



NEWSLETTER  
*January-February 2012*



*New Director! New Vette!  
See Inside for Details!*





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Palm Springs Follies,  
Toy Run to Van  
Chevrolet, Holiday Party,  
January Collector Car  
Auctions, Coming  
Events, And Much More...**

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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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## *SCC Birthdays!*

### January

Bonnie Bulfer - Jan. 6

Kathy Gash - Jan. 12

Al Redford - Jan. 13

Lloyd Benner - Jan. 22



### February

Tom Georgiou - Feb. 2

Sandra Hull - Feb. 3

Jim Dobson - Feb. 13

Lonnie Schaffroth - Feb. 17

John Barrett - Feb. 19

John Prenzno - Feb. 19

Christine Bidwell - Feb. 22



## **Coming Events!**

January 11 - Club Dinner Meeting  
January 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
January 21 - Trip to Biosphere 2 and Sabino Canyon near Tucson

February 1 - Board Meeting  
February 8 - Club Dinner Meeting at Van Chevrolet  
February 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
February 25 - Mardi Gras Party at Larry & Cheryl Bloom's  
February 22 - Board Meeting

March 14 - Club Dinner Meeting  
March 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
March 23-26 - Trip to Death Valley/Spring Mountain at Pahrump, NV  
March 28 - Board Meeting  
March 30 - Quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Dinner

April 11 - Club Dinner Meeting  
April 15 - Copperstate Classic Car Show  
April 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
April 21 - Trip to Sedona for Pink Jeep Tour  
April 25 - 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.



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## ***New Cruisers***



*Jack and Jan Gustin  
and their 2007 LeMans Blue Convertible*

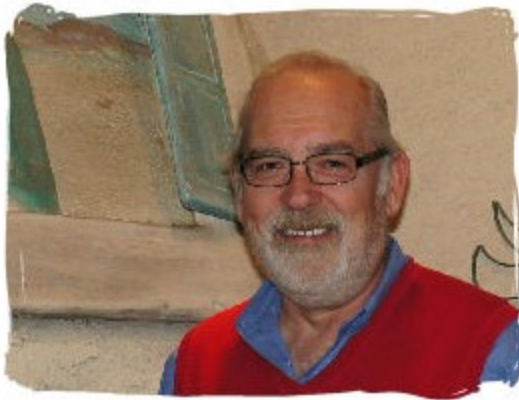


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***WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!***



## YOUR 2012 SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Mike



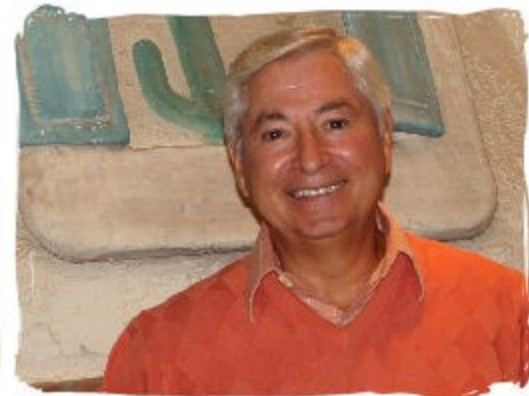
Ken



Walter



Steve



Manny

## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your President for 2012. I want to thank Manny Siprut for his excellent leadership over the past two years, and I'm pleased that he will be Vice President & Secretary this year. I also want to thank Chuck Weschler, our departing Governor, who will be leaving the Board but will remain active in the Club's activities. Chuck has served the Club in many capacities over the years, and we appreciate his many contributions. Replacing Chuck as our Governor is Steve Patricola, who joined the Club early last year. Welcome to the Board Steve!!! Mike Cassel will be the Club's Treasurer, and Mark Bales and Walter Juessen will continue in their roles as Membership Director and Activities Director. In addition to the Board members, Dorinne Dobson will continue as Editor and Architect of our SCC Newsletter. This is an outstanding group of individuals who are passionate and dedicated to our Club, and will work hard to make our Club both relevant and, as Walter says, one where "we just want to have fun."

Speaking of fun, a big "thank you" to Michele and Walter for putting together another great Toy Run

and for hosting our Holiday Party.

A record turnout of 60 members attended the combined events, which was a departure from prior years when the two events were held on different dates and where the Holiday Party was more formal in nature. This year's party featured a wide variety and ample amount of refreshments, wonderful food, and the weather cooperated nicely! Just about every room in the Juessen household was utilized for the party, contributing to a warm and festive environment. We know that there was a great deal of work required by the Juessens to make this the outstanding event it was, and the Board will be reviewing other "location" options for next year's



Ken and Fran Harder



## From the Driver's Seat

event. Based upon the success and popularity of this year's event, the Board will likely decide to keep the Toy Run and Holiday Party as a combined event again in 2012.

Walter has done a wonderful job with our Activities calendar in 2011 and has another outstanding assortment of activities planned for 2012. To kick off the year in January, we'll be heading to the Biosphere in Tucson; we'll have our February Club Meeting at Van's (with another surprise speaker), and later in the month a house party at the Bloom's; and in March, we're planning to go to Death Valley and the Spring Mountain Racing School in Pahrump, Nevada (more details to come).

Regarding Membership, Mark has done an excellent job recruiting many new members and our recent membership renewal rate was one of the highest we have seen in years. Our newest members are Jack & Jan Gustin, who were guests at our November Club meeting and also attended the Toy Run and Holiday Party. Welcome to Jack & Jan! If you haven't had a chance to say Hi to Jack and Jan, please do so at our Club meeting at Gainey Ranch on January 11.

As it relates to Gainey Ranch, the cost of our mon-

thly meetings will increase to \$18 beginning January 1. In 2011, there was no increase in our meeting costs, but this year, with Gainey Ranch experiencing significantly higher food costs, Gainey advised us that our price of each dinner would increase by 10%. The Board has decided to pass just a portion of this increase on to the members and the balance of the price increase will be subsidized by the Club. By all measures, the "State of the Club" is sound indeed. We have great members who participate in a wide variety of wonderful activities, the Club has no debt, no unpaid bills and \$6800 in the Bank. We have a good relationship with Van Chevrolet, our sponsor, and we try to give something back to the members by subsidizing the cost of our monthly mee-



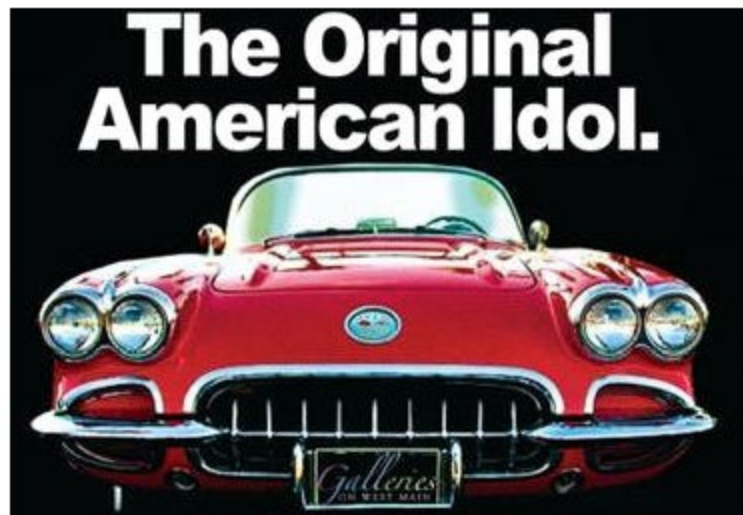
**From the Driver's Seat**

tings and the majority of the costs of our annual Holiday Party.

Your Board of Directors is always interested in your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for Activities, events, and additional ways to further improve our Club. Thanks to everyone for their continued interest and for your participation in our Club.

Let's have even MORE FUN In 2012!

Ken



**DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS' DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS!**

**MANNY SIPROT WON \$50 AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. YOU MIGHT BE THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE \$25 PRIZE AT THE JANUARY MEETING! REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**



## Editor's Corner

It's January, and you know what that means - collector car auctions in Scottsdale and Phoenix! Check out pages 29 to 32

of this newsletter for dates and websites on all the auctions.

Jim and I will be going to the Russo & Steele auction to see the Noland Adams Corvette that is on sale. Russo & Steele authorized us to print the article and the photos on page 47 of this newsletter.

Did you know that there is going to be a swap meet in Phoenix to rival the one in Pomona, California? At least that's the hype that is out there. If you're interested in the Arizona Swap Meet at the State Fair Grounds on January 7th and 8th, check the website listed in the blurb on page 28 and go see for yourself.

I must confess that I couldn't find a good photo-

graph of Ken and Fran Harder's Vette for the new President's page photo. So I copped a photo of an orange Vette off the internet. My apologies to Ken and Fran. If anyone has a good photo of the Harders' Vette, I'd love it if you'd email it to me.

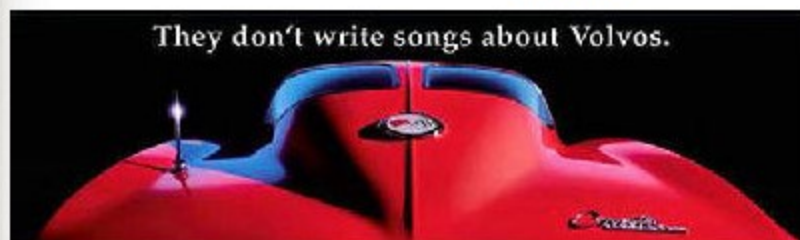
I hope you like the cover photo of Steve and Terry Patricola's "new" 1967 roadster. It seemed an apropos cover with Steve a new director this year, and with a new Vette to boot! You'll see a number of photos of Steve and his new toy throughout this newsletter.

As always, thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of your Club newsletter.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Dorinne

They don't write songs about Volvos.





## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

### January 21

Trip to Biosphere 2 and Sabino Canyon near Tucson



### February 25

Mardi Gras Party at Larry and Cheryl Bloom's Home

### March 23-26

Trip to Death Valley & Spring Mountain Racing School at Pahrump, NV



### May 18-20

Trip on the Scenic "Corvette Road" - the Coronado Trail - overnighting in Greer



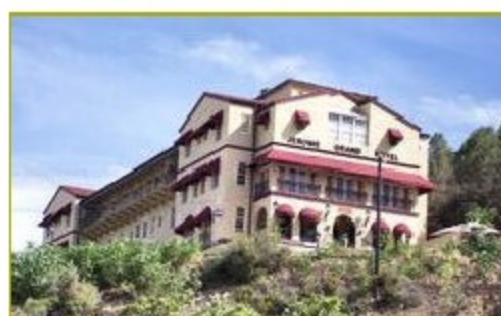
### April 21

Trip to Sedona for Pink Jeep Tour and Lunch



### June 16

Trip to Jerome via Yarnell Hill and Lunch at the Asylum





## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!



August 16-21

Trip to Monterey, CA for  
Autoweek including Concours  
and Other Motorsports Events



September 15

Trip to Walnut Canyon  
National Monument

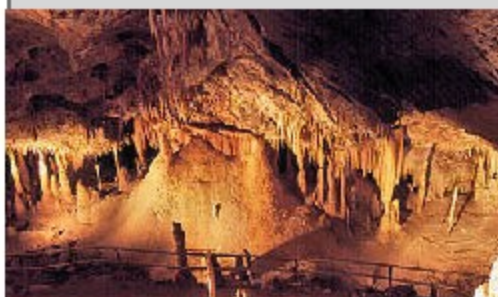


October 11-14

Trip to Temecula vineyards and  
San Diego, including dinner  
cruise in San Diego Harbor

November 10-11

Trip to Kartchner Caverns



December 8

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet  
and Holiday Party



## Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

The Scottsdale Corvette On-line Store Is Now Open For Business!!

<http://ScottsdaleCorvetteClub.ClubStore.US.com>

### Check It Out!!

Check out the site! Along with Men's and Women's apparel, you will find accessories ranging from blankets to duffel bags. All available with the club logo. In addition you will find a Racing Legends Store, Track Store and Books and DVD's.  
(logo not available)

When you order, you will be asked to register. It is safe, secure and spam free. **Note: there is a box for membership number, but you can leave it blank.** Keep in mind that Firefox does not inventory our apparel, it's all made to order. The time from order to ship will be longer than the usual web clothing suppliers. Expect 10 work days, give or take.

We are offering the store as a service to our members. The prices are set as low as possible. The Club doesn't make a profit from the sale of products with the SCC logo. The benefits are the ability to offer a wider range in product and pricing opportunities, ability for club members to order whenever they want, and the savings for the club by eliminating the need to inventory apparel.

So, check it out!

If you have any questions, or feedback, please let Mark Bales know.



# MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

## Steve Patricola's 1967 Roadster

The following is information from Steve Patricola on his "new" 1967 Roadster:

The car was purchased on November 25, 2011 from a guy who was the second owner and had the car for approximately four years. He intended to keep it, but his plans changed after he spent two years restoring the car back to NCRS Specs (as nearly original as possible). Everything has been restored from the bare chassis up. The car was originally purchased from Pioneer Chevrolet in Fresno, CA, and even has the original dealership decal located on the driver's side door jamb.

The car is a numbers matching 327/350HP Sunfire Yellow with black leather interior, power steering, power brakes, power windows, tele steering, both tops, and much more.



John & Jane Runyon and their 2012 Victory Red Coupe  
(Click on Vette to see Clearer View)



Steve and Terry Patricola's "new" 1967 Sunfire Yellow Roadster (Check out the Cover of this newsletter for a larger View!)

# Steve Patricola's 1967 Roadster



Trim: Style 67 467, Body A-0720, Trim STD (replaced with blk leather 402), Paint 984 Sunfire Yellow

## Options

- A31 = Power Windows - this was a replacement not original.
- C07 = Auxiliary Hard Top
- J50 = Power Brakes
- M20 = 4 Spd Manual Transmission (Wide ratio)
- N36 = Telescopic Steering Column
- N40 = Power Steering
- N89 = Cast Aluminum Bolt-On Wheels (maybe after MFG)
- U69 = AM/FM

## Engine & Drive Train

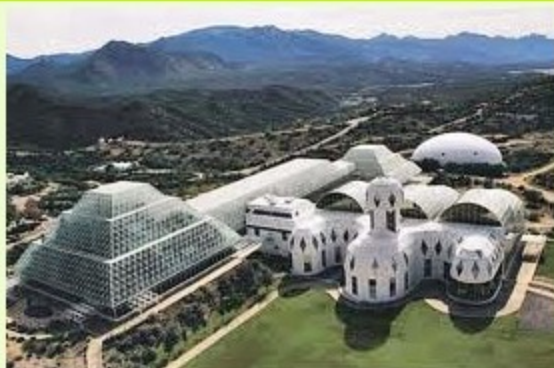
Engine: HH = 300 hp. Upgrade over life of car to L79 350 HP.  
 HH Transmission: M20 4 spd (wide ratio)  
 HH Rear Axial ratio: HH= G81, 3:55:1 ratio - one of 2,410 built

## Numbers Information

Car was assembled February 6, 1967, St. Louis  
 F31 = Body build date, January 31, 1967  
 Engine stamp rear = 3892657 (657- 327 cu in)  
 Engine fT stamp 7110261, VOII2HH (HH = 300hp, HD=350 hp)  
 Vin # 194677S110261:  
 1 = Chevrolet  
 94 = Corvette  
 67 = body style = 2 dr Convertible  
 7 = Year  
 S = St. Louis  
 110261 = Engine number







## JANUARY TRIP: BIOSPHERE 2 AND SABINO CANYON

Join us on Saturday, January 21, for a trip to see the wonders of Biosphere 2, near Tucson. Walter promises lunch in the "neighborhood" which must mean on the way to Sabino Canyon, a wilderness area about twenty miles from the Biosphere. We hope to see you on this fun day trip. Details are on your email now, and Walter will be updating and reminding you about this trip soon.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!

*Impromptu Car Show at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at Gainey Ranch Shops,  
8877 Noroth Scottsdale Road*

*All kinds of exotic cars in the parking lot for a drive-up car show.*

*In the summer the cars arrive fairly early in the morning - 8:00 or earlier. In the cooler months at 9:00.*

## SEE YOU THERE ON JAN. 7TH?

## POMONA COMES TO PHOENIX! SAVE THE DATES!

**Saturday and Sunday, January 7th-8th**

*The Phoenix Swap Meet, held at the Arizona State Fair Grounds, is Arizona's largest Car Swap Meet and Car Corral, and is an absolute must attend event for all Antique and Classic Car enthusiasts. Here's the website:  
<http://www.phoenixcarswapmeet.com/>*

## JANUARY AUTO AUCTIONS IN THE PHOENIX AREA



Phoenix Classic & Exotic Car Auction (formerly Manheim)  
January 14 & 15, 2012

Auction Location: Dealers Auto Auction of the Southwest  
1433 South 19th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Website: <http://www.motoexotica.com/classic-car-auction/>

### RUSSO AND STEELE

COLLECTOR AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS

12th Annual "Sports & Muscle in  
Scottsdale"

January 19 - 22, 2012  
18602 N. Scottsdale Road

Click on the following link for the schedule of  
events at this year's auction: [http://  
www.russoandsteele.com/index.php/auctions/scottsd  
ale-auction/scottsdale-schedule](http://www.russoandsteele.com/index.php/auctions/scottsdale-auction/scottsdale-schedule)



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Here's the link to get the schedule of events: [http://  
www.barrett-jackson.com/events/scottsdale/schedule/](http://www.barrett-jackson.com/events/scottsdale/schedule/)

### Bonhams

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**NEW THIS YEAR!**

The Scottsdale Sale  
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January 19, 2012

Marlene Dietrich's Rolls Royce will be auctioned  
in Scottsdale. Here's the link to get an online

catalog: [http://  
www.bonhams.com/eur/auction/19680/](http://www.bonhams.com/eur/auction/19680/)



Go to <http://www.rmauctions.com/default.cfm?SaleCode=AZ12> for more information

Fort McDowell Resort & Casino  
10424 N. Ft. McDowell Rd.  
JANUARY 20-21, 2012

For more details, the web site is <http://www.silverauctions.com/>

**GOODING & COMPANY**  
**THE SCOTTSDALE AUCTION**

**Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, 2012**  
 Corner of Camelback and North 68th Street  
 adjacent to Scottsdale Fashion Square

To get information on viewing the cars and the auction, click on the link: [http://www.goodingco.com/all\\_auctions/event\\_information/scottsdale](http://www.goodingco.com/all_auctions/event_information/scottsdale)



# ADVENTURES IN PALM SPRINGS

Story by Dorinne Dobson  
Photos by Manny and Dawn  
Siprut and Dorinne Dobson



It was a nice cloudy Friday afternoon in November when seven Corvettes met and drove to Palm Springs. Jim and I met up with the six at the junction of US 60 and the I-10. We had an uneventful trip, and the cloudy day made it nice driving without the sun in your eyes.

We arrived in Palm Springs, and the six went to their hotel, the Comfort Inn, in downtown Palm Springs, and Jim and I went to the time share resort where we spent the week.

We all met for dinner on Friday evening at Pomme Frite, the Belgian restaurant in downtown Palm Springs. It was a rainy evening for those walking from the hotel. After dinner, some of the group headed for the Spa Casino to catch the action.



## Adventures in Palm Springs

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At right, the gals are having a cocktail in one of the hotel rooms before dinner.

Below, part of the group at dinner at Pomme Frite.

Ah, the mussels and frites were delightful!





Above, the rest of the dinner crowd at Pomme Frite.

On Saturday morning, we awoke to a very cloudy, rainy day. Several brave souls took the tram to the top of the mountain, where they ate lunch in the restaurant. The view was nonexistent because of the cloud cover, but they said they had fun anyway. Here they are, at right, waiting for the tram.

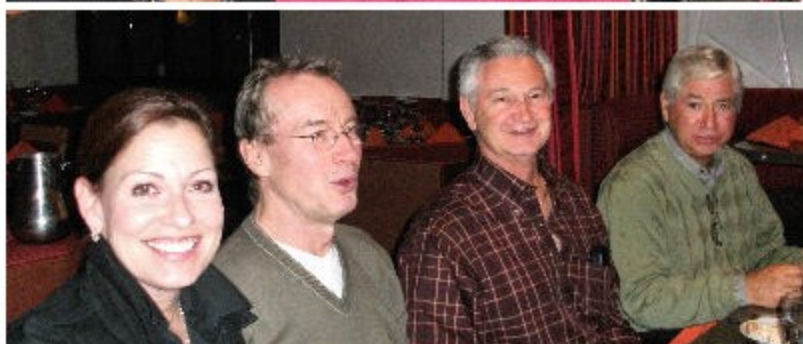






The Tram

Here we all are, having dinner at the Kaiser Grille, which was within walking distance of the Comfort Inn and the theatre.



Walter and Michele's friends (above) joined us for dinner and the Follies.





Here we are amid the glitz and glitter at the Palm Springs Follies, getting ready to see their current show, HOT! HOT! HOT! The dancers and singers are all old... I mean, really old... and they are all gorgeous. It's hard to believe they're as old as they are because they are in such good physical condition.



## Adventures in Palm Springs



On Sunday morning, everyone but Jim and Dorinne left Palm Springs. We stayed to enjoy a week of leisure and returned home the following Friday.

Another great trip with great friends! Thank you, Walter and Michele, for your excellent stewardship!



***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 ON THE JANUARY DINNER.***

***HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!***



## Chevrolet Unveils 2012 Corvette Daytona Prototype

Pictured above is the 2012 Corvette Daytona Prototype unveiled by Chevrolet on November 15, 2011, at Daytona International Speedway. This car will make its competitive debut at Daytona on January 26, 2012. Here's the link for the press release and more great photos of this newest Corvette:

[http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/chevrolet/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2011/Nov/1115\\_corvette](http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/chevrolet/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2011/Nov/1115_corvette)

*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  
Michael and Bonnie Bulfer  
Jim Dobson  
Lon Durby  
Ken Harder  
Walter Juessen  
Steve Patricola  
Manny and Dawn Siprut*





## The "Noland Adams" 1953 Chevrolet Corvette NCRS Duntov Award 99.8 USPS Stamp Car Crosses the Auction Block for the First Time Ever at Russo and Steele Scottsdale



"Automobiles have always been a clever way of celebrating American history and culture". This statement was made by Patrick Donahoe, Deputy Post Master General and Chief Operating Officer for the United States Postal Service. You might be asking yourself, "What do the collector car hobby and the postal service have in common?" The story of how this 1953 Corvette made its way onto a USPS Government Issued Stamp is extremely rare

and truly remarkable. Mark Saunders of the USPS said, "Just to put it into context, we see over 50,000 stamp ideas every year and only use 20."

The story begins with the Corvette connoisseur himself, Noland Adams. This is a household name for automobile enthusiasts, especially those who pay particular attention to Corvettes. Noland purchased a 1953 Corvette, number 284 in 1955. This began his 43 year ownership and legacy.

With over 40 years of experience as a Corvette owner, restorer, historian and author, Noland Adams is considered to be one of the country's foremost Corvette authorities. His works include a series of books, "The Complete Corvette Restoration & Technical Guide" (Volume I: 1953-1962 and Volume II: 1963-1967). These two guides are considered to be the bibles of Corvette restoration. Noland also wrote "Corvette, American Legend", which covers the original dream car prototype and 1953 production. The follow up series includes "1954 and 1955 Production", "1956 Production", "1957 Racing and Production Details", and "1958-1960 Variations".

Adams has hosted a series of restoration video-tapes, written hundreds of articles for Corvette-



## Noland Ryan Corvette at Scottsdale Auction

related magazines, and has given numerous presentations on Corvette restoration all over the United States as well as Canada, Sweden and England. A consultant to the model car industry, Adams was the technical advisor on Monogram's 1953 Corvette model car kit and Franklin Mint's 1953 Corvette model. He is known worldwide for his knowledge of Corvette development heritage and technical understanding. Holding the 4th membership in the National Corvette Restorers Society, Adams has been involved with Corvette for over 45 years. He attends many Corvette shows and functions each year, sharing his Corvette expertise and knowledge with Corvette enthusiasts everywhere.

The story continues with a 10 year frame off restoration that was completed in 1999 by Noland and his good friend, Don Mulenhoff. The restoration included the best Corvette experts in the world, who came together and contributed 2,667 hours in order to complete the 1953 masterpiece. Noland's Corvette went on to earn the Bloomington Gold Award, NCRS Top Flight, NCRS Performance Verification awards, and the NCRS Duntov Mark of Excellence Award, scoring 99.8%.

Just two years after the completion of that resto-

ration, Mid American Motorworks orchestrated a massive grassroots movement called the "Corvette Stampede," in which 100,000 signatures were gathered in order to petition for the United States Post Office to create a Corvette stamp. If approved, the stamp would be created to honor the 50th Anniversary of Corvette. The Corvette stamp idea was 1 of 20 approved out of 50,000 stamp ideas submitted.

The remarkable connection between the collector car hobby and the United States Postal Service was made in 2003, when Noland Adams was asked to serve as a technical consultant for the making of the 1953 Corvette stamp. If there is one thing you should have grasped in this story thus far, it's that Noland knows Corvettes, so who better to ask than the Corvette connoisseur himself, to ensure that the 1953 Corvette drawing was accurate. Noland accepted this top secret mission with the graphics company contracted by the US Postal Service. He was sworn to secrecy and permitted to share information about the stamp with only one person until the artwork was approved - his lovely wife.

The preliminary drawings Noland began to review were based off of his very own 1953 Corvette. With his keen eye and attentiveness to every detail, Noland was able to make several suggestions that



## Noland Ryan Corvette at Scottsdale Auction

would improve the drawing to be used in the making of the postage stamp. In order to get the headlights just right, Noland took additional photos of his Corvette. He also found a paint sample that perfectly matched the white of his Corvette, which was a creamy white, not the white of a refrigerator. The mission was eventually completed and the 1953 Corvette stamp was born.

Finally released in 2005, the United States Postal Service debuted the stamp at Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest. Noland Adams and his 1953 Corvette were present for the unveiling at Mid America as well as for the unveiling in Detroit, MI at the 2005 Michigan State Fair. Again, Noland will be present at Russo and Steele's 12th Annual Scottsdale Auction, as his 1953 Corvette that he built his legacy on crosses the auction block for the first time since Noland purchased the automobile in 1955. This consignment is sure to get all enthusiasts' stamp of approval! Noland will also be onsite with Russo and Steele January 18th and 19th, sharing his Corvette expertise and knowledge with enthusiasts. Noland's experience as a Corvette owner, restorer, historian, and author as well as the significance of his 1953 Corvette is an important

piece of American history and culture that all automobile enthusiasts will enjoy.



*Editor's Note:* Thanks to Jim Dobson for suggesting this article for the newsletter and obtaining permission from Russo and Steele to use the article in our newsletter. Perhaps some of you will want to attend the Russo and Steele auction to see this unique Corvette. (See page 30 of this newsletter for information on the Russo and Steele auction.)

# 2011 TOY RUN TO VAN CHEVROLET AND HOLIDAY PARTY

A PICTORIAL ESSAY  
WITH PHOTOS BY MARK BALES,  
MICHAEL BULFER AND DORINNE DOBSON



We had over twenty cars that met in the parking lot at the old Jillie's American Grill. Much to our surprise, the parking was much reduced in size due to the destruction/renovation of Jillie's. Due to this state of affairs, Mark was unable to climb up on the roof, lean on the fireplace chimney and get a wide-angle shot of the parking lot.



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Glamorous ladies (at left) in the Jillie's parking lot



Vettes lined up at Van Chevrolet





We made our usual caravan from the Jillie's parking lot around the corner to Van Chevrolet. What a sight we must have been, coming on the Van lot, with almost 30 Corvettes! It's our biggest showing ever for the Toy Run! Congratulations. SCC Members, on a job well done!

Here's the whole group of us - almost 60 people - lined up for a photo op in front of Van Chevrolet, and that Van GM Chuck Mullins on the right, behind Mark. When you turn the page, you will see the boatload of toys we brought for the 2012 USMC Toys for Tots!



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The Toys for the Tots

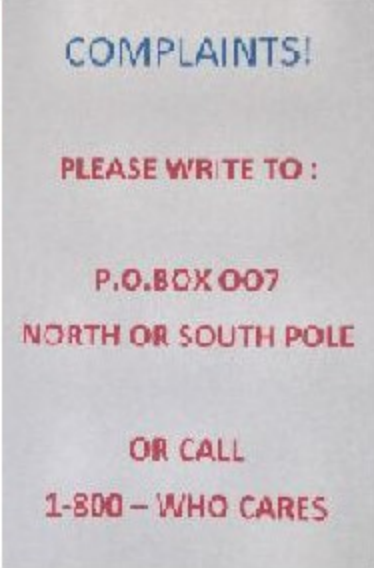


Krysha and "Santa" Larry

After hanging out at Van's for a while and partaking of the buffet table, we headed to Walter and Michele's to party down. Unfortunately, Chuck and Karen Mullins had family obligations and were unable to join us for this year's Holiday Party.



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We arrived at Walter and Michele's home and entered through the back gate. As we walked up to the patio door, this sign (at left) greeted us. I am wondering, did anyone call the number on the sign?

Michele and the three charming young people below had everything re-

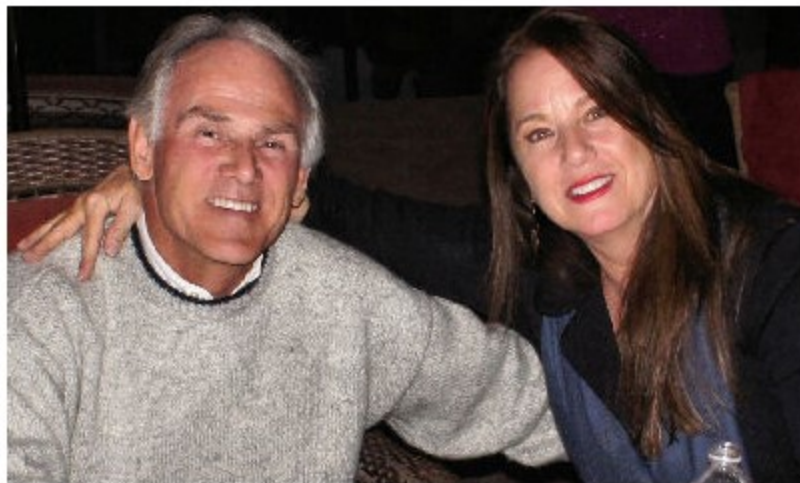
ady for us. What a spread! The food was catered by Chompie's, and everything was very tasty and well prepared. You'll see everyone on the following pages is enjoying themselves, eating and drinking. In spite of the





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cool evening, there were heaters everywhere outside so everyone was comfortably seated.

































*Looks like Lon Durby did it again! He drove his Vette to Munds Park, and look what happened! Gives you a shiver, doesn't it???*

## **SATURDAY MORNINGS AT VENUE'S IN CAREFREE**

*Comments and Photos  
By Michael Bulfer*

*On Saturday morning, December 24th, Bonnie and I met Steve Patricola in Carefree for the Venue's classic car breakfast. Steve brought his new car, which is just beautiful.*



*Steve and his '67 Vette*





Michael, Bonnie & Steve  
and the '67



## Saturday Mornings at Venue's

*This Saturday there were hardly any street rods in attendance, only one.*

*Bonnie and I had our Red C4. There was also a yellow C4 with a blower, no pic of that, non club member. My nieghbor, Kurt, brought his Red C5 convert.*



*There was also a white 64 convertible and a white retro Corvette with red interior. Six Corvettes total in attendance. Good conversation and food.*

*Also one nice AMG Gullwing Mercedes, \$\$\$.*







*On an earlier Saturday, Michael Bulfer snapped these photos of hot rods at Venue's. As you can see in the photo above, the setting is quite pretty - Venue's is at 34 Easy Street in Carefree - just down from the Sundial. They serve a breakfast buffet for \$9.95 and have a beautiful outdoor patio. The car show is usually from 8:00 to about 10:00 each Saturday morning. Here's the website: [venuescafe.com](http://venuescafe.com)*





## BOOK REVIEW

By Dorinne Dobson

### *If I Stay* By Gayle Forman

We haven't had a book review in a while, and I just finished a book that I loved, even though it had its sad moments and I shed a few tears. The book is "If I Stay" by Gayle Forman, and I read about it in an online book review to which I subscribe. I put in a search for the book at the County Library and picked it up, read it, and was profoundly moved by the story.

It's just a short novel about a day in the life of Mia, a seventeen-year-old girl, who is a talented cellist and has applied to Juillard School of Music in New York. Her parents are musicians, her father, a beat-generation hippy with wild hair and an unkempt look, plays in several local rock-and-roll bands, and her mother is unconventional to say the least. But she has a loving family and she develops a love for the cello at an early age and practices faithfully and becomes an excellent cellist. She meets a young man,

Adam, who is a guitar player and lyric writer who plays in several local bands. Her first date with him evolves around his buying two tickets to a Yo Yo Ma concert in Portland. He tells her a friend of his had the tickets and couldn't use them, but it turns out he used his tip money from pizza deliveries for two weeks to pay for the tickets.

The turning point of the story is the day Mia and her father, mother and 8-year-old brother start out on a drive up the Oregon coast and a truck broadsides their car. In the blink of an eye everything changes. Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterwards, watching her own damaged body being taken from the wreck. Little by little she struggles to put together the pieces — to figure out what she has lost, what she has left, and the very difficult choice she must make - whether to stay or go.....

It is such a compelling story, and the book is quite short - only 199 pages. I couldn't put it down. This story grips you and makes you examine the ways you look at life. If you are a music lover, you will appreciate the passions of Mia, Adam and Mia's family for music, in whatever form, rock, classical, punk, country.

Dorinne



From Corvetteblogger.com:

The 2012 Corvette Brochure is a different format this year than we've seen recently. Three members of the Corvette production team - Harlan Charles, Tadge Juechter, Kirk Bennion are joined with Corvette Racing's Doug Fehan and driver Tommy Milner - to discuss their unique perspectives on how the current production model of Corvette shares its performance and design directly with the Le Mans winning race car, the Corvette C6.R.....

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Mark Bales sent this link. If you'd like to take a look at the world's fastest quarter mile ZR1, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q58CO2Y5Nok>

Play it. It's only 50 seconds long. And then let me know if it reminds you of Walter.....

## ATTENTION ALL SCC MEMBERS!

### WEAR YOUR SCC NAME BADGES!

We have quite a few new members, and several of them have requested that we all wear our Club name badges when we are together. It makes it so much easier for everyone to get acquainted and remember names.



**SCC MEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**BIG MARDI GRAS PARTY AT LARRY  
AND CHERYL BLOOM'S  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
CHERYL SAYS: BE THINKING  
ABOUT YOUR MASK AND  
COSTUME!  
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**COMPARE:**



**Walter's rear end, from the cover  
of the July-August 2010 Newsletter**

**WITH:**



**Walter's rear end, photo taken in  
Jilly's parking lot on December 10,  
2011**



**EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE  
ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC**

**February 11**

Arizona Competition Corvettes  
3 Low Speed Autocrosses at Tempe Diabolo Stadium  
Contact Paul Hamersly at LT4CE@yahoo.com

**February 12**

Desert Corvette Association  
Sweetheart Car Show at Chapman Chevrolet in Tempe  
Concours and People's Choice  
Contact Gil Fidler - gefidler@cox.net

**March 17-18**

Tucson Corvette Club  
Four Low-Speed Autocrosses  
Check website for information



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