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**SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERS
ON THE
ANNUAL TOY RUN TO
VAN CHEVROLET
(AND THAT'S RICK CARTELL'S
1961 HONDURAS MAROON CONVERTIBLE!)**

DECEMBER 12, 2022



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SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. for a dinner meeting.

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Your 2022 Board of Directors, Thank You to Retiring Board Member Frank Tasnadi, New Cruisers, Members with New Vettes, Trip to Biosphere 2, Toy Run and Holiday Party, Info on the SCC Cruise scheduled for 2022, Thumbnail Book Reviews, and Much More...



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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.

HELP WANTED!

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor is free to use whatever publishing and photographic programs he/she prefers.

Current editor uses Microsoft Word for composing, Serif PagePlus X8 as publishing program, and Corel Paint Shop Pro XI for photographs; the end product is a pdf document on Adobe Acrobat.

Archives of past photos and newsletters available to new editor.

Membership is cooperative in providing photographs, articles, ideas, and information on timely basis.

If you have questions, you may contact Dorinne Dobson, the current editor. If you are interested in the position, please contact President Mark Chulew or any Board member.

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SCC BIRTHDAYS!



Al Banen	January 2
Donna Reagan	January 3
Linda Milano	January 5
Al Redford	January 13
Kim Ceilley	January 13
Bob Mingie	January 17
Lloyd Benner	January 22
Diane Blair	January 27
Dawn Van Sickle	January 28
Bill Ng	January 28
Garry Mion	January 29
Alla Glasov	January 31



Tom Georgiou	February 2
Mary McConnell	February 3
Izzy Myers	February 3
Kelly Pope	February 10
Lisa Mayberry	February 11
Jim Dobson	February 13
Deb Anton	February 15
John Prenzno	February 19
Rhonda Deacon	February 22
Charles Nance	February 23
Jeff Becker	February 26
Mark Schlichter	February 26
Donna Spera	February 28



YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022



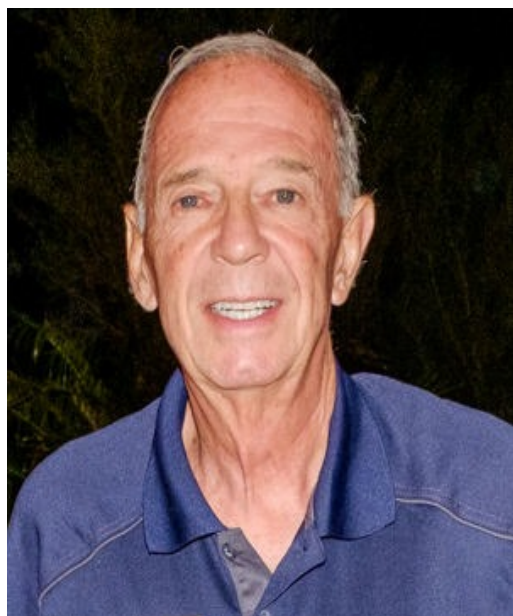
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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBER



Frank has very ably led our Club as Activities Director for the past two years, through all the strife of the pandemic, dreaming up Mini Activities for us to do, even when the world seemed reluctant to get out and do anything at all.

Though he will no longer be on the Board, we will all still be looking to Frank to continue to participate and lead events whenever possible.

Be sure to tell Frank THANK YOU for all he has done for the Club through the years! His shoes will be difficult to fill as the Club searches for a new Activities Director!





NEW CRUISERS

John and Susan Rippinger and their 2018 Yellow Convertible + Their Other Yellow Toys!



John says: Here are a couple of photos of Susan and I with our 2018 Corvette. I have been a Corvette guy for the past ten years and previously owned a 2005 yellow convertible. As you can see by the other pictures, yellow seems to be my favorite color!





A few more of John and Susan's "yellow toys" - above left, the "53" and John with the Vette; Below left, John flying the 4436-CraiLin-185-0847; and at right, Susan and John with their Vette

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

Garry and Karen Mion and their 2008 Atomic Orange/Ebony convertible, their 1960 Red/Black Convertible, and their 1966 Sunfire Yellow/Black convertible



Karen and Garry at Plastic Fantastic in San Diego

Here's a write-up from Garry to help us all get acquainted:

We moved to the Valley in 1982 after spending two years in California, and prior to that we spent 22 years in the suburbs north of Chicago. Karen is a 7th grade history teacher and is looking forward to retirement after the 2022-2023 school year. Garry retired from Intel back in 2012 after 30 years of service. He spends his time working on his cars and helping others with their projects, and enjoys restoring old automotive test equipment.

We purchased our first Corvette in June of 1997, a red-black 1960 from Hawks Corvette on Scottsdale Rd. We joined the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) in July and have remained members ever since. As Arizona Chapter members, Garry has been treasurer, newsletter editor, secretary, and was recently voted Chairman for the second time (first was 2005-2007). The '60 has seen many road trips within the state, including runs to Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon, and Kingman via Route 66. It was photographed at the Little Colorado River Gorge in Camden, Arizona, and appeared in a Corvette Calendar. It is currently undergoing a full body-off restoration that will see the car returned to its original Horizon Blue with white coves exterior and Frost Blue interior.



The 1960 at Hackberry Store on Route 66

As much fun as we had driving in the '60, we realized that there was a limit as to how far from home we were willing to take the car. So in April of 2009 we purchased our second Corvette, a 2008 Atomic Orange/Ebony convertible with only 12,000 miles. The car now has 153,000 miles on it and still looking and running strong. We've taken trips to California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas. Our longest trip has been to South Carolina, where on the return home we went to the Corvette Museum and factory. At some point we would like to upgrade to a 2019 Sebring Orange Grand Sport convertible.



Our third Corvette was purchased in June 2010, a 1966 Sunfire Yellow/Black convertible that still retains its original paint and interior, along with its original drivetrain that has been refreshed. We have complete owner history, and have achieved an NCRS Top-Flight award, 2-Star award, and Founders Award. The car has 198,000 original miles, and back in 2015 we completed a 2500-mile trip to Denver, Colorado.



Garry with the original owner of the 1966 Vette



Susan & Garry in December 2021

We do enjoy driving our Corvettes and look forward to becoming active participants as members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

Cheers! Garry and Karen Mion

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Mark Chulew

I want to wish all our Scottsdale Corvette Members a healthy and happy new year. The Club had a wonderful ending to 2021. The Annual Toy Run and Holiday Party was an outstanding event. It was especially nice to see Members bringing toys even if they were not able to stay for the Holiday Party. The Holiday Party at Grayhawk provided a comfortable environment to enjoy the evening with good friends, good food and good music.

Although 2021 ended on a high note, the outlook for 2022 and going forward provides challenges.

The first and obvious challenge is the virus that is around us and has been with us for the past couple years. Unfortunately, this virus disrupts our lives and affects our choices. Your SCC Board is well aware of this challenge and always takes it into account when making decisions.

The next major challenge is Club leadership. Ok, here's the deal plain and simple. Like it or not, the Club demographics are changing. It's like a generational change, every twenty years. The next generation has to build on the foundation that has been created. I am asking the next generation to contact me or any Board Member to volunteer. Now is the time to get involved so that when elections are held you will be ready and excited to be part of the best Corvette Club.

If you volunteer for the SCC Board, you can expect exceptional support from seasoned Board Members. Board Members tend to hang around, because we have a good time, but new blood needs to be injected to keep the system sustainable. The best phrase I ever heard was, "I want to be on the Board because that's how you get to meet people". The Board works as a team to provide entertaining and adventurous experiences.

I want to give a special thank you to Frank Tasnadi. Frank, after many years, is officially off the Board but continues to help keep the activities going. Please thank Frank when you see him and ask him what you can do to help.

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It has been my pleasure to serve the Club this past year, and I look forward to 2022.

Mark



MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

Rich and Angie Kosina and their new 2022 Rapid Blue Z51 Convertible



Here are Rich and Angie's remarks about their new car:

"We placed an order in July with Van Chevrolet for a 2022 Corvette via Museum delivery. The delivery date provided was mid to late December. Imagine our surprise to receive an email from the Museum advising us that our car would be built October 11 and be ready for pickup within two weeks of that date. Learning Al Banen and Marsha Cohen had recently taken delivery of their new C8 via Museum delivery, we got together with them to be schooled. With recommended hotels, things to see along the drive back, and even restaurants, we boarded our flight to Nashville on October 26, taking delivery the next day in Bowling Green. Six days and 2300 miles later, we arrived back in Arizona with our Rapid Blue Z51 Convertible. Chevrolet created a fantastic vehicle. The car exceeded our expectations. We love it."

AND MORE MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

Roger and Kim Ceilley and their new 2022 Silver Corvette with Red Interior



Roger says the new Vette is in Des Moines, but they still have their 2008 in Scottsdale.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

I was really hoping and expecting that one of you members would have stepped forward by now and expressed an interest in taking over as the editor of this newsletter. I was further hoping that this would be my last issue. However, so far my hopes have not been fulfilled, and I must tell you all that there may come a time when we do not have a newsletter, as I am reaching the end of the line, which I would hope you would all respect.

In any event, we really do have a very interesting issue this time, and I hope you will all enjoy reading it. We have some fantastic new members with very interesting Corvettes and other toys, and the Toy Run and the Holiday Party are still, as they have always been, great features, in fact, one of the highlights of the year.

I hope you will all be partaking of the sights and sounds at the collector car auctions coming to Scottsdale and the Phoenix area this month, many for the first time in several years after the COVID situation. I did not run a feature on the auctions this time, but know that those of you who are interested can seek out the times and places for any you want to attend.

As always, I want to extend a great big thank you to all of you who have contributed articles, photos, ideas and information to this issue of the newsletter. Without your interest and communications, this newsletter would not exist.

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne

Former SCC member Patrick Dennis says:
"Your readers are gonna love this one!"

**2023 Corvette Z06 vs. C8 Stingray
Side by Side: Spot the Differences**

[Go here to read all about it!](#)





Brian Anton
 Mark Bales
 Larry & Charlene Capek
 Roger & Kim Ceilley
 Mark & Stacey Chulew
 Jim Dobson
 Sheryl Katz
 Rich & Angie Kosina

Ed Luse
 Garry & Karen Mion
 Mike Reagan
 Ron Myers
 John & Susan Rippinger
 Frank & Janet Tasnadi
 Rollie Trayte

And last but not least,
 former SCC Members Patrick Dennis and Mike Oster



The SCC Store utilizes Lands'End because of its reputation for customer service and the quality of their merchandise. The feedback from our membership has been very positive, and we plan to continue to use this site as our Club store.

For new members only, you'll need to create an account. You can do that by clicking on the following url:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub>

Once there, go to the top of the page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit it, and that will be it - and here's the best part: You can immediately start to shop. Should you have any issues, please contact Lands'End @ 1.800.587.15417 and they are available weekdays 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CST.

TRIP TO BIOSPHERE 2 ON NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Story by Frank Tasnadi

*Photos by Brian Anton, Mark Chulew,
Janet Tasnadi and Ron Myers*

We had heard about it since the early 80's, this cockamamie idea to build a miniature sealed world in the southern Arizona desert. A fascinating concept for sure... a sealed, large greenhouse would hold a rain forest, desert, an ocean, mangrove swamp, savanna and small farm complete with livestock. It would be called Biosphere 2. But the ultimate question, at least in my mind, was why?

Designed by American engineer John P Allen and financed in its entirety by billionaire philanthropist Ed Bass, this project was conceived in 1984, completed in 7 years and opened in 1991 to much media coverage and fanfare. The total cost in 1990 dollars was \$200 million!!

The "why" was still somewhat vague.... Was this a prototype for a colony on the moon? Maybe Mars?? Eight well-educated and specifically chosen expert residents were sealed inside shortly after it opened in an attempt to live in a closed ecosystem without any resources from the Biosphere 1... AKA the earth. We all know after two years that experiment failed when outside oxygen had to be pumped in.

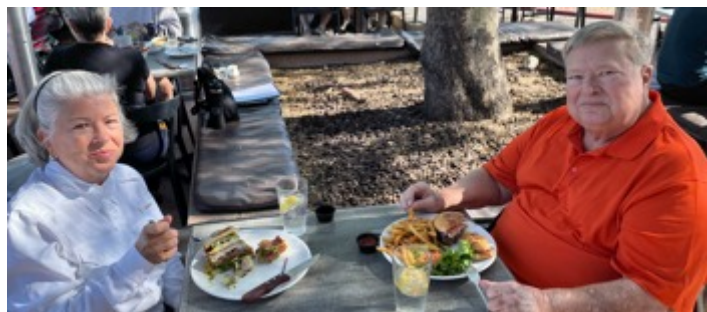
Eventually Biosphere 2 was opened to the public as it still is today. It is run by the University of Arizona and still partially financed to this day by Bass. He cleverly set up accounts that could conceivably keep it open into perpetuity!

On November 13, 2021, 25 well-educated, specifically chosen (actually volunteered) Corvette experts from The Scottsdale Corvette Club made the ride to Oracle, Arizona, to visit this vast multifarious, gigantic creation for ourselves.



But first... it was time for lunch in nearby Oro Valley. We dined at The Noble Hops Restaurant and Brewery, a 4+ star eatery favored by the locals. They didn't disappoint as I think everyone enjoyed their meal, after which we made the 30-minute drive to Oracle.





Judy and Ron



Peter and Lucy

After a winding entrance road, you finally see it - this glimmering, beautiful, absolutely enormous group of buildings. It's not just the sealed 3.1-acre greenhouse complex, it is a complete compound with housing for students and scientists, meeting rooms, support and maintenance buildings, even a gift shop! While the initial experiment may have failed, this is indeed a thriving ongoing experiment that has taken off in many directions over the years and is anything but a failure!!





Vettes at Biosphere 2

We signed up for "The Biosphere 2 Experience" which is a self-guided walking tour to and through the grounds and greenhouse.

Once inside the greenhouse, you walk from one ecozone to the next. The first things you notice are the humidity differences and, of course, the temperatures. Some of the humid areas had a distinctive aroma to them... not unpleasant but definitely on the pungent side. Each area had its fascinating difference. The ocean, for example, had a kinetic wave maker. While not big waves, they served the purpose of keeping this miniature ocean moving. In some areas you could see the moisture clinging to the glass ceiling. I quietly wondered to myself if it was going to rain. The fact is, it does rain inside and, unlike Biosphere 1, the rain can be totally controlled! They can start it and stop it as the scientists choose. They can make it rain in the northeast corner of the rain forest and not elsewhere. Truly fascinating, even if I don't totally understand how they do it.





SCC Group at Biosphere 2

The Rainforest at Biosphere 2





Frank in the Biosphere



Inside the Biosphere 2



Carol and Mike

The grounds inside the complex had an unusual array of animals ... deer, turkeys, desert tortoises, peacocks and the typical squirrels, etc. How they all survive in the harsh desert climate (they were not in the greenhouse, at least not while we were there), I'm not sure but assume they have some sort of human assistance. They definitely added to the overall enjoyment of the tour.



We all took at least 90 minutes to complete the walking adventure and departed on our own heading back to Scottsdale. But now, after the tour, I have a new perspective. It was a great day with good friends and one I would do again, so the "why" has become a why not... because it was fun"!!

In attendance; Lipskys, Antons, Sami Weir, Chulews, Bolands, Boyds, Fecks, Brandt/Prenzno, Deacons, Hagans, Myerses, Reagans, Tasnadis.

Frank

ANNUAL SCC TOY RUN AND HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Story by Stacey and Mark Chulew
Photos by Mark Bales**

Mark says:

It was a picture-perfect Sunday afternoon. Everyone gathered near In-N-Out Burger at the Promenade. It was really nice to see everyone dressed up and in the holiday spirit. As usual, there were the spectators also enjoying our cars. Damn, we are lucky people!

At 4:30 sharp we proceeded, in caravan fashion, to Van Chevrolet where we took over the parking lot. The employees at Van Chevrolet enjoyed our Corvettes. We quickly put our gifts under the tree, in the box, and all over the place, then headed outside for a group photo. This year everyone felt comfortable to take a group photo, unlike last year where everyone was separate. Mark Bales did a wonderful job capturing the moment. Thank you, Mark, for all you do for the Club.

We headed to our Corvettes and caravanned to Grayhawk Golf Club for the Holiday Party.



Mark Chulew Leading Us to Van Chevrolet



Beth and Rick Cartell and their 1961 Honduras Maroon convertible out in front of Van Chevrolet

Stacey says:

Just like opening a gift, the Holiday Party was so much fun! First, a big thank you to Lauren Watson, catering director at Grayhawk. Our SCC Holiday committee had the most wonderful people working on this event. A HUGE THANK YOU to Cindy Berger, Jennifer Rabin and Deb Anton. Without your many hours of help, this event would never have been a huge success.

We decorated using a "holiday theme" which interestingly matched the décor Grayhawk used. One lucky person at each table got to take home the centerpiece and the mirror it was placed upon. Then of course the band, Mercer Lane was fantastic as they have been previously. Everyone was up on the dance floor, having a blast. For those of you that stayed through the last song, we had the most fun. We all just let loose, and the band went along with it.



Above, Janet & Dawn; at right, Deb & Carol





Peter, Mike and Brian



Judy, Nancy and Randy



Mary, Steve, Frank and Nancy



Stu, Glee, Garry and Karen



Peter, Marie, Bill, Cindy and Lucy



Kandy and Sal



Terry and Steve



Dick, Sue and Manny



Mike and Carol



Nancy and Randy



Deb and Brian



Above, Krysha and Dick

Above right, Charlene and Larry

*At right,
Mark, Stacey, Karen and Garry*





Frank and Nancy



Don and Tammy



Sue and John



Rhonda and Rob



Mike and Donna



Mercer Lane Band



Marie and Bill



Jennifer and Steve



Dancing the night away!

Great food and great company, a winning combination! Thank you to everyone that attended for helping make the 2021 Holiday Party (during a pandemic) a rousing success.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy 2022!!

Mark and Stacey



From Jim Dobson:

***2002 CHEVROLET CORVETTE
AVELATE COUPE***

For better or worse, there have always been ways to make your Corvette stand out. In the early 2000's, one of them was to give your C5 the Avelate treatment. Built by a company called Avelate Automotive, the custom body is a sort of greatest hits smorgasbord of Corvette styling cues.

There are side scallops like a C1, a pointed rear like a C2, and a long C3-like nose, which don't exactly go together in perfect harmony. But for someone who wants to distinguish themselves from the other Corvettes on the road: mission accomplished. Unfortunately, the Avelate package added about \$100,000 on top of the roughly \$42,000 base price of a regular 2002 C5 Coupe, so it's no surprise that few people whipped out their checkbook for one. Just 27 were built, according to Mecum, and this is one of 11 that got the split-window treatment.

TORNADO DAMAGE TO CORVETTES & CORVETTE PLANT IN BOWLING GREEN DECEMBER 2021

Your Editor was virtually bombarded with articles, photos and information on the tornado damage to the Corvette plant in Bowling Green Kentucky that occurred in December 2021. Starting on December 12, I received an email from former member, Mike Oster, about the tornado, followed by an email photo of the damage to the roof of the Corvette from Rollie Trayte on December 14. I heard from Mike Oster again on December 19 with the update announcement: "120 Vettes damaged - that is a LOT!" On December 20, Rollie sent an article on the subject. On December 26, Rollie sent two photos of "Vettes to be destroyed," and on December a video of the damaged Corvettes and plant. Information and photos from these two prolific contributors are below:



From former member Mike Oster on 12/12/21:

"Oh-ohh! Further delays for those waiting for their new cars?"

**Kentucky Tornado Damages Corvette Factory,
Museum Motorsports Park**

[Go here to read the article](#)



From Rollie on 12-14-21: Corvette plant roof damage



From Mike Oster on 12/19/21:

"Update on more damage - 120 cars is a LOT!"

[Read all about it here!](#)

From Rollie Trayte on 12-20-21:

Just over a week ago, the tornadoes that killed dozens of people across multiple states also hammered the Chevrolet Corvette production facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky. As a result, manufacturing was brought to a halt. Mercifully, no injuries were reported at the factory, though the storm has apparently damaged some in-production Corvettes--and a lot of them.

Corvette Action Center reports Chevy dealers with C8s on order were notified last Thursday that "approximately 122" cars were damaged beyond repair and will be scrapped. This has disrupted the C8's production schedule and will reportedly require Chevy dealers to re-submit orders (presumably for the wrecked cars), though the orders for vehicles damaged in the storm will reportedly be the first fulfilled when production resumes. Additionally, allocations for the next round of 2022 model orders are reportedly unaffected.

The Drive attempted to confirm this number of vehicles damaged with Chevrolet, though a spokesperson only said that orders wrecked by the storm would indeed be moved up.

"If a customer's order was impacted by the storm, the customer will be contacted by their dealer and their order will be prioritized and re-sequenced back into production, with an expected production date as quickly as possible after the plant resumes normal operations," stated a Chevy spokesperson.

If that figure of 122 cars turns out to be true, that'd mean at least \$7.5 million in lost vehicle damages alone. Corvettes for the 2022 model year have a base price of \$62,195 including destination, and it's a given that many of the affected cars were optioned well above that price point.

While those who had mid-engined Corvettes on order might not like waiting extra weeks or months to get their cars, the damage left by the storm should if anything make them grateful they escaped inconvenienced, but unscathed. Cars, after all, can be replaced, while every life lost to the tornadoes was one-of-a-kind.



From Rollie Trayte
on 12-26-21:

Two photos of
"Vettes To Be Destroyed"
at Corvette Plant at
Bowling Green, KY

And last but not least, on December 30, 2021, Rollie Trayte sent a video production of the damaged Corvettes and plant. [Go here to see the video.](#)



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT AT CHARLENE CAPEK'S December 7, 2021

Photos by Larry Capek
Remarks by Charlene Capek

Charlene Capek hosted a holiday bunco party at her home on December 7th, with mostly SCC members attending. Cheryl and Krysha discussed a shared SCC event at Cheryl's in 2022. Terry Patricia mentioned her recent trip to Mexico. Holiday spirit abounded!



Scottsdale Corvette Club ~ October 8, 2022 7-night cruise

Revel in the beauty of Canada & New England on the *new* Enchanted Princess



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 \$999 per person, not including \$230 per person taxes.

Realistically, our group is booking Deluxe Balconies averaging \$4700 per couple and MiniSuites averaging \$7100 per couple, for cruise, port taxes and insurance

AND include free beverage package, free WiFi and Free Tips. Airfare 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 Princess Captain's Circle 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, 2022, when the balance will be due.

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DISCLAIMER

The event(s) below are provided as general information for our SCC Members. These are not SCC Club-Sponsored Events and may not be covered by NCCC insurance.

Members should contact the organizers directly if interested.



Per Frank Tasnadi, Activities Director:

Scuderia Southwest has a meet-up car show on the first Saturday of the month, 7 to 10 a.m. on Market Street at DC Ranch, 20789 North Pima Road in Scottsdale. It's a great "car event."



CARS AND COFFEE AT HIGH STREET IN PHOENIX

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First Saturday of every month - 7:30-10 a.m.

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**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!
THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH!
POKER NIGHT!
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**



**Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!
With so many new members,
it helps us all get better acquainted!**



**DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS'
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.**

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



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
THE VETTE VIXENS MEET FOR COCKTAILS
AND DINNER -
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT
THE NEXT DINNER IS WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 19TH!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***Never Have I Ever* by Joshilyn Jackson.** I am a Joshilyn Jackson fan! Her books have never failed to engage me, and this one is no exception. The dilemma in this story involves keeping secrets throughout one's life - I'm not talking small secrets - and dealing with the events that threaten to reveal those secrets to those whose love and trust one has worked so hard to nurture and build. I guess you could call this book a "thriller," but this is no ordinary thriller, and its twists and turns will keep you turning the pages till you find out how in the world this story can ever end. Ms. Jackson pulls it off without a hitch. I loved it! Hope you do too!

***The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides.** This is a murder mystery. It grabs your attention almost immediately with the brutal murder of a young student at Cambridge University who was a member of a group of Greek mythology students called "The Maidens." The name refers to the cult of Eleusis in ancient Greece, whose followers worshipped Demeter and Persephone. The combination of modern-day views of Cambridge University mixed with the brutality of the murders and the references to Greek mythology makes for a story that caught my interest and didn't let go until the very surprising ending. Michaelides' first book was the best seller *The Silent Patient*. It will be interesting to see what he comes up with next.

***The Fifth Avenue Story Society* by Rachel Hauck.** Here's another page-turner by Rachel Hauck, author of *The Wedding Dress* (reviewed in the last issue). This one features five New Yorkers, all of whom receive a mysterious invitation to the Fifth Avenue Story Society in the Bower Room at the Fifth Avenue Literary Society Library. None of the five is familiar with the Literary Society or its members. Curiosity brings them together each Monday evening, and as they become acquainted with each other, they exchange their life stories, some of which are exceedingly difficult to impart. Each of the five has a viewpoint, and the story is deftly told to encourage the reader to press on through the book to learn the untold stories of the five protagonists. I enjoyed this book and recommend it for your reading pleasure.

***While Paris Slept* by Ruth Druart.** This novel paints a very vivid picture of the Nazi occupation of France in 1944. Many French citizens of the Jewish faith considered themselves immune from the threat of the concentration camps. They were first and foremost French citizens, after all. In the crowded Drancy railway station in 1944, only a few days after giving birth to their son, Samuel, Sarah and David Lafitte were arrested and being herded onto the train to Auschwitz. Jean-Luc Beauchamp is working on the railroad in Drancy and feeling discomfited by the litter of children's toys and personal belongings discarded near the train. Sarah collides with Jean-Luc and thrusts her new-born son into his arms beseeching him to take him. The story hurtles on from there as Jean-Luc and his girlfriend, Charlotte with baby Samuel tied onto her body, make their escape from war-torn France into Spain and ultimately reach the west coast of the United States. The story advances nine years to 1953, and I was unable to stop reading this book for the rest of the afternoon as I pressed on to find out what in the

to happen. This small poem by an anonymous author was posted at the end of the book, and for me, it says it all:

Poem for an Adopted Child

Not flesh of my flesh
not bone of my bone
but still, miraculous, my own.
Never forget
for a single moment,
you didn't grow under my heart
but in it.

---Anonymous

***Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams.** One of my favorite authors of historical fiction, Beatriz Williams, has come up with another fabulous tale. This one is about the Cold War, the struggle after World War II in the 1940's and early 1950's between communism and democracy. The basis of this story is the infamous Cambridge spy ring made up of British citizens recruited by the Soviet spy agency, the NKVD, later known as the KGB. Twin sisters, Ruth and Iris Macallister, are estranged. When Iris and her husband, Sasha Digby, a British diplomat, disappear with their two children from their London apartment in 1948, it is a notable and mysterious shock. When four years later Ruth receives a postcard from Iris in Moscow asking her for help, she works with counterintelligence agent Sumner Fox to get to Moscow to help her sister and try to extract her and her family from the clutches of the Soviets. You must read the entire book to find out the significance of the title. As usual, Beatriz Williams has come up with an engrossing, interesting concept. I'll be looking forward to her next production.

***Malibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.** I guess one would call this "chick lit" - a tale full of "beautiful people" with money, a tale of California teenagers born to surf the ocean every day, a tale of people impressed with stardom and other beautiful people. The party the Rivas throw every August to signal the end of summer is large with over 200 of those "beautiful people" together drinking, doping, sexing, and doing outrageous, damaging things. This is a story of the "me generation." I can't say that I loved it, but I read it avidly - it's well written, it was compelling, and it paints a picture of a world of which I am glad I am not a part.

***The Burning Room* by Michael Connelly.** Having read 23 of Michael Connelly's novels, most of which have featured LAPD Detective Harry Bosch, and being an avid fan of Michael Connelly, you are probably jumping to the conclusion that I will be touting this novel. And you'd be right! I thoroughly enjoyed Harry Bosch's pursuit of an "open-unsolved" case with his new young partner, Lucia Soto. The in's and out's and up's and down's of pursuing a case twenty years after the crime was committed will keep you turning the pages of this one.

***My Broken Language: A Memoir* by Quiara Alegria Hudes.** This memoir, so gorgeously written, takes us into the life of Quiara Hudes with her family of Puerto Rican immigrants in

a barrio in Philadelphia. Hudes writes with a poetic zest about her training to become an accomplished and very talented musician. She produced a musical during her early years at Yale and went on to become a prize-winning playwright with the Broadway hit *In the Heights* and her Pulitzer-prize-winning drama *Water by the Spoonful*. While Hudes' world is certainly different from my world, with the Puerto Rican culture and Spanish innuendos, this is a story to be savored and a young woman to be admired for her perseverance and dedication, not to mention her immense talent!

Happy reading!

Dorinne

From Jim Dobson:

1977 CHEVROLET CORVETTE MARTEL CONTINENTAL COUPE



GM sold more than 49,000 Corvettes in 1977, but none of them look like this. If an old Bentley and a C3 Corvette had a love child, it might look something like this "Martel Continental" with its sweeping fenders, circular headlights, big grille, spare wheel cover out back, and wood-laden interior.

The gussied up Vette is likely the creation of Gerry Martel, a Massachusetts appraiser, restorer, and all-around car guy. "Gerry was a character with a capital 'C,'" says Dave Kinney, publisher of the *Hagerty Price Guide*. "He was one of those rare people who actually put his ideas into action. When he had an idea about creating a fun old car, he would actually follow through and build it." Martel was also involved with the "Ford Royce," a '70s Ford station wagon with a customized front end, Rolls-Royce grille and taillights, and a nicer interior. We can't find much more on this Corvette, however. All we know is that it's odd. Very odd.

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