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*Trip to the Arizona Wine
Country, Previews of
Coming Events,
Miniature Real Running
Corvette Engine, And
Much More...*

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

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7600 Gainey Club Drive
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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!

July

Bob Chemer - July 1
Mark Naylor - July 1
Kris Leiva - July 3
Karen Barrett - July 4
John Parker - July 6
Rollie Trayte - July 9
Mark Bales - July 13
Bemy Rasch - July 14
Cindy DeNapoli - July 16
Fran Harder - July 16
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August

Hugh Anderson - August 1
Dorinne Dobson - August 7
Bonnie Weiland - August 16
Bernhard Muenger - August 19
Steve Hoffman - August 21
Bob Ostapovich - August 24
Mark Shaw - August 26
Jane Anderson - August 27





OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER
CHUCK WESCHLER

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Coming Events!

July 14th - **NO CLUB DINNER MEETING!**

July 21st - **NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER/MEN'S POKER!**

July 24th - Go-Cart Racing at F-1 Race Factory

July 28th - **NO BOARD MEETING!**

August 11th - Club Dinner Meeting

August 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night

August 21st-22nd - Trip to Mount Graham

August 25th - Board Meeting

September 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

September 15th - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night

September 17-19th - Historic Prescott Corvette Show

September 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.

Editor's Corner

Here we are - it's summer and everyone is gone somewhere else! What I would like to know, as editor of this newsletter, is:

HOW THE HECK DID YOU LIKE OUR "OUT THERE" COVER - AND DID YOU KNOW THAT THE REAR END ON DISPLAY IS THAT OF WALTER AND MICHELE'S NEW 2010 ZR1??

So the next question is: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WALTER'S "VANITY" LICENSE PLATE?

I REALLY want to hear from YOU, the members, on this! I mean it! If I don't get any comments on this cover, then I will know that there is no hope that this newsletter is inspiring anything but ... dare I say it? BOREDOM from YOU, the membership.

Having said that - made my speech, so to speak, I hope you appreciate the great photos that Mark

Bales took on the Arizona wine country tour (page 15).

Chuck Weschler has joined the Board, as announced at the May membership meeting, to replace John Barrett whose work schedule forced him to resign. Chuck served on the Board several years ago. He is serving as Governor. Thanks to Chuck for agreeing to serve on your Board.

It's summer, and this is a short newsletter. Some will be pleased by its brevity. I personally am sorry that it's not a bit longer, to include the planned story on our June event that didn't happen due to lack of interest.

I hope you SCC members will consider the gem you have at your fingertips - the chance to interact with other Corvette enthusiasts. Please try to make a little time for either the monthly meeting, the Vette Vixens dinners, the men's poker night, the monthly trip/dinner/whatever! We need your participation to make this Club a vital, living, active endeavor!!

Dorinne

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Manny Siprut

July 2010

I hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer. Not that you asked, but I thought I would share a few highlights of our on-going trip to Des Moines, Iowa. We arrived three weeks ago just in time to attend one of our granddaughter's graduation ceremonies from elementary school. And, it was very cool.

Then the work began. In case you haven't heard, the Midwest has been experiencing some severe storms, which means lots and lots of rain. So the roof leaked at our home and a rental house, and both needed to be re-roofed. So the work began as we dodged storms almost every other day. Then one storm brought so much rain that the street overflowed into our back yard and filled it with mud, rock, and asphalt. That clean-up project was a real treat.

The local dam is now filled to capacity so the Corps of Engineers is having to reduce its water level, despite the swollen rivers below, so flood warnings have been issued for most of the state.

But not all is bad. We attended the annual Des Moines Art Festival, which draws hundreds of artists from all over the country and fills about six square blocks downtown. However, it was so hot and muggy we could only go for about 90 minutes at a time. Yet still very enjoyable.



We also attended a very funny play at the Community Playhouse, "Don't Dress for Dinner." Totally enjoyable. In a couple of weeks we're scheduled to see the Jersey Boys at the Civic Center. We have been wanting to see the show for some time and since we're only about five minutes from downtown where they are performing, it is just too convenient to pass up.

Then this week we have two large groups gathering in Des Moines. The Honda Gold Wing motorcycle group is holding its national convention in town and brought with them thousands of motorcycles. What a beautiful scene. In addition, the annual Good Guys Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, showing over 3,500 beautiful cars through 1972. And they include some spectacular cars, that I was fortunately able to see last night!

From the Driver's Seat

Today we are leaving for a nine day trip to Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, where Dawn's parents loan us their lake home (which also comes with two boats). We'll have some of the kids and grandkids with us for most of the trip. Lots of fun, particularly going out on the boat and making multiple stops for food, refreshments (heavy drinking), and listening to live music. And every year there are new establishments to visit and see along the way.

Then ten days after we return, I will depart for Fresno, California to help celebrate my grandson's 14th birthday. He just graduated from middle school and will be starting high school. Gee, I'm getting old. Anyway, he is a great kid who is a super high achiever. He graduated Valedictorian and was the student body president, as well as several other honors. Sure didn't take after his grandfather.

A week after my return from California, we are planning another trip to the Lake. More fun in the sun with the kids and grandkids.

We've typically also been able to attend the annual Iowa State Fair in Des Moines in August before returning to Arizona. This is one of the most successful state fairs in the country. Iowa only has 2.9 million residents and the Fair draws about 1.2 million people. Everybody goes to the Fair, and you always run into people you haven't seen in years. Plus you get to eat more than your share of Fair junk food. With everything you can imagine "fried," and listen to live entertainment on about 10 different stages.

From the Driver's Seat

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And here you thought life in the Midwest was boring.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

Manny

Ceremonial Bill Signing Held at Corvette Plant

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear visited the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, Ky. on Tuesday to ceremonially sign House Bill 104, which designates the Corvette as the official state sports car of Kentucky.



This happened on Tuesday, June 22nd. Pretty cool for GM and Corvette, huh?

Check out the photo - the Gov. is signing the bill on the hood of the Corvette! I guess he's not a Corvette owner!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A HOUSE PARTY?



WALTER WILL BE SETTING UP NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR SOON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A PARTY FOR CLUB MEMBERS AT YOUR HOME, FIGURE OUT A DATE OR EVENT (SUCH AS VALENTINE'S DAY OR HALLOWE'EN) AND LET WALTER KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST. THE CLUB WILL CONTRIBUTE \$250 TO THE HOSTS TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES.

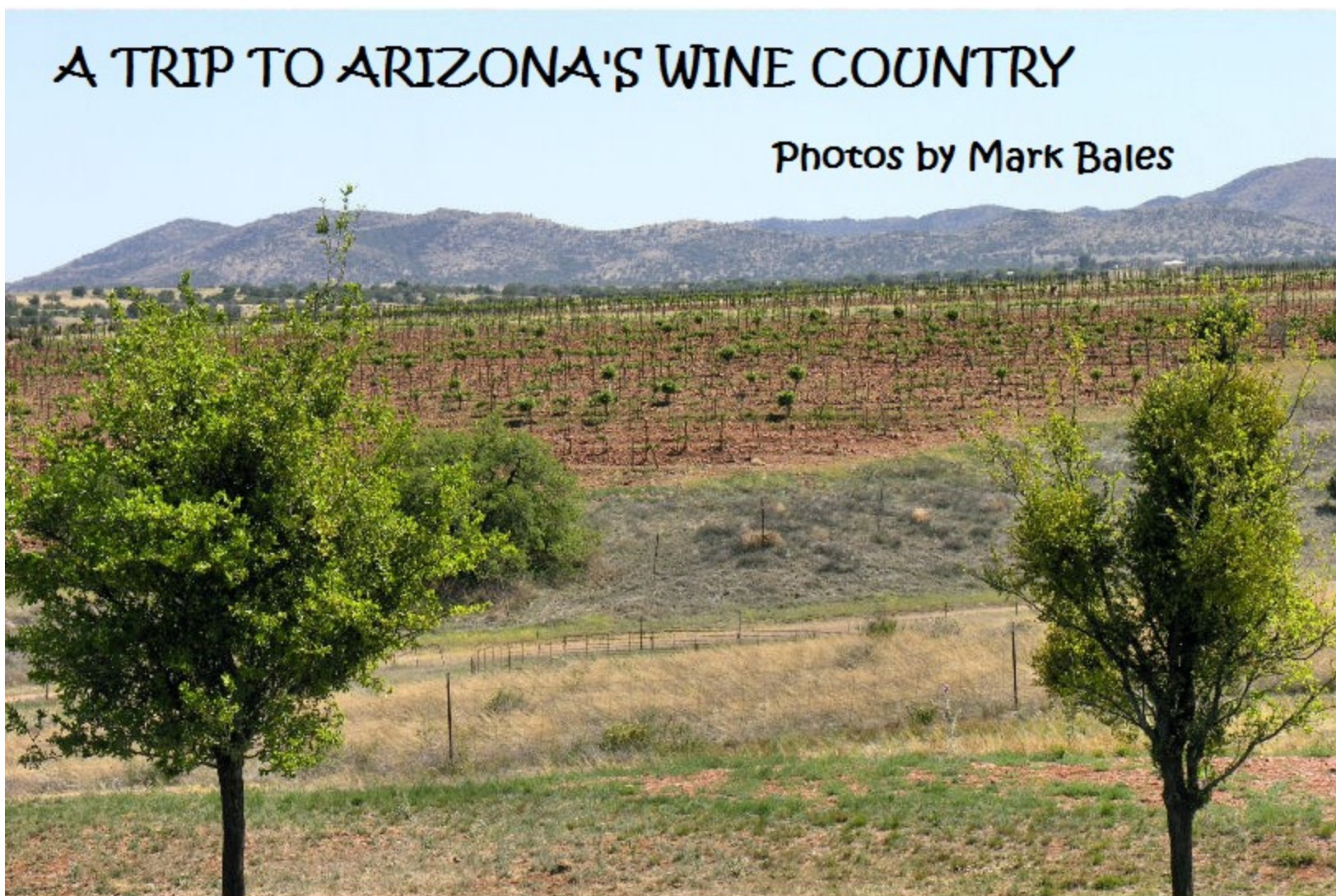


**DON'T FORGET THE
MEMBER'S DRAWING
AT THE MONTHLY
DINNER MEETINGS!**

**IF YOU WANT TO WIN
THE MONEY, YOU'D
BETTER BE AT THE
AUGUST MEETING!**

A TRIP TO ARIZONA'S WINE COUNTRY

Photos by Mark Bales



Trip to Arizona's Wine Country

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Trip to Arizona's Wine Country





AND A COUPLE
MORE PHOTOS
BY BEN WALKER





It's Camaro vs. Mustang, and the fight is on

By Mark Phelan, Detroit Free Press Columnist
June 4, 2010

It's Camaro versus Mustang, and the fight is on like Beatles versus Stones. But unlike the tired brouhahas the baby boom insists on revisiting -- do we really need to debate Vietnam, women's rights or the Voting Rights Act ever again? -- the pony car battle is as relevant as last month's sales report and Ford and GM's next quarterly earnings. Thoroughly modern versions of the two '60s icons are selling fast and fueling optimism at the automakers.

It might as well be the summer of love again. The Ford Mustang and Chevrolet Camaro have fired the imaginations of drivers, and car buffs are partying like it's 1968.

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Except that there's nothing retro about Detroit and Dearborn's 21st-Century sport coupes. The Camaro and Mustang bristle with new technologies from voice recognition to direct injection. They have more power and better fuel economy than sophisticated European sport coupes like the BMW 335ci and cost about \$20,000 less.

That has led to a sales surge and old-style Ford versus Chevy chest pounding. The Camaro outsold the Mustang by 7,777 cars for the first five months of this year. The last time Camaro outsold Mustang for a full year was 1985.

Ford is fighting back. The 2011 Mustang just went on sale with new engines and transmissions, including a brand-new 412-horsepower V8 and a 307-horsepower V6 that gets an eye-popping 31 m.p.g. on the highway.

The Mustang outsold the Camaro by 1,294 cars last month.

Chevrolet will counter with at least two new Camaro models next year: a convertible and a high-performance model that revives the hallowed Z28 badge.

The fight is on, with no sign it'll end soon.





Saturday, July 24, is the Date!
SCC is going GO-CART RACING at the F1 Race Factory at
317 South 48th Street in Phoenix!

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and run race laps for men and women.
Then we'll break for lunch of pizza and wings. After lunch, another
session of men's and women's race laps.

The cost is \$73.60 per person. For spouses who do not wish to
participate in the racing the price is \$15. Lunch, water and soft
drinks are included in the price.

We need a minimum of 10 people to have a private room set up for
lunch and relaxation.

EMAIL WALTER TODAY AT JUESSEN@AOL.COM TO MAKE
YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THIS FUN EVENT!



Saving Chevrolet Means Sending 'Chevy' to Dump

Bye-bye, indeed, Miss American Pie. If General Motors has its way, you won't be driving your Chevy to the levee ever again.

According to a *New York Times* article, on Tuesday, June 8, G.M. sent a memo to Chevrolet employees at its Detroit headquarters, promoting the importance of "consistency" for the brand, which was the nation's best-selling line of cars and trucks for more than half a century after World War II.

A postscript to the memo says a sort of cuss jar - a plastic "Chevy" can - has been situated in the hallway. "Every time someone uses 'Chevy' rather than Chevrolet," the note said, the employee is expected to put a quarter in the can.

You can see the entire article at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/10/automobiles/10chevy.html>



Chevy and advertising have long gone hand in hand. Click on the picture to get a better view of the Vette.



**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 AUGUST DINNER
(NO JULY DINNER THIS YEAR!)**

Miniature Real Running Corvette Engine

If you are interested in the engine that powers your Corvette, the following is a website that will give you a better understanding of what goes into your Corvette:

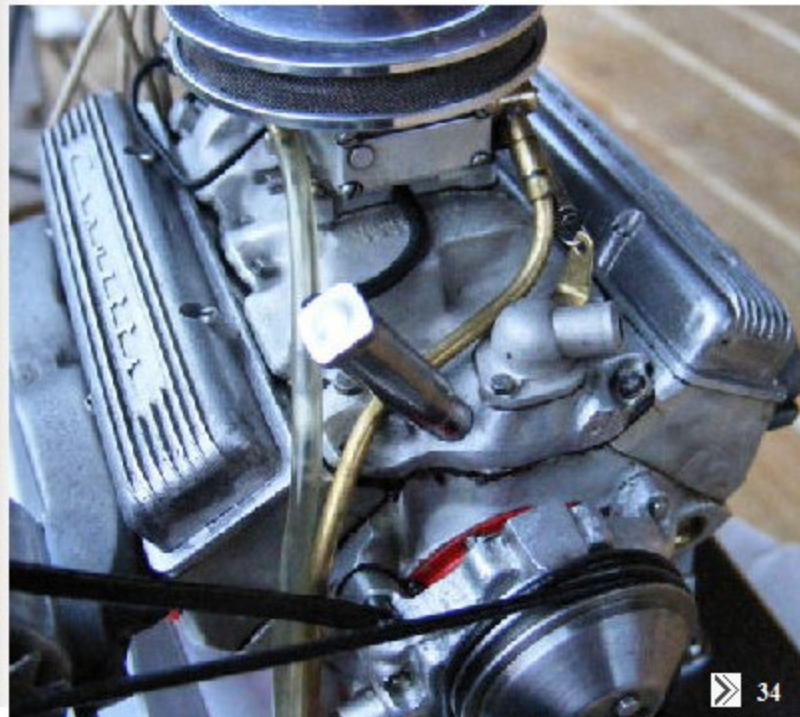
www.moyermade.com/chevyV8.html

Keep in mind that the models shown are 1960's vintage, but in our current models the basic parts are the same, only much more highly engineered. The basic parts of

the internal combustion engine remain the same. However, there are more hi-tech applications that control the timing, electrical charge to the spark plugs and fuel delivery.

Be sure to check out the running model on the website. The second link is better as the motor runs for the full time. The first one has to be restarted a couple of times.

Jim Dobson



Miniature Corvette Engine



The three photos above show the world's smallest known running Chevrolet V-8. Jim Moyer built this 1/6 scale version of a 1964 365 HP Chevrolet Corvette 327. Note the tiny firing order cast into the intake manifold just like on the real thing. The heads and block are machined from billet aluminum. Jim even made stamping dies to make the oil pan, rockers and front cover. The valve covers are investment cast.



Miniature Corvette Engine

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The finished 1/6 scale 5-bearing crankshaft fits in Jim's hand. It utilizes real Babbitt bearings.

In the photo at left, you can see the cylinder heads of the Moyer 327 plus the stamped oil pan and front cover. Some parts inside the engines are made to scale like the 30-30 Duntov camshaft, but some things have to be modified to make a small engine run. Electricity and fuel molecules don't scale, so some parts have to be slightly heavier or larger than exact scale would dictate. Getting a small engine to run requires skill and careful work; getting one to run well is an art.

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 a little later.

SEE YOU THERE ON AUG. 7TH?



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

WHERE CORVETTE LOVERS MEET

I got an email from my Wickenburg "car guy" friend containing this article from the June 24th issue of The Wall Street Journal on the Bloomington Gold celebration of Corvettes, held June 24-27 this year. If you click on the link, you can read the article: online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704853404575322970125589284.html.



I forwarded the article to Mark Bales, who sent a great slide show of the plethora of Corvettes to be seen at Bloomington Gold: <http://andyseipos.com/p578768966/h28315404#h28315404>

What a great setting for a Corvette show! If you want to go next year, it's time to start making your plans, as it is heavily attended and reservations need to be made well in advance.

P.S.: Manny also mailed me the clipping of this article from the WSJ.

HISTORIC PRESCOTT ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW - SEPTEMBER 17-19

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SCC members had so much fun at this Car Show last year that we decided to do it again in 2010. If you haven't already made your reservations at the Motor Lodge (www.themotorlodge.com), where six couples have already reserved (there are only 12 rooms total), it is time to do so. We'll be partying on Friday and Saturday nights. The car show takes up most of the day on Saturday so plan to put your car in early so we can get all the SCC cars together.

Walter has already been emailing details on this event. Here's the web site of Prescott Vette Sette where you need to register: <http://www.prescottvettesette.org/carshow.htm>

Watch for more updates from Walter!

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

Jim Dobson

Walter Juessen

Manny Siprut

Ben Walker





BOOK REVIEW

By Dorinne Dobson

Cutting for Stone
By Abraham Verghese

When one of my "book worm" friends suggested reading "Cutting for Stone," I put it on a list of books to read. When looking at the book though, I thought it one that wouldn't really interest me. A couple of weeks ago while soaking up some R&R in Palm Springs, I finished a book, so I turned to my trusty Kindle and started looking for something to read. I ran across "Cutting for Stone" and ordered the sample. I became intrigued with the story and ordered the book. I found it difficult to put down.

The title "Cutting for Stone" is taken from the Hippocratic oath: "I will not cut for stone, even for patients in whom the disease is manifest; I will leave this operation to be performed by practitioners, specialists in this art."

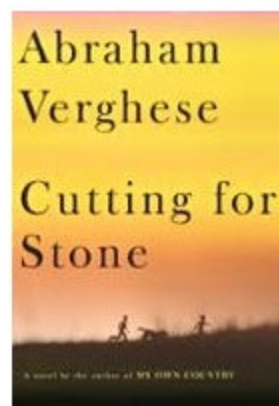
The main characters are Marion and Shiva Stone, identical twin brothers born to a nun, Sister Mary Joseph Praise, and a physician, Thomas Stone, who are

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working in a mission hospital in Ethiopia in the 1950's. Sister Mary Joseph is from Madras, India, and assists Dr. Stone, an American, in surgery and patient care. Sister Mary Joseph dies during childbirth, Thomas Stone disappears and never returns, and the brothers are raised by two other physicians at the hospital, Hema and Ghosh, both from Madras.

The book presents an interesting picture of life in Ethiopia during the reign of Haile Selassie, and introduces the reader to the Italian settlements in Ethiopia, particularly Eritrea.

"Cutting for Stone" will absorb your mind because this book has it all: several love stories, the political turmoil of Ethiopia, stories of immigration, coming of age, and above all, medicine.





SAVE THE DATES - AUGUST 21-22

**WE'RE GOING TO MOUNT GRAHAM!
IT'LL BE A COOL WEEKEND
GETAWAY - RIGHT WHEN WE
NEED TO GET AWAY
FROM THE VALLEY'S AUGUST
HEAT!**

**WALTER WILL BE SENDING OUT
DETAILS SOON!**

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

September 4

Desert Corvette Club
Mini-Millard Car Show & Rallye
960 North 54th Street, Chandler
Contact Gil Fidler at gefidler@cox.net

September 18-19

Arizona Competition Corvettes
Low Speed Autocrosses at Taylor, AZ (near
Snowflake)
Contact Paul Hamersly - LT4CE@YAHOO.COM

October 17 (Not a Roadrunner Event)

Sun Country Corvette Club - All Corvette Car Show
at Power Chevrolet in Peoria
Go to website for details:
suncountrycorvetteclub.com/



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*For a great deal on any Chevy product, not only Corvette,
contact Jack Macrino, 480-570-1530
or Bob Ostapovich, 480-220-3242.*

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

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