



SDCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 20 2026, Li'l Abners Steakhouse

Present: Ron Salmon, Alfredo Giallanza, Ron Aeschliman, Brigita Giallanza, Kate Trainor, Kathy Callahan, Tammy Mayfield and Paul Mayfield

Absent: Kent Foster and Jamsheed Badr

President – Ron Salmon

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., members and guests were welcomed.
- Discussed transitioning the Club's website from Wix to GoDaddy. The proposed change is intended to provide a more user-friendly website management system.
- The membership renewal process will be streamlined for the upcoming year. Renewal forms will no longer be required. Members will submit their renewal check or arrange for automatic payment of their membership fee by November 1, 2026, for the 2027 membership year.
- The Club discussed the upcoming event at the Pima Air & Space Museum on October 17, 2026. The SDCT will be joined by the East Valley Corvettes and AZ Vettes and Camaros. Arrangements have been made for professional photography at the event.
- The Club currently has 286 Facebook members. Social media continues to generate interest in the Club and attract potential new members. A YouTube channel has been created for the Club under @CorvetteConnection. The channel will provide another platform for connecting with current and prospective members. It will feature Club activities and events to promote the Club and encourage membership.
 - o Members are encouraged to submit appropriate content for the Club's social media platforms. Like and subscribe.
- The Club discussed the recently published article highlighting the Club's efforts and backpack drive benefiting SaddleBrooke Outreach, the Club's 2026 charity.
 - o The donated backpacks were distributed to the Hayden-Winkelman School District. Members were encouraged to continue supporting the charity through donations so that SaddleBrooke Outreach can continue its work in the community.
 - o Kate noted that Charity Navigator is used when selecting a charity to help ensure that proceeds go toward the charity rather than administrative fees.

- The Gambler's Classic will be held in Laughlin, Nevada, in April 2027. A confirmed date has not yet been announced, but members were encouraged to put the event on their calendars.
 - o Several Club members attended the event last year and reported that it was well-run and organized. The Club is organizing a group to attend the 2027 event.
 - o The club with the most participants will receive a \$1,000 donation for its charity of choice.
- The new password for the SDCT website is "corvette2026."

Vice President – Alfredo Giallanza

- Discussed the election process for the 2027 Board.
 - o An email regarding nominations will be sent to the Membership on September 15, 2026.
 - o Individuals who wish to be included on the ballot must contact Alfredo no later than October 15, 2026, which is the regularly scheduled GMM for October.
 - o The ballot will be emailed to the Membership on October 16, 2026.
 - o Voting will close at the November GMM on November 19, 2026. The 2027 Board will be announced at that time, they take office January 1, 2027.

Secretary - Brigita Giallanza

- There were 32 members in attendance, quorum of 27 was met.
- Thanked Gary and Donna Robison for their door prize donations.

Treasurer – Ron Aeschliman

- General account balance is \$6,088.84 before expenses the Charity account balance is \$325.00.
 - o Income [5] New members - \$ 325.00
- Upcoming Fixed Expenses
 - o Post office renewal approx. \$200 due in September 1 year renewal.
 - o Club Liability insurance - \$400
- Charity update - expenses backpacks stuffing \$3711.78. Charity cash account balance \$325.

Membership Director – Kate Trainor

- Currently at 165 members including honorary members. We have 114 cars in the club.
- Planning for the Membership Appreciation Event is currently underway.
 - o October 10: Saddlebrooke Activity Center has been reserved.
 - o A Save the Date announcement will be sent separately from the Monday Message. Ron Salmon is working on the graphics/invitation.
 - o The event theme is being developed and will tie into USA 250, with a patriotic focus.
 - o Planned activities include games, dinner, raffles, and more.

Co-Activities Director - Tammy Mayfield

- Thanked members for their prompt RSVPs to the weekly dinners.
- Due to seating restrictions, the Thursday weekly dinner will be limited to 30 people. A waitlist will be started once the maximum is reached. The exception will be the General Membership Meetings.
- Noted that dinner at the Culinary Dropout will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Co-Activities Director - Kathy Callahan - no report.

Communications Director - Kent Foster - absent

Officer at Large – Paul Mayfield

- National Corvette Museum Update
 - o New Collection Facility, 66,000 square feet, being built for preservation, storage, education, and tours regarding various Corvette-related collectibles. Ribbon cutting is Sept. 3rd, with tours starting early 2027.
 - o Grand Sport exhibition, 60 years of history in 1 room! 1963, 1996, and 2027 Grand Sports will be showcased.
 - o Corvette racing weekend October 15-17. Events planned over that weekend include driving tours as well as track time.
 - o Vets n' Vettes event November 5-7, with a parade among other events. Open to all active duty and veterans. Must bring your own Vette to participate.

Mystery Meal Coordinator - Jamsheed Badr - absent

50/50 Raffle - \$240 was collected, Kay Blasingame won the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Brigita Giallanza, Secretary
Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.