



Jan/Feb 2009 A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts 89 Members

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Meetings:

SCC meets the 2nd
Wednesday of each month
at 6:30 PM for a dinner
meeting.

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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.

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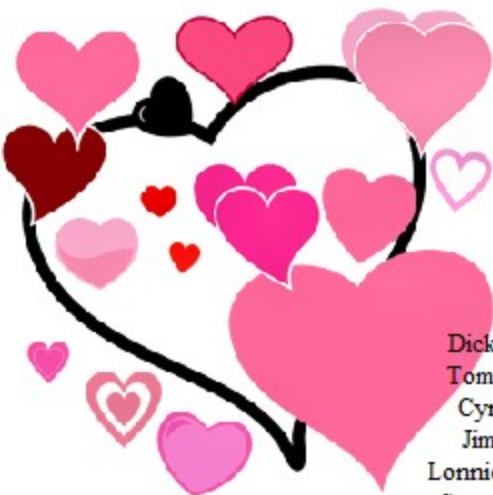
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SCC Birthdays!



January 2009

Donna Reagan - Jan. 3rd
Kathy Gash - Jan. 19th
Lloyd Benner - Jan. 22nd



February

Dick Gutherless - Feb. 1st
Tom Georgious - Feb. 2nd
Cyndie Jayne - Feb. 8th
Jim Dobson - Feb. 13th
Lonnie Schaffroth - Feb. 17th
Steve Hollander - Feb. 17th
Janette Boyd - Dec. 28th
Christine Bidwell - Feb. 22nd
Ken Brown - Feb. 28th

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Coming Events!

January 14th - Club Dinner Meeting
January 21st - Vette Vixens Dinner
January 24th - Wind Tunnel (Simulated sky diving)
January 27th - Board Meeting

February 11th - Club Dinner Meeting
February 14th - Sweethearts Valentine's Party
February 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner
February 25th - Board Meeting



March 11th - Club Dinner Meeting
March 14th - Bagdad Trip
March 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner
March 25th - Board Meeting
March 28th - Ethnic Epicurean Dinner

April 8th - Club Dinner Meeting
April 15th - Vette Vixens Dinner
April 18th - Pima Air & Space Museum
April 22nd - Board Meeting

We have included the Board Meeting dates in case you have a topic you would like the Board to discuss. Just let us know prior to any of the Board Meetings.

YOUR 2009 SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pictured, left to right, Manny Siprut, Alice Pfeffer, Rollie Trayte, Mike Cassel and Dorinne Dobson. Dave Leiva was absent.



From the Driver's Seat...

Mike Cassel

Happy New Year!! I don't know if I have ever said this before when it had more meaning than now. 2008 was a unique year to say the least with a lot good things happening but also filled with many terrible situations that still have our Country and the world in uncertain limbo. I am definitely ready for a new year that, hopefully, will be much better than last year in many ways.

With the New Year comes a new slate of events and activities for the Scottsdale Corvette Club. As I have mentioned before, we have tried to plan a variety events that will cover the wide range of interests of our members. Whether you like events that are geared for cruising, tours, cars, eating, or just good socializing, you should be able to find events to your liking in our 2009 events calendar.

January's event is a "skydiving" experience and four brave couples have signed up for that. Thank God it is not out of an airplane but in a wind tunnel. We'll let you know how that goes! The month of January also offers lots of great (non SCC) things for the "gear head" in the form of the many car auctions that occur in the valley like Barrett-Jackson, Russo and Steele, etc. In February there will be a house party at the Pfeffers' home on Valentines Day (more info on this in this newsletter). In March we plan to cruise to Bagdad, AZ; this is an event the Club did several years ago and provided several good memories for the attendees. The weather should be beautiful and great for a nice drive and lunch. That pretty much wraps up the first quarter as far as SCC events go but there will also be the Vette Vixens' monthly dinners and perhaps an Epicurean experience thrown in as well. So let's get out and have some fun with our cars and our friends

Here's (lifting an imaginary glass of wine) to 2009 and another wonderful year for the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

REMEMBER.....DRIVE IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT!

Mike Cassel

Here's an interesting web site, one that some of you are probably already very familiar with, but I thought I'd mention it as you may not have checked it out lately. Jay Leno's Garage has lots of interesting videos, information and photos. Click on the link and it will take you directly to Jay Leno's Garage: http://www.jaylenosgarage.com/video/video_categories.shtml?cat=525321. Click on 2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 in the upper left-hand corner and see the video on the 2009 ZR1, a car you may have seen at last year's Barrett Jackson auction in Scottsdale. Jim and I saw it and did not know at that time who bought it. GM donated the vehicle, with serial number 001, and it sold for \$1,000,000, all the money going to charity. Now we know who bought it.



Jay Leno with his 09 ZR1 and other Vettes in his garage



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2009

JANUARY

14 - Club Dinner Meeting
 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 24 - WIND TUNNEL - Manny
 27 - Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

11 - Club Dinner Meeting
 14 - VALENTINE'S
 PARTY- Alice
 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 25 - Board Meeting

MARCH

11 - Club Dinner Meeting
 14 - BAGDAD TRIP-Dorinne
 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 25 - Board Meeting
 28 - Ethnic Dinner

APRIL

8 - Club Dinner Meeting
 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 18 - PIMA AIR&SPACE MUS.
 - Rollie
 22 - Board Meeting

MAY

1-3 - ROUTE 66 FUN RUN
 - Mike
 13 - Club Dinner Meeting
 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 27 - Board Meeting

JUNE

10 - Club Dinner Meeting
 13 - Laser Tag - Dave
 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 24 - Board Meeting
 27 - Ethnic Dinner

JULY

8 - Club Dinner Meeting
 11 - Baseball @ Chase
 Field - Dave
 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 22 - Board Meeting

AUGUST

12 - Club Dinner Meeting
 ?? - TRIP TO FLAGSTAFF
 /RIORDAN MANSION
 - Mike
 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 26 - Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

9 - Club Dinner Meeting
 16 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 19 - Prescott Car Show
 - Dorinne
 23 - Board Meeting
 26 - Ethnic Dinner

OCTOBER

9-10 - TOMBSTONE
 GHOSTRIDER
 EVENT - Mike
 14 - Club Dinner Meeting
 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 28 - Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

7 - GIMMICK RALLY -Rollie
 11 - Club Dinner Meeting
 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner
 NO NOV. BOARD MTG.

DECEMBER

2 - Board Meeting
 6 - Holiday Party - Manny
 12 - Toy Run to Van Chev.

JANUARY IS CAR AUCTION MONTH!

January 11-18 - Barrett Jackson, at West World. <http://www.barrett-jackson.com/eventschedule/>

January 17 - Gooding and Company, at Scottsdale Fashion Square. <http://www.goodingco.com/>

January 14-18 - Russo and Steele, at 18601 North Scottsdale Road. <http://www.russoandsteele.com/>

January 16-19 - Silver Auction, at the Fort McDowell Casino. <http://www.silverauctions.com/index.php>

January 22-25 - Kruse 38th Annual Collector Car Auction, at the Arizona State Fair Grounds. www.kruse.com



Jay Leno's 2009 ZR1, Serial #001

SAGUARO LAKE BOATRIDE

By Dick Gutherless

**Photos by Mark Bales
& John Parker**

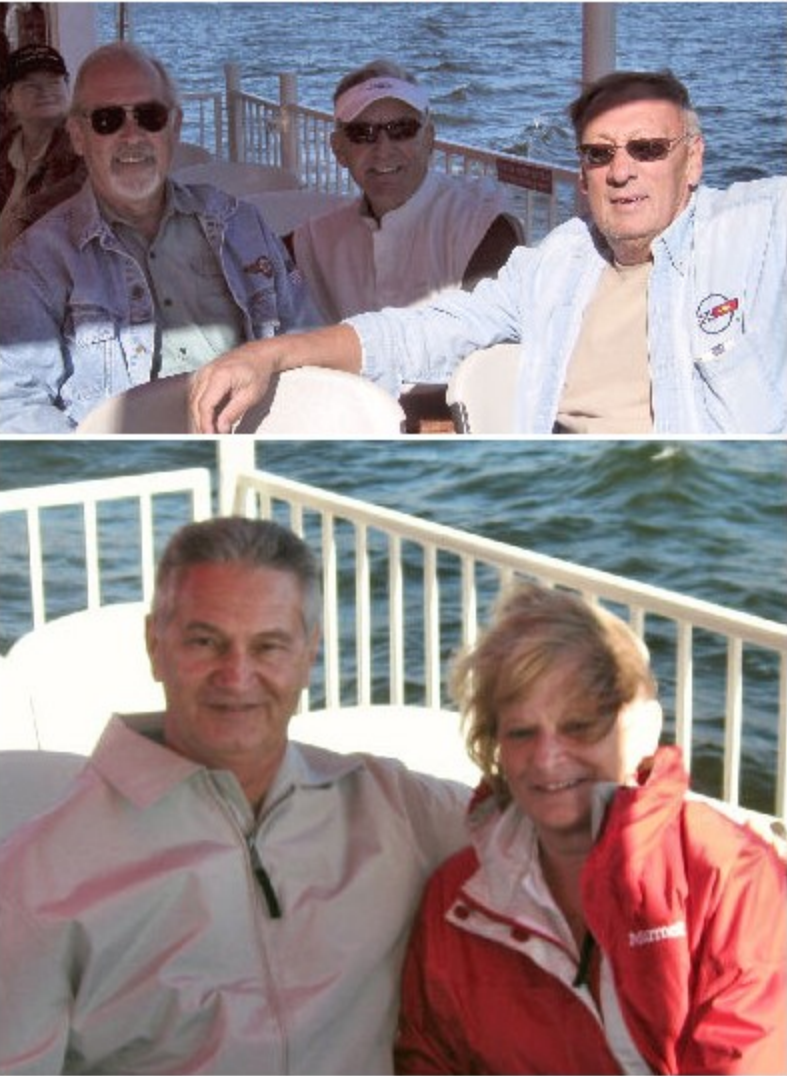
A cool and brisk Saturday morning greeted an eager boatload of Corvetters to the Desert Belle for a private tour of Saguaro Lake.



The Desert Belle - Our Ride for the Morning

We all gathered on the boat - brave ones outside and the wimps huddled inside the cabin.

BRAVE ONES!



MORE BRAVE ONES!



MORE BRAVE ONES!



WIMPS!



Saguaro Lake Trip

Our 45 minute tour was narrated by the captain as we wove by the rock cliffs and bird nesting areas.



Saguaro Lake Trip

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Despite the cool day everyone had a great time as we gathered at the Lakeshore restaurant with a reserved area on the patio and view of the lake to partake in a good lunch. After that it was YO-YO (you're on your own) As people split in all directions to their warm homes.



What a sight in the parking lot at Saguaro Lake!



Manny's Sexy Coat

A press release from Corvette Racing dated December 29, 2008:

Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan is quick to reconfirm Corvette Racing's GT1 program in the first half of the 2009 American Le Mans Series.

"The primary focus of the race team is the 12 Hours of Sebring, Long Beach and, of course as it always has been, the 24 Hours of Le Mans," Fehan said. "We tested the GT1 car at Sebring in November. And we will be utilizing Sebring and Long Beach to put the final touches on the Le Mans effort. We're continuously developing the car and package for fuel mileage, efficiency and new materials from our various suppliers. We want our last GT1 appearance at Le Mans to be successful. The team understands the importance of a victory at Sebring, Long Beach and Le Mans to close the GT1 program."

The highly anticipated GT2 Corvette is still scheduled to debut at Mid-Ohio in early August, Fehan added.

"Engineering and fabrication continues to focus on the GT2 program," he said. "We expect the first actual race car to be completed in early February and will be testing that car in the spring."



THE CARS OF THE 50'S & 60'S

Someone did a good job putting this video together and with sound to boot. At the very end of the video you'll hear the song 'Thunder Road' sung by the star of the movie for which it was the theme! Not uncommon except this is the one and only song ever recorded, for publication, sung by Robert Mitchum !

To see the video, click on <http://thefiftiesandsixties.com/CarsWeDrove.htm>

**THINK BAGDAD, AZ!
THINK MARCH 14, 2009!**

Plan to be on the SCC trip to Bagdad on Saturday, March 14th! A nice drive to Bagdad for lunch - Corvettes on the open road! What more can one ask on a Saturday in March? More details will be forthcoming!



The media says that American auto makers are not producing vehicles that the American people want. This article dated December 15, 2008, sent to me by my Wickenburg friend, would seem to refute that idea, as GM is going full speed ahead on testing the Chevy Equinox, the fuel-cell electric vehicle being developed by GM.

Equinox Test Fuel Cell Electrics Are Nearing 500K Miles -- edmunds.com/

Dec. 15, 2008

Despite financial woes that threaten the automaker's survival, General Motors is continuing research on a fuel-cell electric vehicle, announcing that sometime this week one of the 100 Chevy Equinox FCEVs being driven in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., as part of Chevrolet's Project Driveway will drive the 500,000th zero-emissions mile of the real-world test program.

"This is a huge accomplishment, because we learn something about our vehicles, the hydrogen infrastructure and consumer acceptance of fuel-cell vehicles with every mile driven," Mary Beth Stanek, director of GM Fuel Cell Commercialization, said in a statement.

Fuel-cell cars and SUVs convert hydrogen and oxygen to electricity through an onboard electro-chemical reaction. The electricity is then used to power the vehicles' drive motors.

Stanek said candid feedback on "everything from the way the vehicle looks to technical input on brake 'feel' and performance

Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicle Testing

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to fueling experiences" has led to the resolution of several hundred customer issues.

The program has also provided Stanek and others associated with the Equinox with insight into how these vehicles are being used under real-world driving conditions, she said.

"We've been able to use these experiences to extend fuel-cell stack life and improve the regenerative braking system, which has already benefited our two-mode hybrid vehicles since it's the same brake system used on the Saturn Vue, Chevy Tahoe and GMC Yukon two-mode hybrids," she said.

No automaker is saying that it expects to make FCEVs available for purchase this side of 2020, but without programs such as Project Driveway they likely would never appear in a showroom.

Go to: <http://blogs.edmunds.com/greencaradvisor/2008/12/gms-says-chevy-equinox-fuel-cell-electric-test-vehicles-are-nearing-500000th-mile.html>





HOLIDAY PARTY

Here we are, at the Grayhawk Golf Club.... It's just about sunset on a Sunday afternoon in early December.... We're having a Corvette bash - our annual holiday party, and Lonnie and Kay drive up in their latest acquisition.... No.... it's not a Corvette - Lonnie says it's a SMART VETTE?!?! See page 44 of this newsletter for details on how to get one.....



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Holiday Party



You can see that a good time was had by all - eating and dancing and chatting with friends. Who could ask for more?

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Sweetheart's Valentine's Day Party in Carefree

Alice and Michael Pfeffer cordially invite Scottsdale Corvette Club members to attend our Sweetheart's Valentine's Day Party in Carefree. On this special day we will be serving a selection of gourmet Chinese delicacies including: Lettuce Wraps, BBQ Spare Ribs and Kung Pao Triple Delicacy. The Pfeffers will provide wine and beer, and guests are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. The charge for all this merriment is only \$10.00 per person.

We hope that you will join us on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 4:30 pm. The party is limited to 40 people, so please RSVP to Alice at (480)595-2457 or ampfeffer@cox.net not later than Feb. 1, 2009. The Pfeffers' address and a map and directions will be provided with the invitation that is being sent to the membership.

THE GOOD GUYS CAR SHOW

Manny organized an outing by some SCC members to the Good Guys Car Show in Scottsdale on November 14. Member Mark Shaw had his Rambler on display. Here's a look at some of the SCC guys who attended and some of the interesting cars they saw. Thanks to Mark Bales for the excellent photographs, and to Manny for getting everyone out for the show.

The Good Guys Car Show

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Manny Looking Over a Customized Auto



Mark Shaw's 1961 Rambler



A C2 Vette



Mark and his 1961 Rambler

The Group - but no Mark Shaw



Another Shot of the Corvette Engine in the Custom Vette



Boat Motor Blender - Winner of Best of Show



Introducing the Smart Car full body kit.....

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To one of these.....The Smorvette



Thanks. Dick Gutherless!

A SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS IN 2009

RIORDAN MANSION TRIP



On the calendar for August, a day-trip to Flagstaff to visit the Riordan Mansion. This is an excellent example of the Arts and Crafts style of architecture, a double house with a large family room connecting the two-family residential areas. For more details and some photographs, visit the website <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/RIMA/index.html>. More details on the SCC trip will be forthcoming from Mike and Connie Cassel on this event.



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This is the scene on Saturday afternoon, December 13th, as we met in the parking lot at Jilly's American Grill (now defunct, so a perfect, empty parking lot to meet in!) to caravan to Van Chevrolet for our annual Toy Run to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.







Here we all are, Santa hats and all, posing for a photo op in the Van Chevrolet showroom with the Marine assigned to greet us and accept our gift to the Toy Run Foundation.





Then once the toys were deposited at Van, we went on to party at Cantina Laredo. Another successful Toy Run, and on to the adventures of 2009.

RARE 1937 BUGATTI FOUND IN ENGLISH GARAGE

***Dusty two-seater expected to bring
millions at auction next month***



LONDON - It was the equivalent of finding an old Picasso or an unknown Beatles tape hidden away in your uncle's attic.

Relatives of Dr. Harold Carr found an extremely rare 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante - a Holy Grail for car collectors - as they were going through his belongings after his death.

The dusty two-seater, unused since 1960, didn't look like much in the garage in Gosforth, near Newcastle in northern England.

Rare 1937 Bugatti

But only 17 were ever made, and when it's cleaned up and auctioned in Paris next month, experts believe it will fetch at least 3 million pounds (\$4.3 million) and possibly much more.

Bugatti once represented the height of motoring achievement. The supercar was so ahead of its time it could go up to 130 mph when most other cars topped out about 50 mph.

This particular car is even more valuable because it was originally owned by Earl Howe, a prominent British racecar driver, and because its original equipment is intact, so it can be restored without relying on replacement parts. It has just 26,000 miles on the clock.

Owner described as eccentric hoarder

"It has all the finest attributes any connoisseur collector could ever seek, in one of the ultimate road-going sports cars from the golden era of the 1930s," said James Knight, head of the international motoring department at Bonhams, which will auction the car Feb. 7.

Knight and a small number of Bugatti enthusiasts knew of Carr's proudest possession, but not the eight relatives who inherited Carr's estate.

The orthopedic surgeon, who died at age 89, was described by relatives as an eccentric hoarder who never threw anything out. He also left behind an Aston Martin, which was sold, and a Jaguar sports car that was scrapped because it was in such poor condition.

The Bugatti marque is famed for its speed and handling and was a frequent race winner in the 1920s and 1930s. The 57S Atalante was one of its most successful models, each one made by hand with unique details.

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The company founded in 1909 by Ettore Bugatti collapsed in the 1940s after a long string of racing victories.

The rights to the legendary Bugatti name were purchased in 1998 by Volkswagen, which has built the Bugatti Veyron, one of the world's fastest and most expensive cars.

Ed. Note: Thanks to Berny Rasch for sending this piece. A few more photos of this rare find are below and on the next page.



Rare 1937 Bugatti



Thank You, Thank You,

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed articles, photographs and/or other items of interest to this issue of the Newsletter! They are:

- Mark Bales*
- Mike Cassel*
- Jim Dobson*
- John Parker*
- Berny Rasch*



BOOK REVIEW

By Dorinne Dobson



For the mystery reader, "Stalking Susan" by Julie Kramer will be an entertaining story. For the avid television viewer, it describes the day-to-day toil of a television news reporter, Riley Spartz, and her photograph sidekick, Malik. Riley is given two cold cases by a longtime police source. Both cases involve murders of women named Susan that occurred on the same date, November 19, in consecutive years. Riley starts researching and finds more cases involving the murders or apparent suicides of other women named Susan on November 19. She uncovers some surprising similarities and disparities that start to show a connection in some but not all of the cases. As November 19 approaches, Riley stages a bold on-air stunt to try to draw the killer out before he can commit the next murder.

This book has a setting I can relate to - Minneapolis-St. Paul. You will be rooting for Riley to uncover the solution to the Susan murders and at the same time you will get an authentic look at the television news industry. The author is a former producer for WCCO-TV in Minneapolis.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

January 9-11

Desert Corvette Association's Laughlin Run
River Palms Resort & Casino - \$45 per night
Contact: Gil Fidler at gefidler@qwest.net

January 24

Arizona Competition Corvettes
3 Low-Speed Autocrosses at Phx. Muni. Stadium
Contact: Paul or Debi Hamersly lt4ce@yahoo.com

February 15

Desert Corvette Association's Sweetheart Car
Show at Chapman Chevrolet
Contact: Al Rocca at 480-830-2184 or
arocca215@msn.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner

January 24 - Sky Diving in a Wind Tunnel at Eloy, AZ

February 14 - Sweetheart's Valentine's Party at the Pfeffers' Home -
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April 18 - Pima Air & Space Museum - More information will follow



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2009 Corvette Caravan



4th National Corvette Caravan

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and be a part of
"the trip of a lifetime"
August - September 2009.*



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 choosing the Caravan route to
 Bowling Green, Ky., that suits you best.

Departure dates and times will vary
 depending on the route you choose.



You can sign up via the website above for
 Caravan Chat where you'll have an opportunity
 to share experiences with fellow participants, as
 well as receive updates from the National Chair
 regarding the Caravan.

Our volunteer Captains have worked to make
 the routes as spectacular as
 possible, and each Caravan will offer
 participants unique activities and stopovers.



www.corvettemuseum.com/NOMeNews
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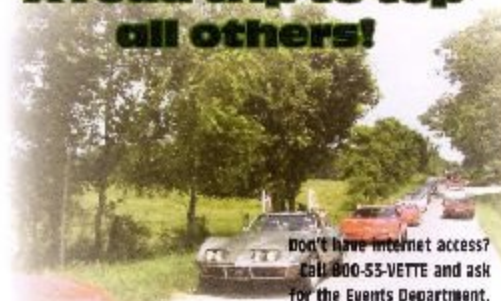
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Live the Corvette lifestyle,
 create history, and
 celebrate the adventure that
 kicks off the Museum's 15th
Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 3-5, 2009.

Look for details coming soon to assist you
 in registering for the Museum's Celebration
 festivities!

**A road trip to top
 all others!**



Don't have internet access?
 Call 800-53-VETTE and ask
 for the Events Department.



BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE STORY IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ON THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE WIND TUNNEL EXPERIENCE! IT'S BOUND TO BE AN EXCITING TALE! JUST THINK - IF ONE CAN GET A SHIRT THAT SAYS "I DID IT!" AFTER WALKING OUT ON THE GRAND CANYON SKY WALK, THE REWARD FOR SURVIVING THE WIND TUNNEL SKYDIVING EXPERIENCE MUST BE EVEN MORE GRAND. I'M SURE MANNY AND DAWN WILL HAVE MUCH TO TELL US, AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF THE AGONIES THEY SUFFERED.

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For the best in service, contact Steve Nichols, 480-368-3949.

*Make sure you mention that you are with the
Scottsdale Corvette Club!*

