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Note: In 2025 Dinner locations may 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 Bob Goodhue

This edition of the Driver's Seat gives me mixed emotions. It will be the last edition of our newsletter published by Mark Bales. Mark has done a great job, and he has provided me with the support needed, through his many years with the club. The Board will be discussing our options. If there is anyone who would wish to take this endeavor over, please contact our current board members. (*Editors note: Since Bob wrote this column, two volunteers have stepped forward. More to follow*)

As we enter the month of May, visitors are beginning to leave our warm environment, hoping to avoid the extreme temperatures. I don't know about you, but this IS convertible weather. I normally have the top down when the temperature is over 70 and under 100 degrees. I get so many compliments from drivers at stoplights, even though I still haven't warmed up to my red interior. I'm sure you all have shared the same experiences. Now there are some drivers who have their tops down when it is over 100 degrees. Most of the time they are rental cars, which tells me the passengers are from out of state, and dreading they rented the vehicle. But they want to show us Zonies how they can fit in. They have no clue that we just look at them and ask ourselves.....why?

I do appreciate that our club shuts down for the summer months. It gives us all time to escape to more hospitable climates. Julie and I will travel in June and August to find time to relax, cool down, and enjoy other environments. I will bring my golf clubs. You never know what lush course lurks out there, inviting me to try it out. Julie is not the type who rides along to watch me golf. She finds golf very boring and more relaxing to lay on the beach and sample certain "treats" provided by the establishment. I know she enjoys her time, she has such a big smile when I return, and the attendants know her by name. Julie tells me she does it for me for those days I don't golf, that way the attendants make sure I enjoy my time there.....Hmmmmmm. I hope you all will be having similar summer experiences and enjoying your time at home or in a cooler remote location.

We will be back at it in September and the weather should be more conducive for top-down weather. Well, maybe that will happen later in September, but you never know! Early morning jaunts to the golf course will definitely be roofless and those early visitors, in convertibles will again test their abilities to resist the hot sunlight, and us locals will just look at them and ask ourselves.....why?

SCC New Members

*Please welcome **Dave and Marnice Hebard**. Dave and Marnice are the proud owners of a Hysteria Purple Metallic Z06.*

It's Been a Gas! It's Really Been a Gas!*

**Steve Marriott, Live at the Fillmore, 1971*

I've often mentioned the Scottsdale Corvette Club has had four Newsletter Editors in it's 25+ years. I'm number two and four. My first issue was May/June 2002. Taking a break from 2006 until 2022, my last issue, 23 years later will be this one.

Kathy and I joined the SCC January, 2001. New to AZ, knowing only my parents, the SCC provided an opportunity to meet people and see this beautiful state, along with most of the Southwest and West. We had the pleasure of serving on the Board as President and Membership Director. Kathy has been on-and-off involved with the Vette Vixens since their inception.

We look forward to continuing our fun relationship with the SCC, but it's time to pass the Newsletter baton to someone else. Fresh ideas, different spins, maybe bring it into the 21st century.

I'm thrilled the Newsletter will continue and delighted with the next stewards. Frank and Janet Tasnadi have volunteered to take the reins. Both have been active members on the board and have a long history of supporting the Scottsdale Corvette Club. Please join me in welcoming Frank and Janet to their new role.

In closing, thanks to everyone who have supported my efforts. To name a few, I couldn't have done it without people like Rollie, Bill, Rich, Dave, Mark, Tim, Bob, several others and my chief proof-reader and grammar coach, Kathy Bales.

Quoting my favorite rock vocalist, Steve Marriott, it really has been a Gas!

Mark Bales



***The 2026 Corvette
Interior...***

***The wall of buttons now
a thing of the past.
More, larger screens
and plenty of new
technology.***

What do you think?

“Guess the Celebrity” Contest Winner



Our Winner was Chris Mingie!

Chris correctly identified our celebrity Corvette owner as Kendall Jenner.

Dave Sacks identified the dark line in the hood, making it look unlatched (also the convertible top cover that appears to be unlatched.)



Let's try two more...

First email response wins!

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They Say Its Your Birthday!



May

John Ketterl 4th
 Jan Kellogg 7th
 Karen McMenimen 16th
 Mark Morales 16th
 Roger Ceilley 18th
 Aram Kardjian 21st
 Joe Guizetti 23rd
 Vincent Jermany 23rd
 John Ulrich 23rd
 Dick Kulczycki 25th
 Glynis Romanica 28th
 Tammy Schroden 31st

June

Nicole Mingie 9th
 Les Paul 9th
 Sue Kulczycki 13th
 John Cahlammer 14th
 Steve Rabin 14th
 Pat Collins 14th
 Scott Feck 24th
 Cheri Benner 27th

***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!**



Lands' End

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SCC MEN!

Save The Date!

**Third Wednesday Most
 Months**

POKER NIGHT!!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

January

8th Club Meeting
14th Boyce Thompson
Arboretum

February

12th Club Meeting/Van
8th Mystery Trip
15th Concours in the Hills

March

12th Club Meeting
6th Olive Mill Tour

April

9th Club Meeting
3rd Tortilla Flats
16th Vixens/Poker
19th Concours in the Hills

May

14th Club Meeting
3rd Top Golf
10th Tortilla Flat
21st Vixens/Poker
7th Board Meeting

June

No Club Meeting
18th Vixens/Poker
Mini Activities

July

No Club Meeting
16th Poker - Yes
No Vixens
Mini Activities

August

No Club Meeting
No Vixens
No Poker
22-24 Wine Tasting
Wilcox

September

10th Club Meeting
17th Vixens/Poker
TBD Luau
TBD Prescott Car Show

October

8th Club Meeting
15th Vixens/Poker
TBD Titan Museum
TBD Dwarf Car Museum

November

12th Club Meeting
19th Vixens/Poker
TBD Phils' Grill
TBD Vulture Mine
5th Board Meeting

December

7th Holiday Party and
Toy Run



*Leaving the Valley to escape the heat
this summer?*

Safe travels!!

Vette-Togethers... Olive Mill Tour March 6



by *Sami Weir*

Our adventure to the olive oil mill was both fascinating and enlightening. We delved into the rich history of olives, learning that while many believe the California Redwoods to be the oldest trees, dating back to the times of Jesus Christ, there exists a grove in Lebanon where olive trees are over 6,000 years old and still bear fruit to this day.



The tour provided an in-depth look at the process of transforming the bitter olive, which is so unpalatable that even birds avoid it, into delightful olive oil. We learned about the various types of olive oil, starting with extra virgin olive oil, which has the least impurities and the highest quality, followed by virgin olive oil. To our surprise, there are even unique olive oils like chocolate olive oil, which can be used for ice cream and desserts. Who knew?

We had the opportunity to taste different olive oils, each with its own distinct flavor profile. Our tour guide explained that one of the olive oils we were sampling had a hint of pepper, amusingly punctuated by a man's loud sneeze at that very moment.

Olive oil is not only delicious but also packed with health benefits. It reduces inflammation, acts as an antioxidant, and is beneficial for the heart by lowering cholesterol levels. The Mediterranean diet, which heavily incorporates olive oil, is a testament to its health advantages. So, consider using olive oil when making your eggs, and it also serves as an excellent skin moisturizer.

Our delightful tour was capped off with a delicious lunch, where Juan and I enjoyed pistachio cannoli's that were almost New York quality. The mill's unique market offered a variety of goodies, making it a wonderful spot for lunch and an ideal place to bring out-of-town visitors.

This tour was a great experience, and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in history, health, and delicious food.

Vette-Togethers... Olive Mill Tour (continued)



Vette-Togethers... Death Valley March 18



by Frank Tasnadi

Photos Mark Chulew and Rich Kosina

So, the name “Death Valley” doesn’t initially conjure up pleasant thoughts. After all, “death” by itself is something we all choose to avoid as long as possible. But our minds almost instantly go to thoughts of that arid valley in California, the one with the awful first name and sometimes tragic past. Curiosity quickly sets in and you think... “Hmmm, I wonder what that place is like?”.

Enter Mark and Stacey Chulew. They wanted to show us “that” place, and they wanted to do it in March when we had little to no chance of becoming human torches in 134-degree heat! Yes, that is the highest temperature ever recorded there.

But they know, they KNOW getting past that “death” thing is a tough sell, so they quite cleverly dangle a little extra excitement in front of us... well actually a lot!! They started the trip with a night at the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and bookended the entire trip with a final night at Don Laughlin’s Hotel and Casino in Laughlin! Well done Chulews... well done so far!!

We started at one of our more familiar start points, the McDonalds at I-17 and Carefree Highway, on March 18th. Nine cars in all, with mostly Corvettes of course! The drive to Sin City was uneventful. The only issue was with the unusually rough patches of road, some lasting dozens of miles.

Before dinner, our hosts, Mark and Stacey, hosted a happy hour in their luxury hotel room. They generously provided appetizers and wine for the group.

Dinner was in the hotel at Gilley’s Saloon, Dance Hall and Bar-B-Que. Smoked meats were the specialty and the quality didn’t disappoint. However, the service did. Being way understaffed it took a

Vette-Togethers... Death Valley (continued)



long time for every part of the dining experience, including paying the check. Oh well, we were on vacation!

After dinner, the restaurant exit takes you through the dance hall where they had line dancing going on with an instructor. Many of us boldly declared we would do it, but only my lovely bride, Janet, actually did. Her many pleas for others to join her went answered only with a polite smile and a halfhearted wave. You know, the kind that says, "Ya, leave me alone"!!



The next morning it was off to Death Valley. The drive was unremarkable until we got closer to DV where the terrain was changing... more arid, more desolate, more inhospitable, but also much more fascinating!!



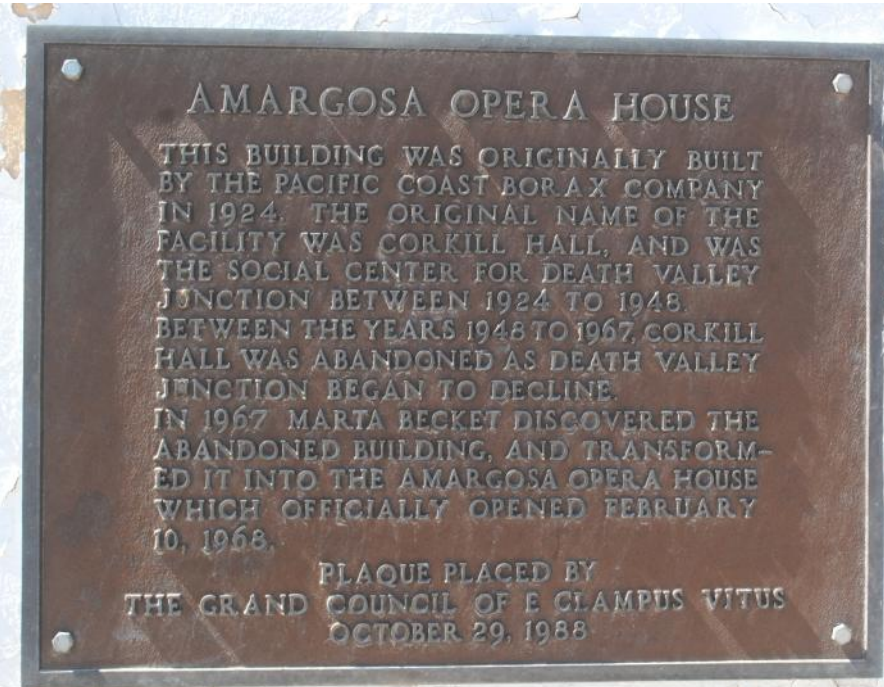
Before we made it all the way to Death Valley we stopped at a quaint and historic place in a little-known town. Well, not sure you can even call it a town; it's small, and it's called Death Valley Junction. And in this area, out in the middle of nowhere, is a historic gem called The Amargosa Opera House.

Constructed in 1925, it was originally a boarding place for the Borax miners. But in the early 1960's a lady named Marta Becket, a former professional dancer, came along and bought the then run-down place. She remodeled

it, making 18 serviceable hotel rooms and a large opera hall in which she was often the only performer! Never giving up hope, she painted her own audience members around the inside walls.

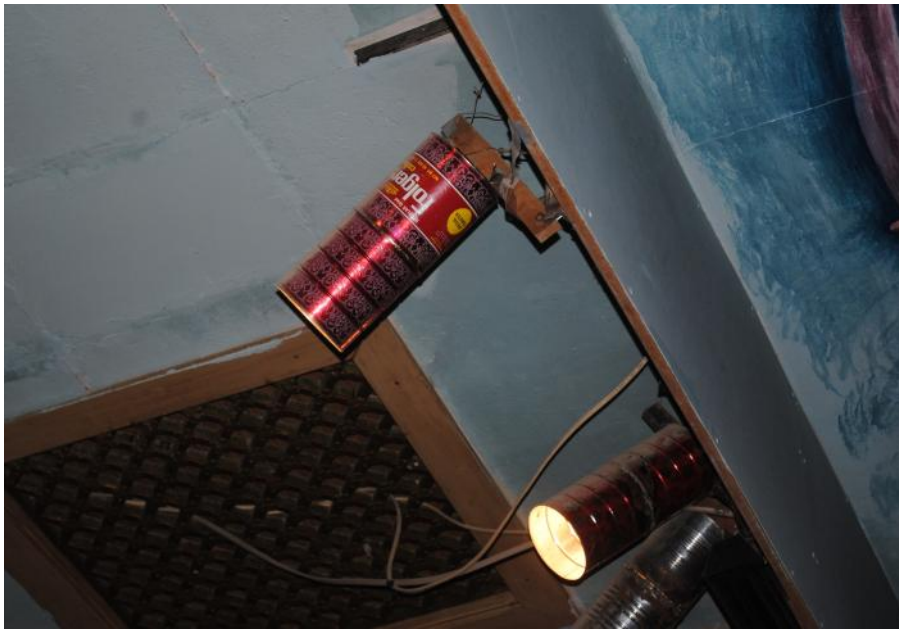
In 1970, the National Geographic folks stumbled across the opera house quite by accident. There they discovered Marta doing a performance without an audience. But they were impressed with her talents and the hall, and the word got out. Soon she was performing to large audiences several times a week, which included such notables as Ray Bradbury and Red Skelton. In 2012, Marta did her final performance, and in 2017 she passed away at the age of 92, still residing there at the opera house.

Vette-Togethers... Death Valley (continued)



Our tour included the hotel which has been “updated” (perhaps an overstatement), and of course, the opera house which sits as it has for decades. The inside is a bit gaudy, perhaps overdone, but it was what Marta wanted. Wandering around the large, slightly darkened hall you could almost feel her presence. The entire thing was fun, informative and a bit eerie!

Then we continued to Death Valley. For miles and miles alongside the highway the ground had turned almost totally white. As the temps had been on the colder side, the chatter on our radio was that this could be ice. Instantly, though, many of us weren’t buying that theory. It turned out that it was a prelude to what we would see in abundance in the valley.... sodium chloride, calcite gypsum and the mineral the valley is famous for... borax!



Several weeks prior to the trip Mark had emailed everyone with a downloadable program for our smart phones that gave us audible turn-by-turn directions in the valley. But more importantly, it gave us the history and highlights of whichever area we were through. We were able to play the narration through our Corvette sound systems, making for a VERY fascinating, informative and high-tech way to learn about DV.

We arrived at our hotel, The Ranch at Death Valley, which is a much nicer place then you would expect in the middle of nowhere. The 275-room sprawling motel was built in 1933 and had a \$250 million dollar renaissance a few years ago. It features good restaurant, ice cream and coffee nook, and a very nice gift shop and general store.

We stumbled across a surprise event happening at the same time we were there. A group of antique cars from all over the west, none newer than 1915, were having daily driving events staged from our hotel. They made for quite the spectacle and extra enjoyment for us car guys/gals.

Dinner the first night was at the other hotel in DV, the nearby Inn at Death Valley. Even though I refer to it as the “other,” it really is the premiere place in DV. Built on a natural spring it is an oasis in the middle of a hostile and forbidding environment. The hotel is luxurious by most standards and the restaurant is superb.

Vette-Togethers... Death Valley (continued)



Our driving and walking tours both days were highlighted by the stark beauty of Badwater Basin, the colorful formations of Artists Drive and Artists Palette, and the panoramic, almost breath-taking views from Dante's View and Zabriskie Point.

Badwater is the lowest point in North America and is also known for its expansive salt flats and stark beauty. A few of us wandered out onto the salt flats for a closer look. Badwater is 282 feet below sea level, and to give you a proper perspective there is a sign on the cliff above indicating where sea level is. Wow!

Artists Drive and Palette is a beautiful, winding, up and down road, very much suited for our Corvettes at a significant higher speed than posted. But we behaved and instead of challenging ourselves and cars we enjoyed the unique and strangely colorful rock formations. Many didn't remotely match the formations near them and appeared so out of place; you almost wondered if they weren't dropped there by some outside entities.

Zabriskie point is a popular place for viewing sunrise and sunsets, but we were there in the middle of the day. The time of day made little difference; this point also showcased the almost jaw-dropping views, formations and colors so unique to Death Valley.

It was then back to our hotel and another hospitality happy hour hosted by the Chulews. This one was out on the expansive green lawn between the buildings of rooms. Afterward, we did dinner at our hotel, but not before enjoying some of the action courtesy of our 1915 car buff buddies.

Vette-Togethers... Death Valley (continued)



The next morning was upon us, and we headed out as a group to Laughlin. Once again, the drive was rather uneventful. Ok, it's downright boring, but a little chatter on the radio from time-to-time brightened things up. At one point, on a very flat, zero-traffic desert road, I got on the radio and reminisced with the group about a time several years ago on a different SCC trip when the Reagans and we slept in a bit on the last day and left later than everyone else. Back then, when we came upon this stretch of highway, we decided it was a good spot to "play" a little. For the sake of not incriminating anyone, I will say... we may or may not have gotten our twin Torch Red rocket ships cruising a bit more aggressively on this lonely stretch. Whatever it was, it was a white knuckler and fun!!

Finally, we arrived at Laughlin. Don Laughlin's Casino is not fancy, but it provides clean rooms, a Prime Rib Buffet, and any gaming action we may wanted. Many of us did our own thing after a very good dinner. I chose Blackjack, while Janet chose the quietness of our hotel room. I actually won a little but knew when to quit and was back with my lovely bride before 11pm. The next morning everyone headed home at their leisure, and we drove by ourselves.

Here are a couple of personal perspectives on the trip...

Barry Mentzel wrote;

Two things I found most notable. The sheer spectacle of DV. It was nothing at all as I had pictured. I know we spoke of the TV show of yore, Death Valley Days, and as it was black and white I always pictured the valley as sand.

Certainly had no idea that the surrounding mountains were so colorful.

The Amargosa Opera House was a totally unexpected jewel on the trip. The place itself was pretty amazing, but our guide provided such a great amount of history and texture that added to the experience. And the info about Marta Becket and all she did was pretty staggering. If you go to the website theres a video narrated by Marta which is really great.

Rich Kosina added;

I guess my moment came after driving for about an hour in whats best described as very inhospitable conditions (moon comes to mind) we came upon the lodging area which was so lush and green.

I also got a kick out of the Folgers coffee can stage lighting at the opera house.

Vette-Togethers... Death Valley (continued)

In closing, I can truly say this was an excellent trip, the Chulews did their usual outstanding job planning and executing with a superb attention to detail.

Everyone had a great time, and adding Vegas and Laughlin as bookends to the Valley was a perfect fit.

Thank you Mark and Stacey!!



***Optional
“Plumbers Edition”
exhausts for 2026***

*(Actually, it might be the
rumored C8 Grand Sport
Or testing a new ICE for
the E-Ray)*

Vette-Togethers... Liberty Wildlife Preserve April 9



by Sami Weir

Photos Sami Weir and Julie Goodhue

We had a very interesting and informative tour at Liberty Wildlife Preserve. The first thing we learned was that Arizona Fish and Wildlife does not rescue injured animals nor bring those injured animals to the Preserve. All wildlife rescues are brought in by the public. The Preserve does not discriminate on which animals are rescued; they take in pi-

geons, which are often referred to as "flying rats" in New York. One owl was brought in stuck in the grill of a car and was eventually saved.

Birds with surgically repaired wing fractures often cannot fly and are not released back into the wild. While the birds' bones are strong, they are hollow, and even after surgery, they cannot be returned to the wild.

We also saw a Turkey Vulture whose life span in the wild is about 12 years. This Turkey Vulture was 37 years old, living to an old age with the loving care of the volunteers at the Preserve. Most wild animals that stay at the Preserve have a much longer life span.

We learned a very interesting fact about the Peregrine Falcon. They can dive on prey at over 220 miles per hour. The US Air Force was having issues with the early generation of jets losing lift at high-speed dives. Studies were conducted on the Peregrine Falcon, and a "baffle" was found on its beak. This allowed the Peregrine Falcon to maintain control. This "baffle" resembled modern jet compressor blades.

Another fascinating fact about birds of prey in flight is the owl, which makes no sound as it dives in on its prey. The owl has 13,000 feathers, which allow it to fly silently. In comparison, the bald eagle has 3,000 feathers. The eagle's talons can exert 850 pounds of pressure for an unlimited amount of time.

Feathers play a crucial role in the lives of birds, not only for flight but for warmth and camouflage. During our tour at the Liberty Wildlife Preserve, we were given almost weightless feathers to hold. Remarkably, they warmed the palm of our hands instantly, showcasing their exceptional insulating properties—much like those found in down jackets.

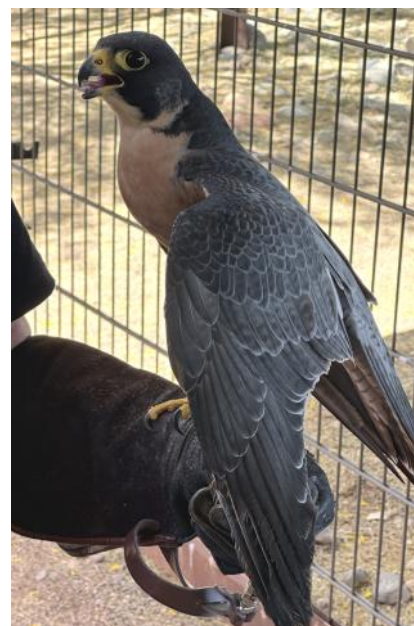
Another interesting aspect concerning feathers involves a retired Arizona Game and Wildlife officer, who is also Native American. This officer collects all the feathers from the Preserve and distributes them to Native Americans for their traditional clothing and ceremonies.

Vette-Togethers... Liberty Wildlife Preserve



It is illegal for anyone else to possess these feathers, respecting the cultural significance and legal regulations surrounding their use.

Finally, there are medical facilities on site that veterinarians and veterinarian students rotate through.



Vette-Togethers... Heard Museum Tour April 12



by Sami Weir

A Journey Through Indigenous History and Culture

This past Saturday, we enjoyed an enlightening guided tour of the Heard Museum, a world-class institution dedicated to the heritage and art of Native American tribes. The depth and breadth of information shared during the tour were astonishing, and while words may fall short, the photographs taken will surely capture the essence of our experience.

Evolution of Pottery

We revisited the familiar sight of the clay bowls and pottery crafted by indigenous tribes, originally plain and utilitarian. However, as tourist interest grew, these items evolved into more artistic expressions, showcasing the creativity and skill of their makers.

Basket Weaving and Practicality

The Native American tribes that resided along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon—specifically the Hualapai, Havasupai, and Yavapai tribes—used straw baskets to transport their items from the Canyon floor. Straw baskets were favored over clay pots due to their lighter weight, highlighting the practical ingenuity of these tribes.

Vette-Togethers... Heard Museum Tour

Ingenious Water Canals

One of the most fascinating facts uncovered during our tour was the history of the Native American tribes of the Sonoran Desert and their construction of water canals. These canals, remarkably, are still in use today, now lined with cement. Mark Bales, noted that the Army Corps of Engineers applauded the canals' precise layout as exemplary. It was truly impressive to learn of this ancient engineering feat.

Native American Contributions to Armed Forces

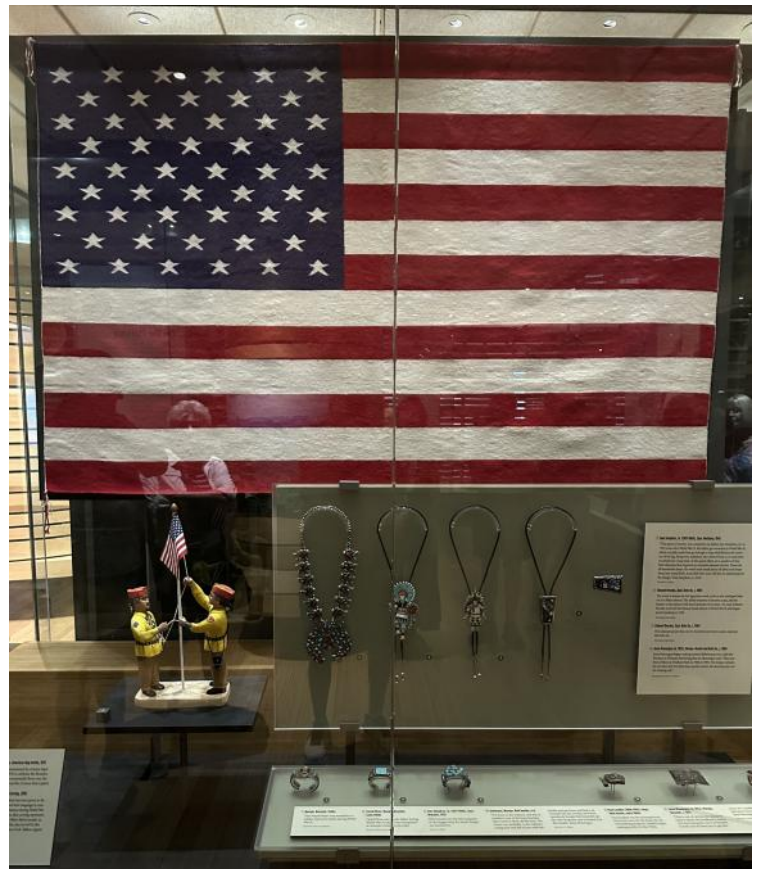
Our docent shared that Native Americans comprise 10 percent of our armed forces, driven by a profound motivation to defend their homeland. This resonated with a personal observation from my past: in my infantry platoon of 40 men in 1964, three members were Native Americans. Their presence and dedication are both noteworthy and inspiring.

Conclusion

We concluded our tour with a delightful lunch at the Courtyard Cafe within the museum. This memorable day not only enriched our understanding of Native American culture and history but also left us with a deep appreciation for their remarkable contributions and legacy.



Shoshone Warrior



Native Americans represent 10% of the armed forces of the US. They have a strong belief in defending their country.

Vette-Togethers... Heard Museum Tour



Native American clothing with baby carriers. The baby carriers were different for male babies.



The jewelry worn by Navajo's were large to enable their gods to see them better.

In 1680 Native American tribes banded together to fight off the Spanish invaders. The Native American population was decimated by the germs carried by the Spanish invaders.



Native American blanket made from sheep's wool. This was a fairly recent addition to Native American clothing.

Vette-Togethers... **Heard Museum Tour**

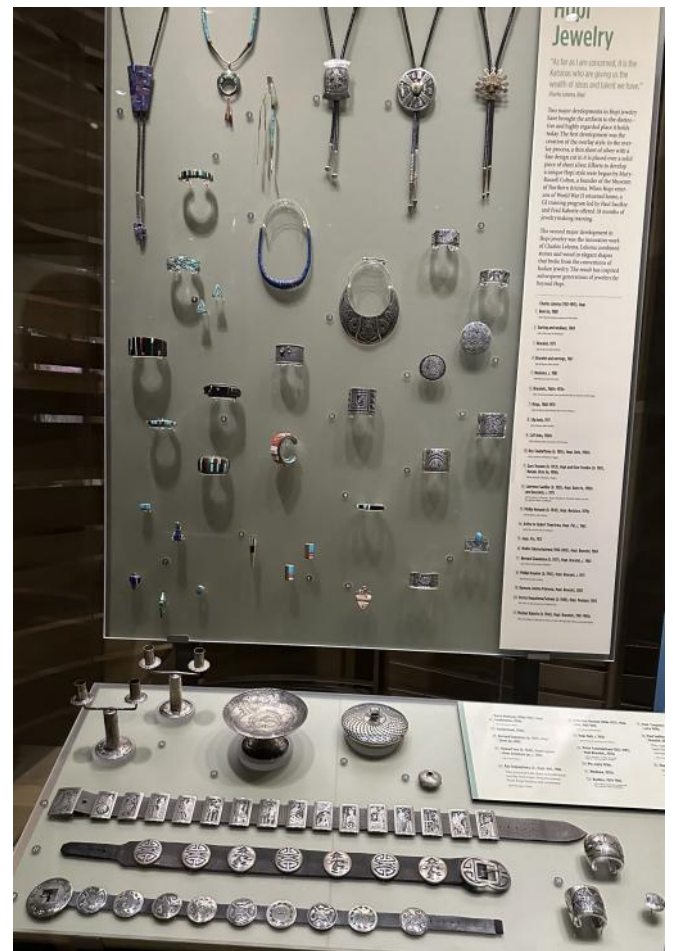


This beaded necklace contained 2700 beads, which truly is amazing as the beads are tiny.

Moccasin/boots dating back to 600 A.D.



Native American family portrayed in clay sculpture, sitting and sharing a communal meal together.



Hopi Jewelry

Vette-Togethers... Concours in the Hills - April 19th



Beautiful day, beautiful cars and good company!



Member Manny Siprut owned one like this.



Interesting...



Member Juan Urrea showing his Z06

Vette-Togethers... Concours in the Hills - April 19th



Vette-Togethers... Concours in the Hills - April 19th



Vette-Togethers... Canyon de Chille - April 25th



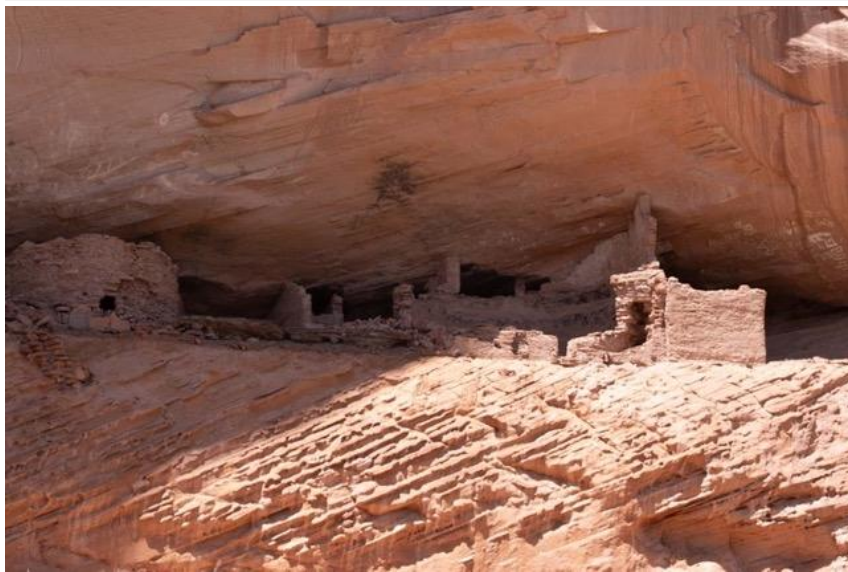
by Rich Kosina

Photos Bill Follette Fran Harder

Friday April 25th eight couples in 8 Corvettes met up at the Target in Fountain Hills departing later on a weekend driver to Canyon de Chelly on the Navajo reservation. It was a beautiful day with plenty of sunshine as we headed up the Beeline towards Payson taking a break just before the Beeline/260 intersection to do what folks our age need to do after sitting 1 hour in the car. It was then on to Holbrook for lunch at Tom & Suzie's Diner. A 9th club couple coming from Flagstaff joined us here for the rest of the trip. The food was delicious and after tanking up nearby we were back on the road in about an hour thanks to our hosts Frank and Janet submitting our meal choices in advance.

We arrived late afternoon and checked into our rooms at Thunderbird Lodge adjacent to the Park and Chinle, AZ. We had ample time to mingle and enjoy non-alcoholic (wink wink) beverages we brought along before enjoying dinner at the Lodge Restaurant. Alcohol is strictly forbidden on the Navajo Reservation. Again, the food was delicious and the serving size for both dinner and breakfast the next day were huge. After the long drive (Chinle is 75 minutes south of the Utah/Arizona line and less than 1 hour west of the New Mexico/Arizona line) most folks elected to retire for the evening as Saturday would have us fed and in our cars by 9am for a self driving tour of the rim.

Vette-Togethers... Canyon de Chelly - April 25th



We all self-drove above the canyons on the rim visiting several lookouts including the most famous Spider Rock. Returning we had lunch in the Lodge Restaurant which is rated #1 for the area and convened once more at 1pm to begin our 4 hour Navajo guided tour of the canyons. From our luxury, German made tour vehicles with cush seating (see photos) we visited several cliff dwellings with the highlights being the Antelope and White House Ruins. While fenced off to protect them, many of these Ruins were only about 200ft away from us. Built and once occupied by the Anasazi's and later the Hopi's, it's unsure why these early tribes abandoned them. We also had the chance to see many wild horses along the tour. There was some wind and I'm still digging sand out of crevices I didn't even know I had but the guides did a superlative job for us.

Saturday night we traveled into Chinle to eat at Garcia's Restaurant. It was not a Mexican restaurant as we expected being familiar with Garcia's in Phoenix but instead offered a varied menu. The food and service were great. Upon returning to the Lodge we again enjoyed some non-alcoholic beverages before saying our goodbyes as some folks were driving home on their own Sunday morning versus returning with the group.

A huge thank you to Frank and Janet Tasnadi who organized and led the trip. If you've never joined one of their trips, you're missing out. They always do a super job right down to the muffins they brought out Saturday night. Great job guys!

Vette-Togethers... Canyon de Chelly - April 25th



Vette-Togethers... Pop Stroke - May 3rd



A Hole-in-One Kind of Day!

by Charles Nance

Our recent outing with the Scottsdale Corvette Club was a fantastic way to spend the morning – filled with friendly competition, a little bit of luck, and lots of laughs! 10 members gathered at Pop Stroke for a mini-golf adventure, splitting into two groups of five to tackle separate courses. Pop Stroke has two 18 -hole courses (Red Course and Black Course).

My group played the more challenging course, but despite the difficulty, we still had some remarkable moments. I was lucky enough to sink THREE holes-in-one – a personal record! But I wasn't the only one getting lucky with the putter. Frank Tasnadi, Janet Easley Prouty Tasnadi, and even Suzy Poulter (who claims to be terrible at mini-golf, but I beg to differ!) also managed to score a hole-in-one, which made for some exciting moments during our round. John Cahlamar pulled off one of the lowest scores but was left out of the hole-in-one club.

The second group consisted of Sami Weir, Juan and Daisy Urrea, Judy Myers and her guest Ray Haus. They played the red course and had a great time as well.

As for me, I managed to pull off the lowest score in our group – much to my surprise...I am terrible at golf! Suzy, on the other hand, took home the honor of having the highest score (but she was still all smiles, proving it's really all about the fun).

After the rounds, we gathered for a delicious lunch, which was the perfect way to wind down and share some stories of our mini-golf glory (and near-misses).



It was an amazing morning, and I'm already looking forward to our next outing. A big thank you to everyone who came out – it was a hole-in-one kind of day for sure!

For those looking for a fun and relaxing day out, I highly recommend Pop Stroke. Whether you're a mini-golf pro or just looking for a good time with friends, it's a great spot with fantastic food, beautiful courses, and plenty of ways to enjoy the day. Don't miss it!

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