it's their scarlet letter. Everyone that sees it will (gulp) know they're a prospective new member.

So, what can we members do? Every time you see someone sporting a paper tag you walk up to them, extend your hand to shake theirs, and introduce yourself. Ask them where they're from or what Vette they have. In other words, acknowledge them and let them know they're welcome. After all, when we first joined, isn't that what we all wanted?



*President Tim Szkatulski awards member Dick Kulczycki an official SCC coffee mug at the January dinner meeting.*

*Dick presented a brief history of the early club.*

*Dick and Sue Kulczycki have been members twenty-five years.*

## ***SCC New Rides***

***The Club's average horsepower just went up a notch...***



***Bob Goodhue and his new Z06***



***Walter Juessen's Arctic White Z06/Z07***





## Calendar 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





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Phoenix Art Museum



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# HAS ANYONE EVER HEARD OF THE 1961 KELLY CORVETTE?

Article by Ken Harder

Based On Information from *Collecting Cars and Driven by a Dream* by Larry Edsall



On Monday January 22, I had the honor of viewing two private car collections, the Don and Carol Murray collection in Deer Valley and the John and Sonia Barlow collection in Scottsdale. I was joined by my friend and world class car judge, Paul Oslansky who judges Concours events throughout the United States and who is also a specialist in all things Corvette.

This article is about a car seen at the Breslow collection, a 1961 Chevrolet Corvette by Vignale. Some background. The 1960's were a time when the car industry was perhaps its most creative, set free from the boundaries of staid design and func-

tionality in the years before. One very creative guy was Gordon Kelly, a talented man working for the legendary designer Brooke Stevens. However, Kelly had his own dreams and wanted to create a truly unique touring vehicle. After spending years designing his vehicle, he purchased a C-2 generation Corvette to act as the base for his vision, he flew from Wisconsin to Turin to find a renowned Italian coachbuilder to make his dream a reality. He was turned down by a number of coachbuilders until he arrived at Alfredo Vignale premises in Strada del Portone. Vignale was surprisingly receptive and agreed to take on the work.



After some issue with the fiberglass body, the build then progressed well with the coachbuilder following Kelly's design exactly. It was unveiled in 1961 on the Vignale stand at the Paris Motor Show and the final cost of the car stood at \$14,000. The final product was simply dubbed "the Kelly" and was very unique. Instead of the sharp and aggressive lines of the Corvette, it had been replaced with elegantly sculpted curves. Between the recessed headlights, there was an oversized oval grille, reminiscent of Ferrari's of the 1950's. The bodywork flows as one continuous form, with subtle creases on the waistline drawing to an abounded rear end, which featured individually Frenched in taillights, and a large hatchback trunk lid.

Like all things at, some will like it and some won't. Enjoy the pictures!

The Kelly Corvette attracted a great deal of positive media attention and was featured in many magazines of the period including *Car and Driver* which occurred in conjunction with its North American debut at the New York Auto Show in 1962. However, not much was heard about the car and designer since then. It was considered a one-off and remained in Kelly's possession until his death in 1995, when it was purchased by John Breslow. John uses and enjoys it (carefully) and it represents a legacy of a brilliant designer and passionate car enthusiast who proved that no matter your budget or background, you could indeed drive your dream.



## Pratt Miller Motors The Rolex 24 Challenge (thanks to Rich Kosina)

Despite falling short of a podium finish, the Corvette Z06 GT3.R exhibited promise during the race. The Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports No. 3 and No. 4 cars led a combined 118 laps in the GTD Pro class out of the 773-lap race. Unfortunately, both Pratt Miller Corvettes encountered mechanical issues, with the No. 3 car suffering a cracked oil tank and the No. 4 car needing a replacement power steering pump.

# *My First Corvette*

By *Juan Urrea*



I was never really a Corvette fan. Most of my life I've been enamored with the Italians, Ferrari's and Lambos caught my eye the most. I remember having a poster of a white Lamborghini Countach with a tall rear wing and I just drooled over it. In college I was flat broke, but I remember saving money to go to the Jacob Javits in NYC for the annual auto show just to look at these beauties. Growing up in Dover, NJ, a blue-collar town, there were no opportunities to see any exotic vehicles so the show would expand my mind and it allowed me to dream. I would always say... Some day.

I met my lovely wife freshman year of school in Springfield Massachusetts. I think what attracted us the most is we were both broke. Graduated school and both got jobs in NYC, then bought the house, then the kids came. Never had enough money to realize my dream. We learned the importance of value and stretching every dollar to make ends meet. As our careers grew so did the kids and money started to loosen its grip on my throat. I bought a few Mercedes Benz, loved the quality. My dream of the Italians had been on the back burner for so long that it started to fade. The value piece played a big role in making me think, maybe Not-Someday.

I've always been a car aficionado, so Barrett-Jackson was a must-do every year, it scratched my itch. January of 2020 changed my outlook completely. The C8 was on display and I fell in love. I couldn't believe that the new Corvette checked every box for me. Looks, and most importantly value, all in one vehicle. I would walk every aisle and go back to look at the C8. I remember how I loved the Ferrari F40, it was mid-engine, and you could see the engine through the back window, now Chevy is doing that? Unreal. I left the show with plans to go to the Chevrolet dealer the following week to buy one. Then life got in the way and before we knew it, Covid hit. Turned down the heat on the dream and it's back to the back burner. January of 21' came, we didn't all die and I found myself back at Barrett- Jackson. Forget the Italians, my eyes were locked on the C8. Chevy was showcasing an orange C8 that I ran a couple of loops around. Unfortunately, the vehicle was locked so I couldn't sit in it to get the full experience. Running my hands on its sexy curves I said, "This is the time". I ran home and told my wife about the magnificent C8, how it looked, and how I always dreamed of an exotic car and now was going to be my opportunity. She listened to me with the interest of a highschooler sitting in history class; I can't say we shared the same dream.

Monday morning came and I called a friend at a local dealership and asked him what color C8's he had in stock as I was ready to pull the trigger and wanted to see how it fit and drove. He laughed and said, None! I'd have to put down a deposit and wait on a list to be called to order one; WHAT?! I have never bought a vehicle sight unseen; Ever! Especially a new vehicle that I had only seen at a car show. However, the magnetism of the C8 was so strong that I drove to the dealer the next day and put down the deposit in order to get my name on the list.

About 8 months later I was asked to go to the website and build my dream car. I had only seen a couple on the street and wasn't sure of the color to order but decided to order the Silver Flare Metallic.



### *(My First Corvette continued...)*

It looked good on a YouTube video. I also decided to go Z51 with the 3LT package, what a beauty. I went coupe as I loved showing of the 6.2 but have to admit that the convertible sure looks hot. Then I waited another couple of months and got the call that my Corvette was being unloaded from the truck and would I be interested in looking at it? It wasn't ready to be picked up as they had to take it to a shop to install a couple of decals but would be ready the next day. I think she was still on the phone when I was knocking at her door wanting to see it. It was a long 24 hours of anticipation waiting to be called to come get it. I drove it home cautiously since it not only was new but much lower with more blind spots than I was used to.

Here we are, a couple of years later, and I'm still in love with it. It's not a daily driver so every time I get in and start it, it feels like the first time. So on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, after Barrett-Jackson, I went back to the dealer to place a deposit and got my name on the list for a Z06 convertible. I'm hoping that I'm getting close to placing my order. Cross your fingers for me.

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### *Odds and Ends... (also referred to as "filler")*



*After you drove around in a circle, they  
hosed off the top side.*



*Where C4's go to die.*



*Right:  
So, where's the kid?*

*Left:  
GM's all electric  
Corvette?  
(thanks Rollie!)*



**Have A Story To Tell?** *The SCC is a community of people that regularly come together because they share a common interest—Corvettes, and that they just want to have fun and socialize. We have the opportunity to visit with members at our monthly meetings and special events but seldom get to know very much about each other.*

*Everyone has a story to tell so we're going to experiment with a new section that will feature a member each month like the one in this issue on Manny and Dawn Siprut.*

*Please take the time to let us know if you would like to be featured or if you know of someone that you would like to see featured. We can write the story for you or you can.*

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## Manny Has a Zest For Life

By Jim Gargano



It is so much fun to be around Manny Siprut. He is so very positive and enthusiastic and that twinkle in his eyes mirrors his zest for life. His love for sports cars started with an Acura NSX in the mid 1990's.

"The NSX came out in 1991 and I fell in love with it. I think I bought mine in 1993. It was red, drove like a dream, plus it came with a built-in cell phone. I loved the car but had to sell it in late 98 when I moved to Argentina," he said.

### First Corvette

His love of sports cars was reignited in 2005 when he bought his first Corvette, a C6 Z51 silver convertible, which started his interest in Corvettes.

A year later when the C6 Z06 came out he was so impressed with it that he went out and bought a new black one. The power of the new Z06 was exhilarating and a thrill to drive he said.

### C7 Z06 Introduced

Then a number of years later when the 2014 C7 was introduced it changed everything car-wise for him. "I was satisfied with my 2006 Z06 but when I read about and saw the revolutionary new C7 I just had to have one. All I could think about was that this new American Sports Car was so beautiful with a lot of speed and a terrific value. So, in January 2015 I bought a Blade Silver C8 Z06," he said.

He still has it and says it is a thrill to drive but he is in the market for a new C8 Z06. His wife Dawn enjoys their Z06 Corvette but not to the extent that Manny does.

### The Need for Speed

Manny has never been to the Ron Fellows Corvette School where you get to satisfy your need for speed but he enjoys the challenging drives in the Arizona mountains. "The curvy mountain roads are fun to drive and can be a challenge," he said.

### Death Valley Trip

He and Dawn have taken many trips with the Scottsdale Corvette Club but one of the more memorable ones was to Death Valley. "It is a huge park and the day we were there was very little traffic. I remember Walter was leading the group and all of a sudden we were sailing through the park at speeds in excess of 100 mph. As we were having our fun a pickup came towards us and immediately turned around with lights flashing," he said.

### Walter Got the Ticket

He went on to say it was a park ranger who had clocked them at their excessive speeds. He said the Ranger pulled them over and took all of their licenses and registrations back to his car. About 15 minutes later he came back and said





he was giving everybody a warning ticket---except for Walter whom he ticketed. "We all offered to chip in to pay the fine," he laughingly said.

### **Most Memorable Trip**

He said the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance was the most memorable trip he has taken with the SCC. It is an annual automotive event held on the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, California. It is widely considered the most prestigious car show in the world and it is the pinnacle Concours d'Elegance competition worldwide.

"It was so exciting to be in attendance at such a high-end show and the cars there are like no others you could see anywhere in one given location...and the setting was spectacular," he said.

### **Manny and Dawn Joined the SCC in 2005**

Manny and Dawn joined the SCC in 2005 and he started as the new membership director in 2006. He has held every office in the club and was President for two years. His 12 years of service on the Board remains a record.

"All the club events have been special to me and it has been great to see the club grow like it has. The club offers so much to members and I have always felt you get back from it proportionate to what you put in to it. To be able to connect with people of similar interests and make new friends as well as the opportunity to explore Arizona are some great benefits the club offers," he said.

### **Suffered From Tremors**

Many SCC members know that Manny has suffered from tremors in both of his hands. This condition is called Essential Tremors (ET) and he has had it for over 30 years.

"The tremors were so bad in both my hands that I could not touch my two index fingers together due to the shaking. I had read about an experimental procedure that held promise for people like me with this condition so I did considerable research on it. Since it was experimental, they only accepted a few candidates to go through this new brain procedure. I had to be accepted as a good candidate and Medicare had to sign off on it as it was so expensive," he said.

### **Accepted for New Brain Procedure**

Seven years ago, Manny was accepted and was able to go through this revolutionary new brain procedure. It is called Focused Ultrasound and was done at Stanford University Hospital. The procedure treated the tremor in his right hand with 100 percent success. Just a few weeks ago Manny was able to go through the second procedure to treat the tremor in his left hand which was also 100 percent effective.

### **A Complex Procedure**

"The procedure is very complex. They measure your head and fit you with a form fitting halo that holds your head firmly in place and shave your head. They then determine the exact area of your brain to focus the ultra sound waves. I had to be in a MRI machine for three solid hours and was not able to move as the sound waves had to be exact in order to achieve success," he said.

### **Featured on 60 Minutes**

This new technology was recently featured on 60 Minutes, where a Neurologist in West Virginia was demonstrating using the technology to not only treat ET, but also Addiction and Alzheimers. For those interested, it can be found on CBS 60 Minutes and is titled Focused Ultrasound.

### **Born and Raised in Inglewood**

Manny was born and raised in Inglewood, California. He worked in his Father's Floor Covering business for a number of years and in 1970 was hired as Manager Trainee for Dial Finance in California.

From that time on he worked in the financial world, first in California and later in Des Moines, Iowa. In Des Moines he became an executive for Norwest Mortgage which later became Wells Fargo.

### **Acquired Company in Buenos Aires**

“In 1998, my old company, Wells Fargo Financial acquired a national finance company in Buenos Aires (BA), Argentina. I had no idea the profound impact that would have on me. They looked around for an internal candidate who could run a stand-alone finance company, would be willing to move to BA, and could speak Spanish. I was the guy,” he said.

### **Excited to Run His Own Company**

“I was terribly excited to not only run my own company, but also for the experience of living and working in a foreign country. It was way too good of an opportunity to pass up. At the time, I had been dating Dawn for a couple of years, and I hated to leave her behind, so I asked her to come with me. She agreed and joined me a few months later. We got married in BA at the end of 2000,” he said.

### **Retirement Came at Age 55**

“My plan was to always retire at age 55 so in 2004 I did just that. At that time, Dawn and I had been looking at different places to retire—mainly Florida and also Texas, California and Nevada. We visited them all but none of them clicked. A friend suggested we look at Scottsdale so we came out to look around and see some homes. We fell in love with the house we are now in and purchased it. We always laugh about it as we just came out to look at the area and we ended up buying and have never been happier about that decision,” he said.

Manny and Dawn still have their home in Des Moines and go back there every summer. “Dawn told me the move to Arizona was ok as long as we kept our home in Des Moines. We still enjoy going back there in the summer.” Manny said.

### **Dawn Was Born and Raised In Des Moines**

Dawn was born and raised in Des Moines. After high school she studied Human Resources at Drake University and had a very successful career. Her career in Human Resources included working in the banking, insurance and utility industries.

Her parents lived in Des Moines and also had a home at Lake of the Ozarks. “We spent a lot of time there and really enjoyed all the watersports available to us” Dawn said.

She has two sons who live in Des Moines and has five grandchildren---three grandsons and two granddaughters. The newest grandson was just born in January.

### **Both Enjoy Snow Skiing**

She said her and Manny started snow skiing in 1996 and have traveled extensively. They have been to many ski resorts in Colorado and Utah and also in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Chile and Argentina.

“I enjoy my exercise routine at the gym, cooking, travelling and spending time with my family,” Dawn said.

As Manny mentioned earlier, he feels you get out of life proportionate to what you put into it. “In my life I have always enthusiastically given 100 percent to whatever I do as I feel if it is worth doing it’s worth doing right.”

The Siprut’s story shows the positive results that can happen with determination, the will to learn and not being afraid to take chances while at the same time welcoming opportunities.

Manny and Dawn are two of the reasons the Scottsdale Corvette is such a successful organization as they have given a lot to make it the best.





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

## **Drive to Bartlett Lake**

by *David Sacks*



Saturday January 13, 2024 was the date for SCC's inaugural event of the year (outside of the January dinner meeting).

We had 14 cars and about 25 enthusiasts meet outside of the In and Out Burger at the Scottsdale Promenade for the morning drive. It had been cold earlier that week, and so we were happy to see the sun shining brightly.



Traffic was congested around the 101 Loop due to a newly started road expansion project, so we proceeded north on Scottsdale Rd., east on Thompson Peak, and then north again on Pima Rd. With Saturday morning traffic and various traffic lights, it was difficult to maintain the caravan, so we stopped to regroup at the corner of Pima and Cave Creek Rd.

We then proceeded together on Cave Creek Rd. and then Bartlett Dam Rd. for one of the most scenic 13 mile drives in our area. Bartlett Dam Rd. was built for Corvettes!



We arrived at Bartlett Lake and then proceeded to have a wonderful lunch at the Cove Restaurant right on the edge of the lake. The food, the service and the camaraderie were excellent, and everyone had a great time. The owner was very happy to have our group and invited us to return.

By the time we were ready to leave, the outside air warmed up to about 65 degrees, and a few of our members decided to lower their tops for the scenic drive home.



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## ***Bartlett Lake continued...***





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

### **Arizona Broadway Theater**

**by Rich Kosina**



Saturday evening January 20 eighteen Club members visited the Arizona Broadway Theater for dinner and their production of “On The Town.” The play is a musical about 3 sailors getting 24 hours of liberty while their ship is docked in Brooklyn circa 1940. As you might perceive finding female companionship is number one on their list.

Prior to the performance Club members gathered in the lobby bar for libations and at 5:30pm entered the theater to be seated and order our dinner. Three tables of 6 housed our party with a very good view of the stage. Diners could chose from several different entree choices.

At 7:30pm the curtain went up for Act 1. After a brief intermission Act 2 followed and we were exiting the theater to our cars by 10pm. It was another great evening out with our Corvette friends.



### **Barrett-Jackson 2024**

Upper left - The Million Dollar C2

Left - Past Pres, Mark Chulew, admiring a chrome bumper C3

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

### **Pima Air and Space Museum**

**Feb 17, 2024**

**by Charlene Capek**



Saturday was a gorgeous day. Perfect for a road trip. Nine corvettes met to start the day. We were tooling along at about 82 mph on I10 when we came to a dead stop. For several minutes we just sat there. As there was no accident in sight, someone suggested that a desert tortoise was crossing the road. Could have been. We then continued on the way passing Picacho peak and the ostrich farm.

Made it early to Rudy's barbeque where we enjoyed a very good lunch. Taking a contractors road to the air museum passing salvage yards and construction yards along the way. Mark Chulew and his copilot Phil Berger led the way with Mark Bales bringing up the rear.

The museum is outstanding. We started at the Wright Brothers suspended plane and continued past the world's smallest biplane the Bumblebee. A Blue Angels jet and a Canadian Snowbirds jet are large and beautiful. Our guide described several historical facts about the Led Zeppelin plane, The bonanza that Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, Richie Valens and group crashed in 1959. Another exhibit showed panoramas of Women in Flight, including of course Amelia Earhart's flight in 1937. Uniforms, maps etc. of Vietnam era flight paths and pilot information are all displayed. All these are donated, which I didn't realize.

The highlights for me were the F-14 Tomcat and the SR71. I was hoping that Tom Cruise would show up, but it was his day off. The group also went outside Hangar 1 to look at drones and more helicopters, and more planes. Two women including myself were in the group and Tim's son-in-law came with us and shared his military flight deck knowledge. Then we returned home.



## ***Pima Air and Space Museum continued...***



*Mark Chulew directing air traffic...*



*"Mr. Cruise, your ride is here."*





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



### ***Concours in the Hills***

***Feb 18, 2024***

***Photos by Dave Sacks***

*Note: There is no group photo because there was no group!!*

*(See Tim's column...)*

***From the Archives... Coronado Trail over the years. (As we go to press, still one opening for this year's May trip)***





# Haves and Wants

## Have - For Sale

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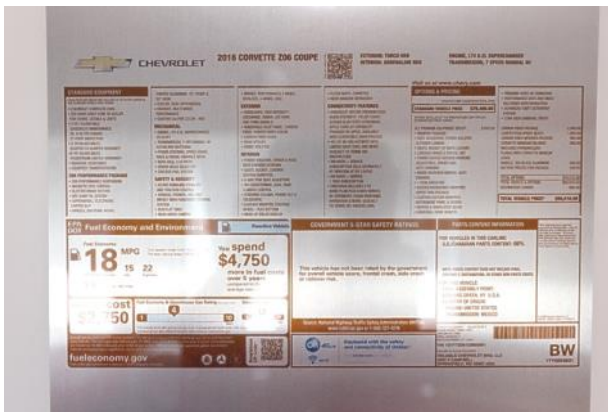
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