



# THE VETTE GAZETTE

## AUGUST 2025

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our yearly All Corvette Car Show is coming fast. We already have over 280 Corvettes registered for the Sept. 27th show. Make sure to get your Corvette registered before we run out of room, and don't forget to sign up for the BBQ event too. The BBQ is only an option if you are registered for the show. As always, more Club volunteers are welcome. Contact Joe Leffelman to find out where help is needed.

Be sure to RSVP by August 19th for the August 26th social dinner after the General Meeting. The full August menu is included in this Gazette, but Smoked Pork and Grilled Burgers are featured.

Also coming fast (Aug. 18th) is an overnight drive-out to Alpine hosted by John Garley. This drive-out focusses on a fun, curvy road that Corvette owners will enjoy. Contact John ASAP to participate in this drive-out.

Who will be the first in our club to own the new 2025 ZR1 with 1068 HP??

See everyone August 26th at the Centennial Center.

David Homestead  
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

**General Membership Meeting:** Tuesday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m.  
Social Time begins at 4:30 p.m. (Please do not arrive prior to 4:30 p.m.)

If you will be attending meeting, and choose not to stay for dinner, please notify Donna Johnson via e-mail: [social@prescottvettesette.com](mailto:social@prescottvettesette.com)

**Location:** Antelope Hills Centennial Center

### **Dinner Menu:**

- Grilled Burgers / House Smoked Pork
- Mixed Green Salad Bar / Pasta Salad
- Homemade Potato Chips

**DINNER RESERVATION REMINDER** - "We know that you know, but we really need to know."

*The price for the dinner is \$26 per person, prepaid, includes all taxes and tips, and is non-refundable.*

You must complete your payment by the 19th of the month. If you choose to pay by check, it must be received by the Club Treasurer no later than 19th. Make checks payable to: Prescott Vette Sette, P. O. Box 2403, Prescott, AZ 86302-2403.

If you choose to participate in dinner following the General Membership meeting, you may do so by clicking on the following link to reserve and process your payment:

<https://prescottvettesette.com/event/general-meeting-dinner/>

## COFFEE TIME



**TIME:** 7:30 A.M.

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday!

**LOCATION:** Manzanita Grill

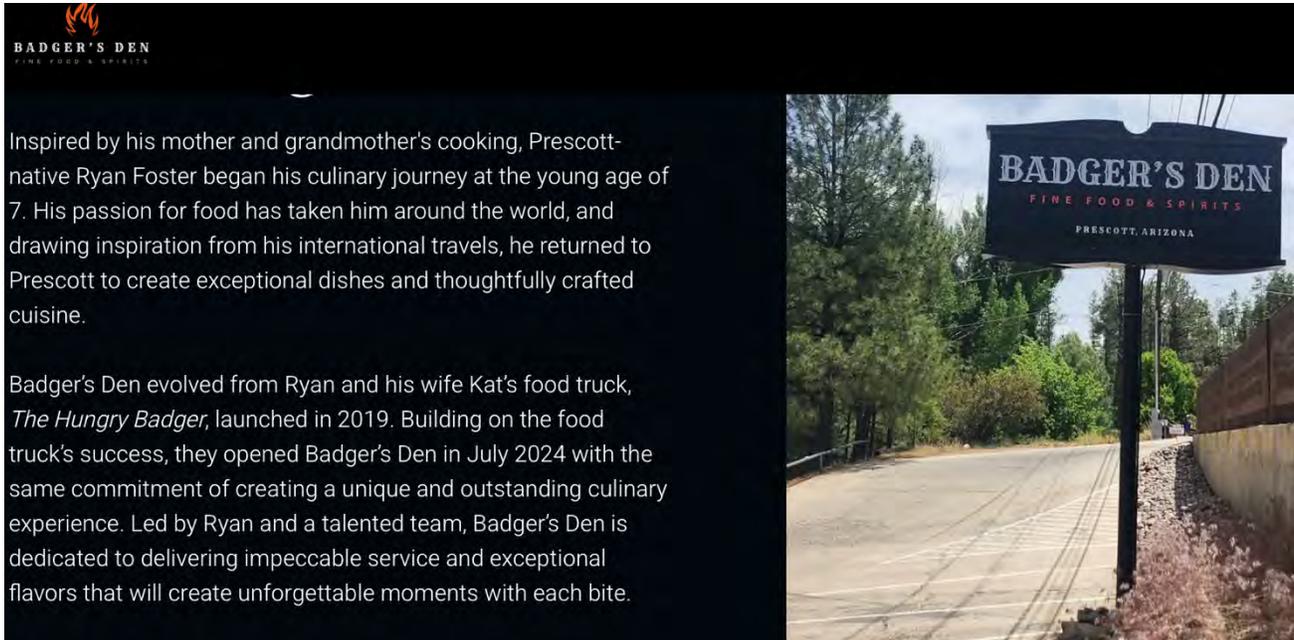
**Everyone is ALWAYS invited!**

## MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER - SEPT. 11, 2025

*“Are you bear-y hungry? Come to our next Social Dinner”*

Location: Badger’s Den    Date: September 11th.    Time: 5:00pm

Reserve your spot and RSVP to Kathy Boley at [co4mimi@yahoo.com](mailto:co4mimi@yahoo.com)



**BADGER'S DEN**  
FINE FOOD & SPIRITS

Inspired by his mother and grandmother's cooking, Prescott-native Ryan Foster began his culinary journey at the young age of 7. His passion for food has taken him around the world, and drawing inspiration from his international travels, he returned to Prescott to create exceptional dishes and thoughtfully crafted cuisine.

Badger's Den evolved from Ryan and his wife Kat's food truck, *The Hungry Badger*, launched in 2019. Building on the food truck's success, they opened Badger's Den in July 2024 with the same commitment of creating a unique and outstanding culinary experience. Led by Ryan and a talented team, Badger's Den is dedicated to delivering impeccable service and exceptional flavors that will create unforgettable moments with each bite.

The photograph shows a black sign on a tall pole with the text "BADGER'S DEN FINE FOOD & SPIRITS PRESCOTT, ARIZONA". The sign is set against a backdrop of trees and a clear sky. The foreground shows a paved road and some landscaping.



Call Nick Boley at 719-660-6010, if you would like to volunteer with a U.S.Vets event, or to get more information. October 5th is the next date scheduled to Drive-a-Vet to lunch at Essence Restaurant in Chino Valley.

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

Contact Rick Grey by email at [rik.con1@gmail.com](mailto:rik.con1@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping to stage participants for parade line-up, or if you would like to be a participant and drive your Corvette in the parade. Volunteers are needed.

## **DIVA GOLF TIME**



Hey ladies... Have you golfed lately? Why not meet up with a few Vette Sette golfers who meet regularly at Antelope Golf Course.

Contact Linda O'Connor for more information.

**ANNUAL DIVA OVERNIGHTER** is scheduled for November 12th at The Tavern Hotel in Cottonwood. Contact Sandy Muscat at <mailto:muscatsl@icloud.com> for more information, or to see if there is still availability.



**A wonderful July luncheon with Corvette Club members who started the Club and current members. Thanks to Kathy Kosch for organizing this great event.**

## **ALL PVS MEMBERS**

Yes... There's still time!

- Register your car, not show it, get a goody bag, and bbq tickets if you want. Or, you can donate money directly to the PVS Charitable Foundation.
- Bill Winans is looking for helpers to assist in parking vehicles the morning of our September 27th car show. Please contact directly at (928) 772-6369, or by email: [thewinansaz@gmail.com](mailto:thewinansaz@gmail.com)
- If you have a skill, or are willing to help with our car show, please contact Joe Leffelman at [leffelmanjoe@gmail.com](mailto:leffelmanjoe@gmail.com)



## We Appreciate Our Car Show Sponsors

Let's face it—we couldn't produce the biggest, "bestest" All-Corvette Car Show in our part of the country without the various community-minded partners and businesses who step into the Car Show Sponsorship role to help us out every year. Many of these organizations have supported our annual effort for most—if not all—of the years since our club's very first Corvette show in 2006. The show's purpose has always been fund-raising for local non-profits.

These are the community partners we count on and the cash contributors we love for their willingness to help us out with hands-on support, creative thinking, and cash:

### Our Community Partners

The **City of Prescott** is our Host City Sponsor. We're fortunate to be able to use three streets surrounding Courthouse Plaza to stage the show.

**Yavapai County** allows us to use the plaza surrounding the Courthouse, with bathroom access, electrical outlets, and clean-up for a nominal fee.

**The Hassayampa Inn** is Early Registration Central as well as host to many of our visitors every year.

The **Antelope Hills Golf Courses** not only host our monthly meetings but also provides the venue and catering for the Saturday Night BBQ that wraps up the show.

The Prescott chapter of **U.S. Vets**, which provides housing, employment assistance, and other support services to veterans across Northern Arizona, can be counted on to pitch in where needed at the show.

**Embry Riddle University** sends its ROTC Honor Guard to present the flags at our opening ceremonies, and cadet students help with show set-up and take-down.

**Yavapai College-CTEC** students and their instructors in the automotive repair program help judge our car show entries.

Radio station **KKLD-The Cloud 95.9 FM** has participated for many years as on-site broadcaster, interviewing car show visitors and making regular announcements to local listeners about the show.

### Sponsors Providing Financial Support

**Casa Chevrolet of Prescott** is our Marque Sponsor. Part of the Casa Auto Group, the local dealership plans to have cars on display at the show.

### Experience Prescott!

The city's tourism grant program has awarded us \$3,650 for our 2025 car show. Every year we join other local non-profits in applying for a portion of their tourism grant fund.

### Ron Fellows Performance Driving School

Located at Spring Mountain Track and Motor Resort in Pahrump, Nevada, we have

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been given a certificate for a 2-day course for which we will sell raffle tickets.

### **Raskin's Jewelers**

PVS club member Jim Carlisto and family purchased the business, a trusted name in jewelry in the Prescott region, several years ago. They're a well-established (since 1946) multiple brand jewelry retailer, located on Gurley Street, also offering repairs and design services.

### **Vivili Hospitality Group**

The largest restaurant group in Prescott, it includes The Barley Hound, Rosa's Pizzeria (two locations), La Planchada, Taco Don's, and a catering business called Hawk & Hound. Vivili will sponsor this year's program for the goodie bags, including a map of the downtown area for our visitors.

### **Jerome Prazak, State Farm Insurance**

Located in Prescott Valley, Jerome and his team will man the water station booth this year, handing out cold water bottles to car show visitors.



A red C5 is a tribute to veterans, honoring those who couldn't make it home.

## **The "Riding with Private Malone" Corvette to be at Our Show for Signing**

A retired Army helicopter pilot from Pennsylvania plans to make our car show on September 27 one of the stops on his cross-country tour this year.

He has turned his red C5 into a mobile autograph and memory book as he invites U.S. military veterans and first responders to write their signature, rank, and branch of service to others right on the car.

The red Corvette has attended hundreds of car shows since 1999, picking up over 16,000 signatures so far. When the car gets "full" the signatures are recorded, erased, and the mission begins again. Over 10,000 names are hanging in the National Corvette Museum for visitors to see.

His inspiration for the project is the story song "Riding with Private Malone" about a veteran who buys a vintage car second-hand. The car's former owner was a fellow soldier who didn't make it home.



# **WILLIAMS DRIVE-OUT**

July 17th

RUMOR has it that Tom O'Connor organized and had a fun drive-out for lunch at the Grand Canyon Brewery and Distillery in Williams. There was a total of 15 fun-loving Corvette owners out for the day (even after a day of rain). Thank you Tom!



**Great looking group!**

# **AUGUST SOCIAL DINNER**

## **ROSA'S Italian Restaurant**

“As always it was a full house.”



*“Oh mama zooma zooma baccala,  
Oh mama zooma zooma baccala”*

Hmm... was there some singing  
going on at Rosa's?





Saturday, Aug. 23rd  
7:30am - ??

## **SPECIAL CORVETTE CORRAL**

Many of our club members are aware of the monthly “Cars & Coffee” event held at the Pineridge Mall (formerly Gateway Mall) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Sponsored by “Third Shop Coffee,” some hundred or so classic, specialized, modified, muscle, and hot rod cars and trucks show up for a few hours “tire kicking!” Free coffee!

Once again, we are getting the opportunity to show off our VETTES!  
So, let’s get out there and show off!

For more information, check out their web page and Facebook page:

<https://carsandcoffeeprescott.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/carsandcoffeeprescott>

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### **CASA Chevrolet - Carpooling Suggested on August 28**

Club members who wish to attend the Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Casa Chevrolet of Prescott during their Grand Opening week (see the notice on the Sponsors' Corner page) should consider carpooling together. Many City officials have also been invited to attend, we are told, and parking space will be limited.

## MEET OUR MEMBERS - Richard & Lynn Reich

In the summer of 1980, these two Chicago South Siders (the baddest part of town!) met at the local neighborhood watering hole. Three years later, on New Years Eve, the nuptials were spoken when they eloped to Reno, Nevada/Lake Tahoe. Forty-one years of wedded bliss later, they call Prescott Lakes home with a winter residence in LaQuinta, California.



Rich's career as a financial planner and investment advisor spanned over 25 years with his own firm which he sold in 2018 and then retired. He actively manages their portfolio to keep us "in the black"! Possibly his interest in finance came from his early days in Lake Tahoe when he was a blackjack dealer, after being a banker in Chicago. Always something financial. He has always had an interest in outdoor activities such as jumping out of an airplane at 15,000 feet in New Zealand, parasailing in Mexico, flying a P51 bomber over the Coachella Valley and snorkeling in Aruba. At the age of 62 he embarked on Olympic Triathlons competing in three of them. Working out is part of his weekly routine along with pickleball. His passions include the Corvette, of course, along with racing of all kinds. For the next "big" birthday, hoping to go to Monte Carlo for the Grand Prix Race in 2028. He enjoys a gun collection and practices shooting at the local range.



Lynn had a career involving a pivot from public accounting to commercial real estate. For 45 years she was involved in helping clients build, lease and sell industrial buildings around the country, many of which were large distribution centers of 750,000 sq. ft. and up.

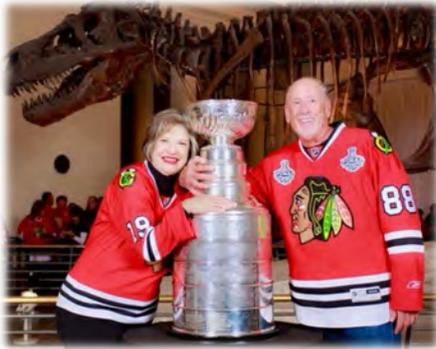


She was given fantastic access to client's overall strategic goals making each day different with different opportunities to assist them. She received awards from many organizations for her achievements in the industry and volunteering for leadership roles in them was a way to give back.

One of the most memorable events for Lynn was the 2012 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Chicago, a 39-mile, 2-day walk for the charity. Our team, 11 real estate women, had a goal to fundraise – which we all did to a combined \$65,000! Lynn was proud to be the #1 fundraiser in all of Chicago. Retirement came in 2023 and somehow each day is still busy! Friends said that would happen and it did.



Shared passions include sports, travel and music. Highlights include DBacks World Series game, Stanley Cup Final with hometown BlackHawks winning on the night they attended the game. The owner of the team had the Stanley Cup brought to local Chicago Museum so fans could see it in person. In 2005 attended Chicago



World Series playoffs...may be last time they had a good team. Travel includes Caribbean, Europe, the UK, Baltic region, Tahiti and Hawaii. Attended many concerts including notables Rolling Stones, The Who, Elton John, Springsteen, Paul McCartney and many country stars at the Stagecoach musical festival. If it involves Rock and Roll along with cowboy and girl hats, they are in.

Lynn and Rich have explored all Prescott has to offer. Membership at The Phippen Museum, Prescott Film Festival, Cowboy Poets Gathering events, the Elks, the music scene in town and all the various art shows and stores to visit. Their home can attest to that participation with works from all the various venues. Prescott Lakes Country Club offers many events and opportunities to connect with other members as they have been very welcoming over the past 4 years.

There is no shortage of activities when you add all the great events from the Prescott Vette Sette – getting to know the members is a definite highlight for them. They thank you for your hospitality.



# AND NOW ...A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

## GRAND OPENING

August 27 – September 1

Ribbon Cutting  
Casa Chevrolet  
August 28, 11:30 am  
Street Tacos 12-2pm

Casa Auto Group invites the community to attend the Grand Opening of its Chevy, Cadillac, and Nissan dealerships in Prescott.

- Special Event pricing--“smokin’ deals”--on new and used cars. We have great inventory of both.
- Test-drive any vehicle to be entered in a drawing to win an expenses-paid trip.
- Free raffle opportunities throughout the six-day event.
- This is your chance to make a good deal on a new Chevy, Cadillac, or Nissan vehicle.



Congratulations to State Farm Insurance Agent Jerome Prazak and his team for winning the top spot in *The Daily Courier's* Readers' Choice awards competition for Best Insurance Agent two years in a row.



We can make your jewelry dreams come true. Remake an old piece you don't wear, or start anew with your choice of design and gemstones. Trusted jeweler for brilliant diamonds, quality jewelry, elegant watches, treasured gifts, and expert jewelry repairs.

## 10% Off Service



Casa Auto Group would like to extend a 10% off service for Prescott Vette Sette members on their Corvettes.

The offer can't be combined with any other offer. This coupon can be used for 10% off parts and labor.

Any fees and taxes are excluded from the 10% discount.

The offer expires September 30, 2025.

Bring this printed page from the August Vette Sette newsletter for your discount. Present the coupon to your service advisor.

CHINO VALLEY TERRITORIAL DAYS 2025

# CAR SHOW

*Food Trucks!*

*August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025*

*Vendors!*

*Raffles!*

*Music!*

**TERRITORIAL DAYS**



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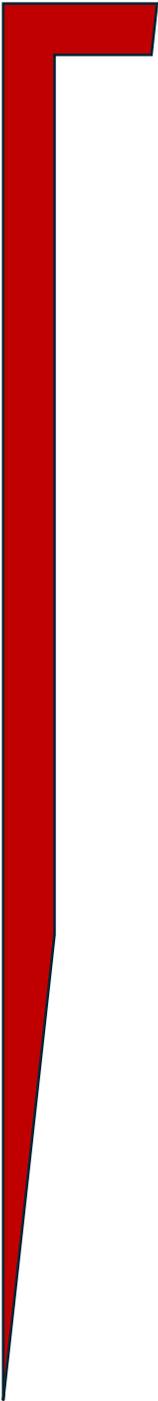
**9:00AM - 1:00PM**

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**MULTIPLE CLASSES AND AWARDS!**

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