



*Bernie's Vette in  
the Cool North  
Woods of Ontario*

*NEWSLETTER  
July-August 2012*





July/Aug 2012 A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts 92 Members

[www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com](http://www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com)

Dorinne Dobson, Newsletter Editor  
[ddobson58@cox.net](mailto:ddobson58@cox.net)



***In this issue...***

***Trip up Coronado  
Trail, Lunch in  
Jerome, Ethnic  
Dinner, Remember  
When, Coming  
Events, And Much  
More...***



**Meetings:**

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

Meetings are held at:  
Gainey Ranch Golf Club,  
Ballroom C  
7600 Gainey Club Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ



Proudly sponsored by  
Van Chevrolet  
8585 E. Frank Lloyd  
Wright Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260  
(480) 991-8300  
[www.vanchevrolet.com](http://www.vanchevrolet.com)

[Contents](#) [Print](#)

**Table of Contents**

Mission Statement & Board - Page 3  
Birthdays - Page 4  
Coming Events - Page 5  
New Cruisers - Page 6  
From the Driver's Seat - Page 7  
Editor's Corner - Page 15  
Calendar of Club Activities for 2012 - Page 17  
Scottsdale Corvette Club Store - Page 21  
News From Bowling Green - Page 13  
Trip Up the Coronado Trail - Page 29  
Two Articles/Links on Zora Duntov - Page  
Mexican Epicurean Dinner - Page 51  
Corvette Roars into 60th Year - Page 61  
Corvette Wins Class at LeMans - Page 70  
Lunch at the Asylum in Jerome - Page 73  
Corvette Pace Car at 2012 Indy 500 - Page 85  
Remember When -  
2001 Temecula-San Diego Trip - Page 91



## 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.*

## 2012 Board of Directors

### President

Ken Harder (480) 585-3359 [kricharder51@cox.net](mailto:kricharder51@cox.net)

### Vice President and Secretary

Manny Siprut (480) 361-5706 [mannysip@aol.com](mailto:mannysip@aol.com)

### Treasurer

Mike Cassel (480) 563-2598 [mcassel@wickpilcherins.com](mailto:mcassel@wickpilcherins.com)

### Activities Director

Walter Juessen (480) 483-7886 [juessen@aol.com](mailto:juessen@aol.com)

### Governor

Steve Patricola (480) 636-1241 [spatric@cox.net](mailto:spatric@cox.net)

### Membership Director

Mark Bales (480) 471-7365

[Contents](#) [Print](#)  
[Close](#)

## SCC Birthdays!

### July

Karen Barrett - July 4  
John Parker - July 6  
Aaron Berkowitz - July 7  
Rollie Trayte - July 9  
Mark Bales - July 13  
Jackie Berkowitz - July 13  
Berny Rasch - July 14  
Fran Harder - July 16  
Lon Durby - July 17  
Walter Juessen - July 23  
Sherry Nelson - July 31



### August

Hugh Anderson - August 1  
Dorinne Dobson - August 7  
George Poplin - August 9  
David Bethune - August 11  
Steve Hoffman - August 21  
Bob Ostapovich - August 24  
Mark Shaw - August 26





## **Coming Events!**

July - **NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS**

August 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

August 15 - **NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER OR POKER NIGHT**

August 16-21 - Trip to Monterey, California

August 25 - Board Meeting

Sept. 12 - Club Dinner Meeting

Sept. 15 - Trip to Walnut Canyon National Monument

Sept. 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night

Sept. 26 - Board Meeting

Sept. 29 - Private Party at Steve & Terry Patricola's Home *(This is a change from the Ethnic Epicurean Dinner formerly scheduled.)*

Oct. 10 - Club Dinner Meeting

Oct. 11-14 - Trip to Temecula and San Diego

Oct. 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night

Oct. 24 - 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.



[Contents Close](#)

## ***New Cruisers***

**Rod Finch** and his 2003 convertible, silver with black interior, and only 17,000 miles! We'll have a photo of this beauty in the September-October issue.

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





## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

Hope you're finding ways to stay cool during these hot summer days! Our Corvette Club enjoyed wonderful activities over the past two months, and our General meetings have been well attended, with the 32 people attending our June meeting setting a Club record for attendance for this historically low attendance month.

In June, Rod Finch joined our Club, and our Membership now totals 92. For those who have not yet met Rod, please say Hello to Rod at our next meeting. We are still waiting to hear from other potential members, and we anticipate adding at least two new members sometime over the summer. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Club, please let Mark Bales know and he will follow-up.

From an Activities standpoint, our May adventure had six cars attacking the Coronado Trail, with more than 450 switchbacks over 50 miles. A few of the cars took a more leisurely pace, while a few lead-footers had the thrill of testing the true performance of their Vettes over this challenging road. A good time was had by all. In June, we had 11 cars head to Jerome, via Yarnell, and we were again able to have some fun with the back roads which also had some twists and turns, some of which were



Ken and Fran Harder

## From the Driver's Seat

taken at somewhat higher speeds than the average person who travels these back roads. The group then enjoyed a great lunch at the Asylum Restaurant, and everyone was then free to return home in any way they wanted. Thanks Walter for two more great events!

Vette Vixen dinners have continued to be well attended (thanks to Terry and JoAnn), and Men's Poker Night continues to be a fun night with new card games being introduced each month. Our Quarterly Epicurean dinner was held on June 30th at Cantina Laredo, and over 20 members enjoyed quality Mexican food in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

As you all know, we have no General Meeting in July---our next General Meeting will be on August 8. There will also be no Club Acti- vity in July, but in August, we have

confirmed for a marvelous long weekend in Monterey (8/16 - 8/21) for the Monterey Car Show and other activities in the area. Walter has again planned a great get-away with interesting stops along the way, good hotels, great restaurants and fun activities for all. After Monterey, some of the members will remain on the West Coast for a couple more days to enjoy the cooler temp's on the Ocean and perhaps take tours of the Hearst Castle or simply enjoy the beach and/or local vineyards. (Did anyone mention wine with that cheese?)





## From the Driver's Seat

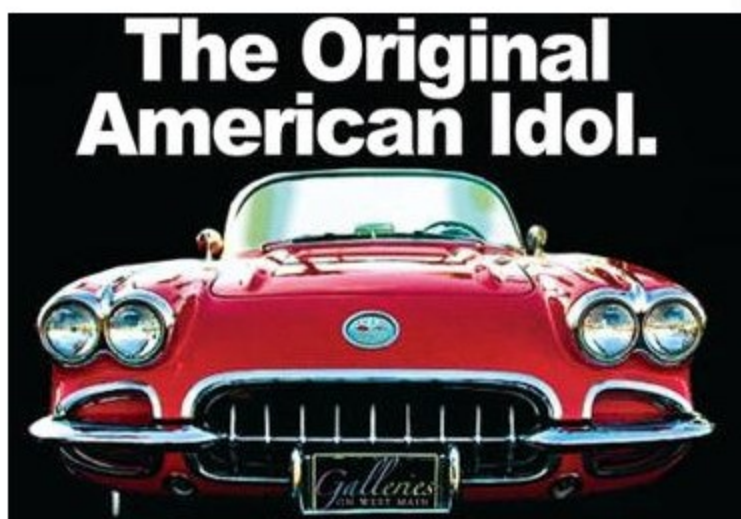
I again want to thank the Board members and Dorinne for all their hard work, and we hope all of you have a happy, healthy and cool summer! Hope to see you in August; perhaps Walter can let us know at that meeting how he enjoyed his multi-day driving school at Spring Mountain!

Ken



**SAVE THE DATE!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!**

*We'll be taking a day trip to co-o-o-l Flagstaff for lunch and a visit to Walnut Canyon National Monument. The Sinaguan ruins pictured above is just one of the many interesting things to see! Watch your email for more details!*





**MONTEREY IN AUGUST!  
GREAT ROAD TRIP  
OPPORTUNITY!  
AUGUST 16-21**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS  
THIS TRIP!  
THINK COO-OO-OOL  
CALIFORNIA BEACHES!**

**WALTER SAYS THERE ARE A FEW  
SPACES LEFT, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
SIGN UP, CONTACT WALTER AT  
JUESSEN@AOL.COM.**



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

**BILL FOLLETTE'S NAME WAS  
DRAWN AT THE JUNE  
MEETING. BILL WAS NOT  
THERE, SO THE PRIZE IN  
AUGUST WILL BE \$50. YOU  
COULD BE THE LUCKY  
WINNER, BUT YOU MUST BE  
PRESENT TO WIN!**



## Editor's Corner

Happy Fourth of July to you all! I'm writing this on the morning of the Fourth of July and it's been rainy

and cloudy all morning! What a pleasure - only 80 degrees at 10:00 in the morning! Here's a little photo, courtesy of JoAnn Taylor Rice, entitled "Fourth of July Horse with Flag."



This summer is truly a Corvette club editor's dream with all the press about the Corvette's 60th year. I hope you will enjoy some of the articles referenced in this issue and will follow the internet links to read those articles which cannot be reproduced.

Special thanks to Bernie Rasch for the cover photo of his Vette in the cool north woods.

Please note the "Remember When" feature on the Club's trip to Temecula and San Diego in 2001. We are again taking this trip in October of 2012, and it may inspire you to sign up for what promises to be an exceptionally fun four-day excursion to the vineyards of Temecula and the beautiful sights of San Diego including dinner on the Hornblower in the San Diego harbor.

Dorinne





## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

### January 21

Trip to Biosphere 2 and  
Sabino Canyon near  
Tucson

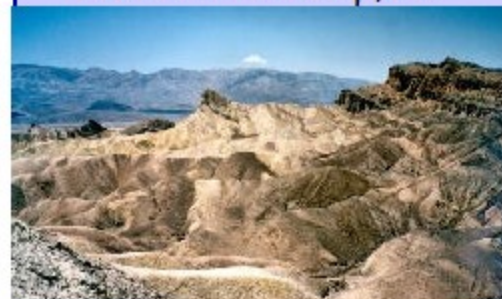


### February 25

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



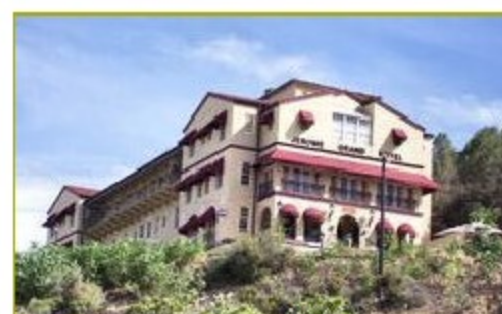
### April 21

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  
Autoweeek including Concours  
and Other Motorsports



September 15

Trip to Walnut Canyon  
National Monument

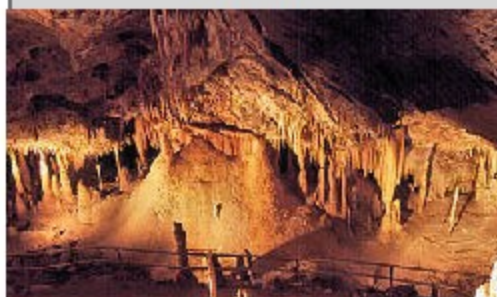


October 11-14

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 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.





**From *The Bowling Green Daily News*,  
June 13, 2012:**

Nearly 90 new robots will help streamline the production of the next generation Chevy Corvette at the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Those robots have taken their places in the new \$50 million shop where the body of the new Corvette will be assembled. A dozen or so local officials got a peek at the shop Tuesday. But the wraps are still on what the new vehicle will look like or exactly when its production will begin.

"I will say that the last year for the C6 model is 2013," Plant Manager Dave Tatman said. The plant is currently producing a 60th anniversary car and a new convertible that Tatman said he took for a spin recently in Bowling Green. Production work for those vehicles is providing a good bit of overtime. Workers are getting in 11 hours a day, five days a week. In August, they will move to 10-hour days five

[Contents](#) [Close](#)

days a week and two Saturday workdays. But the buzz - most likely because of the secrecy surrounding it - is still the yet-to-be named next generation Corvette. "The new vehicle is incredibly exciting," he said. "But that's all I can say about it."

GM officials for more than a year have been preparing for the new vehicle. In all, the company will invest \$131 million at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant that will have created an additional 250 jobs, mostly by hiring all of the laid-off Corvette workers and bringing in other laid-off GM employees. There were a few hints along the tour about the timetable. The plant will shut down in July for intensive construction work, during which time the plant also will be closed for tours. Tours will resume in August but will again be suspended Sept. 14 until sometime after production of the next generation begins. The plant will be shut down for a week in October to begin tying in the old part of the plant to the newly retooled section. Part of the reason for suspending tours is because of logistics with having that many extra people in the plant during a changeover and part is to maintain the secrecy around the new model before it goes public, Tatman said.



## News from Bowling Green

John Andrews, head of the transition team for the new body shop, and other team members have spent most weeks of the past year in Detroit preparing for the new vehicle, but now all of that work will take place in Bowling Green. Andrews' step had a noticeable pep in it when he walked through the body shop area where the XLR used to be produced. He bragged about how there is more light from skylights and from new lighting fixtures more conducive to work. The old part of the plant will get the same light treatment thanks to an energy efficiency program offered by the state, he said. The area where current production is taking place will be held in waiting, perhaps for future production of another vehicle, Andrews said.

D. Gaines Penn, chairman of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, noted that getting more GM employees at the plant was great. "But I wonder how many other jobs are directly attributed to the plant," Penn said. The plant currently has about 100 workers on site that are contracted from other companies, either doing security or other tasks, Tatman said. And those numbers are expected to grow just as production is expected to increase when the new cars come off the line. "There has been con-

siderable interest created in the new car," Tatman said. He said that should increase production considerably but by how much he won't speculate.

John Spencer, another team member, said there also will be more construction workers coming into the plant who will be staying in area motels and eating in local restaurants during the remainder of the project. The indirect impact of the plant has been shown to create seven jobs in the community for every one at the plant, Tatman said. That impact spreads even more because being engaged in the community is incumbent upon GM and its employees, he said. As part of that engagement, employees volunteer their time and contribute money. The General Motors Foundation will give out more than \$1 million this year to the communities they call home. On Tuesday, Tatman handed out checks totaling \$10,000, split equally between Public Theatre of Kentucky, Orchestra Kentucky, Western Kentucky University's Center for Environmental Studies and Sustainability and Friends of Lost River Cave. Tatman said GM has a continuing partnership with WKU's program and last year also contributed \$2,500 to Lost River for its outdoor classroom.

Bowling Green Mayor Bruce Wilkerson, Warren



## News from Bowling Green

County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon, state Reps. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, and Sen. Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green, were among those in attendance Tuesday. All said they appreciate the contributions that GM has made to the community. Tatman jokingly handed Wilkerson a framed dollar bill - that is the amount that GM had to pay the city to "own" the building." Originally a Chrysler air conditioning plant, 30-year bonds were sold to pay for an expansion. GM made lease payments to retire the bonds, after which it would own the building for \$1. In exchange for the framed buck, Wilkerson handed Tatman a bill of sale, a release of the lease and other documents.

**Editor's Note:** I received this article from *The Bowling Green Daily News* from Carolyn Van Santen, former SCC member, and thought you all would find it of interest.



**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 JULY 7?**



# OUR TRIP UP THE CORONADO TRAIL

Photos by Mark Bales

Narrative by Dorinne Dobson

The Morenci mine overlook at the bottom of the Coronado Trail





## Our Trip Up the Coronado Trail

On Friday afternoon, May 18, six Corvettes with drivers and passengers met in the parking lot at the Pavillions to commence our big adventure, the drive up the Coronado Trail in eastern Arizona. We proceeded to drive to Globe on US 60 and on to Safford, arriving about 4:30 p.m. After checking into our rooms, we all gathered in Walter and Michele's room for cocktails. Walter had managed to secure a room with a balcony, so some of us sat outside.



Aaron and Jackie



Dorinne and Jim



Deb, Carol and Michele



Mike, the birthday boy!

Having been alerted to the fact that May 18th was Mike's birthday, he was pleasantly surprised to receive birthday cards from a number of us.

We walked to dinner at the restaurant across the street from the hotel.



Jackie and Aaron



Dorinne and Jim





Top left, Carol and Mike  
Bottom left, Michele and Walter  
Above, Deb and Brian



It turned out that Mike had another surprise in store for him. After dinner, he was presented with a birthday cake, decorated with a Corvette! Deb had planned ahead and ordered the cake, picked it up and delivered it to the restaurant when she arrived in town that afternoon. We all had a piece of birthday cake to celebrate Mike's big day!

The next morning we had breakfast in the hotel and met in the parking lot at 9:00 to depart for Morenci and the beginning of the drive up the Coronado Trail.

We stopped at the scenic overlook where you get the full view of the mine, shown on the cover of this article. Here we split into two groups, those who wanted to drive the Trail in an aggressive manner, and those who wanted to take a leisurely drive and enjoy the scenery.



Here we are heading for the Coronado Trail





Here's our group at the Mine overlook

Some heavy machinery and huge mining trucks inhibited our start up the trail, but once we got by them, the road was smooth, oh so curvy and a very fun drive. We ran into some hard-headed BMW motorcycle riders who, though driving slowly, stubbornly made it difficult for us to pass. But over all the traffic was light and it was a great drive up the Trail.





The first three finishers - from right, Walter, Brian & Mark



Walter was the winner with the fastest time up the Trail





All six Vettes at Hannagan's Meadow, the top of the Trail

After we all convened again at Hannagan's Meadow at the top of the Trail, we headed down the highway to Greer for our overnight stay at the famous Greer Lodge. The Greer Lodge cabins were very cozy and rustic. Right outside our door was a green grassy meadow with a small fishing lake right in the middle. A little farther across the meadow at the edge of the forest was the Little Colorado River. We gathered all the benches and rockers and sat outside on the porch for our cocktail hour. You can see in the photo on the next page that it was considerably cooler there, as many of us had our jackets on!







## Our Trip Up the Coronado Trail

Our rooms were so well situated that all we had to do was walk next door to the restaurant for dinner that evening. The famous Greer Lodge Restaurant and the hotel lobby burned down in the spring of 2011, just a few weeks before the forest fire that destroyed the beautiful forests at the top of the mountains adjacent to the Lodge. There were signs on the site that said "We Will Rebuild!" In the interim the restaurant is located in a log cabin (the prevailing style at the resort), with a big stone fireplace and a comfortably rustic setting. The food was good, the company excellent, and we all had a fine dinner to finish off our Coronado Trail adventure.



Mark (seldom photographed) and Kathy



Thanks to Walter and Michele for planning and executing another excellent trip!





## CERV-I INDUCTED INTO BLOOMINGTON GOLD GREAT HALL - JUNE 2012



As some of you may know, the Bloomington Gold Great Hall inductees are Corvettes and the people who have contributed to Corvette's history. This year the CERV-1 was inducted into the Great Hall this year. CERV is the acronym for Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle, and this vehicle was designed and developed by Zora Arkus-Duntov in the late 1950's. Here's a link to the article about this vehicle: <http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2012/06/21/cerv-i-among-this-weekends-bloomington-gold-great-hall-inductees/?refer=news>

Contents Close

## Champion of the Corvette, Feted in the Land He Left

My Wickenburg "car guy" friend sent me an interesting link on Zora Arkus-Duntov, pictured below. If you'd like to read the article which appeared in *The New York Times* on June 22, 2012, with a Moscow dateline, here's the link: [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/24/automobiles/champion-of-corvette-feted-in-the-land-he-left.html?\\_r=1&pagewanted=all](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/24/automobiles/champion-of-corvette-feted-in-the-land-he-left.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all). There's also a slide show of photos of Duntov and some of his designs at <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2012/06/24/automobiles/24duntov-slides.html>



Zora Arkus-Duntov, the engineer who fought for the Corvette's survival, with a Sting Ray coupe





## Quarterly Epicurean Dinner at Cantina Laredo

Story by JoAnn Taylor Rice

Photos by Mark Bales & JoAnn T. Rice

We had 19 members for the evening dinner in this festive Mexican Food Restaurant. Several members had eaten here before tonight and had enjoyed their previous dining experiences. The decor is casual and lively with lots of interesting Margarita concoctions. Our group tried several types since we were all thirsty from the heat of the last several hot days!!!



Jackie and Aaron



Sandi and Chuck





Richard and JoAnn

This particular location has a great deal of local significance. The location of Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard is certainly a busy place even in the summer. The Southeast corner is highly visible because of the Frank Lloyd Wright Obelisk. At 125 feet, the local landmark tow-

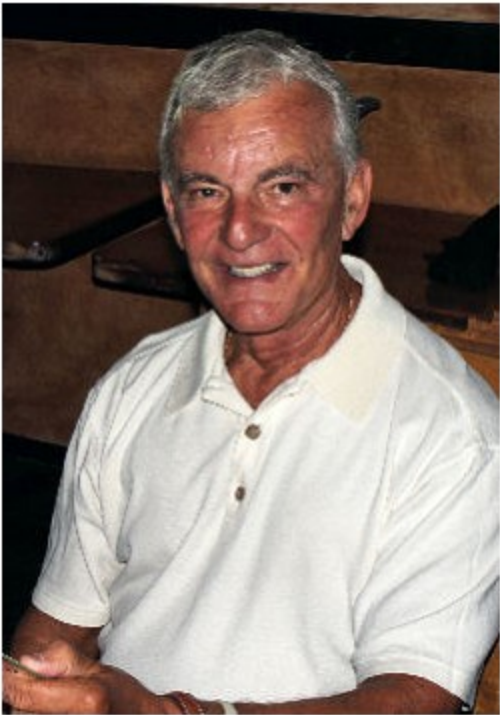


Christine and Jere



Jack and Jan





Dick



At right, Ken and Fran



ers over the mainly flat desert in this part of Scottsdale. You may recall that the Obelisk was installed in 2004 and is illuminated at night. It was originally designed for the Arizona State Capital. I think we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to view the Obelisk in our lovely city. There is also a small park with wonderful sculptures by the artist Heloise Crista. Many of her other sculptures are on exhibit at Taliesin West. She knew Frank Lloyd Wright and spent several years at Taliesin West during the early part of her



### Quarterly Epicurean Dinner

Right across the street from the Promenade Mall is a section of The Central Arizona Project (CAP), which is a 336-mile (541 km) diversion canal in Arizona. "The aqueduct diverts water from the Colorado River from Lake Havasu City near Parker into central and southern Arizona. The CAP is the largest and most expensive aqueduct system ever constructed in the United States." Approximately 5 million people in Arizona receive water from the CAP. It has really allowed Arizona to develop communities and outdoor activities related to tourism. I always think about the CAP water delivery system when I drive along Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. There are some wonderful websites, if you are interested in reading more about the CAP project.

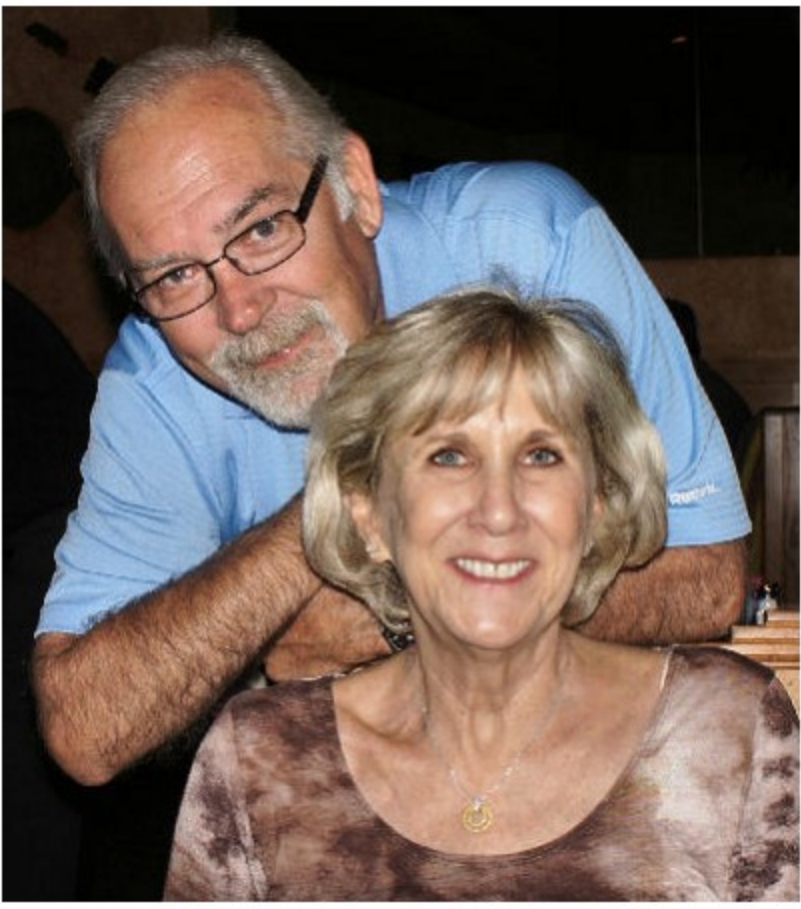


Margaret and Walter



Rollie and Lyn



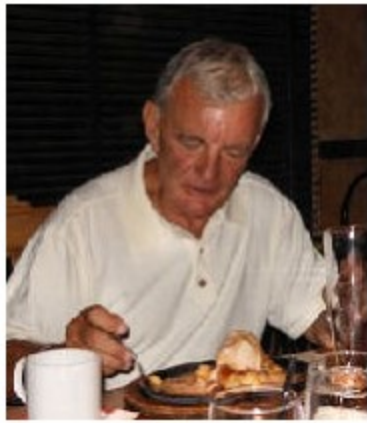


Mark and Kathy

Everyone seemed to enjoy getting together for the dinner. As we left the restaurant, the fire- works display from the nearby Scottsdale Princess Resort illuminated the sky. What a special treat for our group!!! They could not have timed the display better.

Enjoy the summer and keep cool!!!

JoAnn



Dick and his Scrum-lucious Dessert!

## Chevrolet Corvette Roars Into Its 60th Year

DETROIT - On June 30, 1953, the first of a new kind of Chevrolet - indeed, a new kind of American car - rolled off an assembly line in Flint, Mich.

The car had only two seats. There were no roll-up windows, or exterior door handles, for that matter. Its body wasn't stamped from steel but, rather, molded from reinforced fiberglass.

While the postwar Baby Boom was in full swing, this was definitely not a family car. This was a very personal vehicle, one that promised a driver and a passenger all of the thrills of the open road.

Skeptics gave the car little chance of lasting beyond an initial run of a few dozen units.



However, 60 years later the Chevrolet Corvette survives - and thrives - as an American automotive and cultural icon.

"Through the years, Corvette certainly offered state-of-the-art features, designs, technologies and performance," said Tadge Juechter, vehicle chief engineer for Corvette. "However, I think what has made the Corvette such an enduring concept is the exciting experience of driving one."





## Corvette Roars into Its 60th Year

"No matter what your station in life, when you're behind the wheel of a Corvette, you're an Olympic athlete - able to go faster, stop quicker, and turn better than everyone else," Juechter continued. "Very few cars can match that experience. And no other car has delivered that experience as well, or to more people, than the Corvette."

Barely five months before Tony Kleiber, a Flint plant body assembler, drove that first Chevrolet Corvette off the line and into automotive history, the icon in the making was little more than a designer's dream.

Corvette was first created under the code-name XP-122 to provide Americans with a glimpse of a European-style sports car designed for this side of the Atlantic. It was one of several concept cars unveiled in January 1953 at the GM Motorama show in the ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in

New York City.

With a world war not far behind them, people wanting a glimpse of the automotive future lined up around the block to view the new concept vehicles. At the Waldorf Astoria - and at every other Motorama stop across the country -- Chevrolet's sporty little roadster ignited many Americans' imaginations.





## Corvette Roars into Its 60th Year

[Contents](#) [Close](#)

In fact, the Corvette was so popular that Chevrolet executives decided to thrust the two-seat roadster into production, albeit on a very limited basis.

Initial plans called for about 150 Corvettes, primarily to help draw potential customers into Chevrolet dealerships scattered across the U.S.'s then-48 states. Overwhelming demand doubled the first-year production to 300 units. The following year, the Corvette moved to a GM assembly facility in St. Louis, Mo., where 3,640 Corvettes were built for the 1954 model year.

Those first Corvettes sparked Americans' 60-year love affair with the Corvette. Since 1953, more than 1.5 million Corvettes have been built. Those cars have become synonymous with American performance - from cruising down Americana on Route 66 to taking the checkered flag at the world's most

prestigious road race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

During the coming months, Chevrolet will kick some tires, open the hood, and climb behind the wheel to highlight 60 years of Corvette design, performance and technology milestones. We hope you enjoy the ride.



## Corvette Roars into Its 60th Year



If you'd like to see this press release online and the accompanying photo gallery with more great photos of Corvettes through the years, go to:

[http://media.gm.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2012/Jun/0629\\_corvette.html](http://media.gm.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2012/Jun/0629_corvette.html)

## Corvette 1st in GTE Am Class at 2012 LeMans 24 Hours



Congratulations to LARBRE Competition  
Corvette C6 ZR1 #73 - 1st in Class GTE Am

Over All position 20th, laps 326, best lap  
3:56.2163 with an average speed of 205.7 mph

Drivers: Bornhauser, Canal and Lamy





**SCC WOMEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH THE VETTE VIXENS MEET  
FOR COCKTAILS AND DINNER  
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT**

**NO DINNERS TILL SEPTEMBER, BUT  
BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH!**

**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*

*Ken Harder*

*Walter Juessen*

*Bernie Rasch*

*JoAnn Taylor Rice*



# LUNCH AT THE ASYLUM IN JEROME

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES  
NARRATIVE BY DORINNE DOBSON







Nine Corvettes left Interstate 17 and Carefree Highway in Phoenix at 9:15 on Saturday morning, June 16. They drove to Wickenburg, where they picked up the Dobsons at the Chevron Station on Highway 93. Here you can see us making the trek up Yarnell Hill. Some of us made it a little quicker



## Lunch at the Asylum in Jerome

than others, and we regrouped at the top of the mountain in Yarnell. There we found around 20 Corvettes parked on Highway 89 in the main part of town, heading north toward Prescott and Jerome. We didn't stop long enough to find out where they were from or where they were going, but evidently they weren't going to Jerome, because we never saw them again.

We made it to Prescott and kept to the outskirts of town, taking the Pioneer Parkway to the cutoff for Highway 89A. On the way we picked up the Bidwells who joined our caravan.

Walter had been having some difficulty with his radio, and as we are heading up Mingus Mountain, with considerable traffic in front of us, Walter pulled off onto a long strip on the left-hand side of the highway. We all pulled off and Walter informed everyone about making the U-turn in Jerome to come back and go up the drive to the Asylum restaurant. Here we all are parked at the side of the road.





## Lunch at the Asylum in Jerome



Above, Mike & Connie parked at the side of the road; Right, Mark's photo taken while driving up Mingus Mountain



The Grand Hotel in Jerome, where the Asylum restaurant is located

Once we all got parked in the Grand Hotel parking lot, we went into the hotel for lunch at the Asylum. It was pretty warm in Jerome - our Vette's outdoor temp read 91 degrees when we arrived. So we were seated inside in the rather elegant dining room. The menu was varied with burgers, sandwiches, salads and other good things to eat. On the following page you will see us all enjoying our lunch at the Asylum.



## Lunch at the Asylum in Jerome

[Contents](#) [Close](#)



Cherie, Lloyd, Dick, Sue, Ken, Fran, Jim and Dorinne



Christine, Connie and Mike



Jack, Jan and Steve



Dorinne, Jackie, Aaron, John, Norma, Cherie and Lloyd



Walter, Michele and Kathy



# Lunch at the Asylum in Jerome

After lunch, some of us wandered a- round the hotel and grounds for a while. Mark, Ken and Jim spotted this old car and wondered about the make and model. Mark went home and researched it on the internet and came up with the conclusion that this is a Packard 180, probably a 1941. He says this is the first year the headlights were built into the fenders, and that it is different than the 1942.

Thanks to Walter and Michele for another fun trip!



# The Secret to Corvette's Success



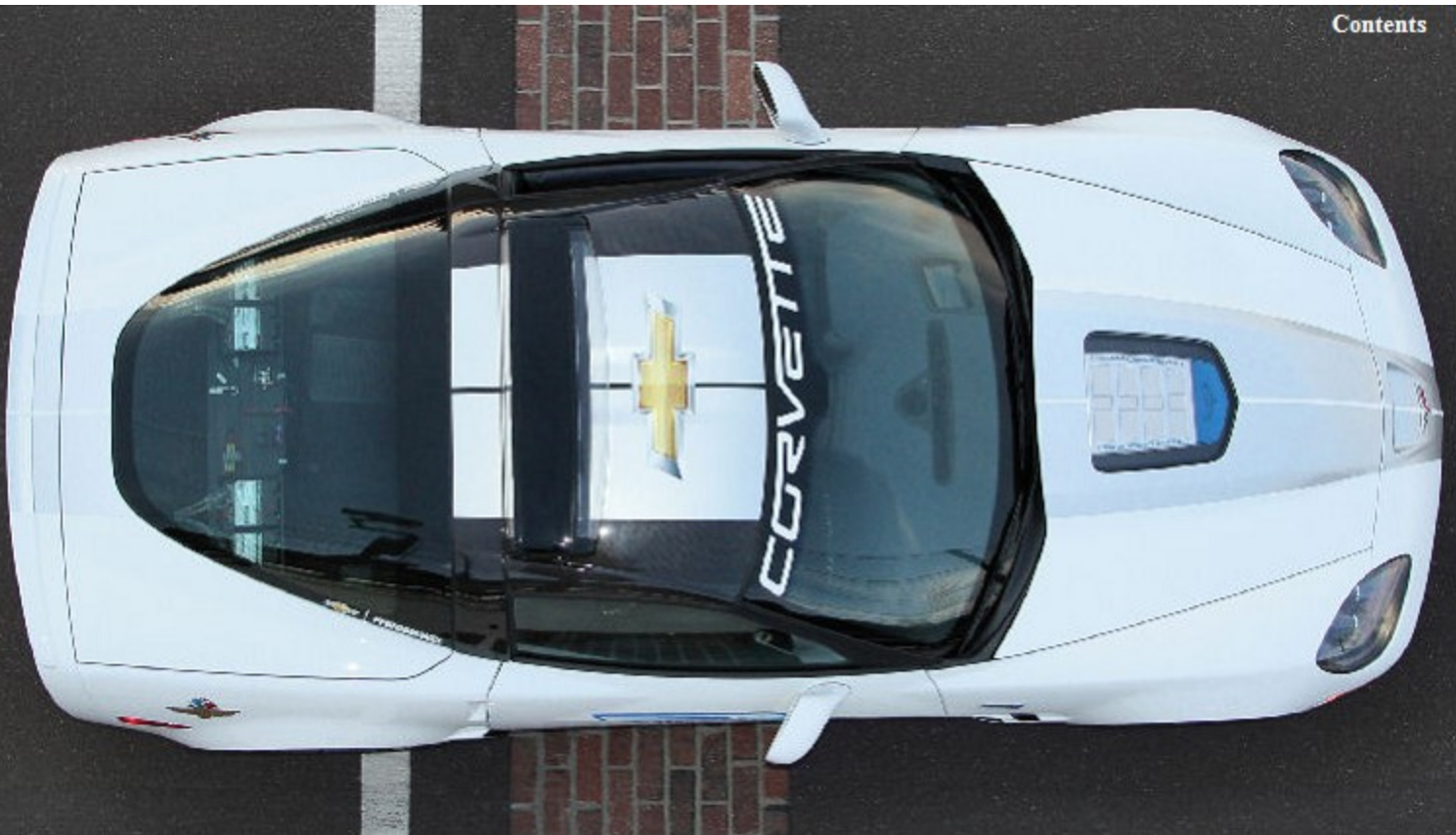
Mike Harris, the retired Auto Racing Writer for The Associated Press and a frequent contributor to a variety of racing outlets, will be filing periodic reports on the 2012 American Le Mans Series to ALMS.com. To discover the "secret to Corvette's success" as described by Mr. Harris, check out this link: [www.alms.com/articles/secret-corvette%E2%80%99s-success](http://www.alms.com/articles/secret-corvette%E2%80%99s-success)

## 2013 Corvette ZR1 Pace Car at 2012 Indy 500



[Click on the logo to get a larger view](#)





*A 2013 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 led the starting field of the 96th Indianapolis 500 to the green flag Sunday, May 27 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. With 638 horsepower, the Corvette ZR1 is the most powerful production car ever to pace the race.*

*This was the 23rd time a Chevrolet has paced "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" and the 11th time a Corvette served as the Pace Car. Both are event records. The 2013 model year will mark the 60th anniversary and the final year of production for the current generation Corvette.*

**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!**

Contents Close



**DID YOU GET THE WORD?  
THE WORD IS "PARTY"!**

**INSTEAD OF THE QUARTERLY  
ETHNIC DINNER IN SEPTEMBER,  
THERE'S GOING TO BE A  
PRIVATE PARTY AT THE  
PATRICOLAS' HOME! YOU  
WON'T WANT TO MISS THAT!  
WATCH YOUR EMAIL AROUND  
AUGUST OR SO FOR MORE  
DETAILS.**





*(Eleven years ago...)*

### **Trip to Temecula and San Diego July 13-15th, 2001**

The following is a reproduction of the original article on the Club's trip to Temecula and San Diego in 2001, written by Donna Reagan (former member that many of you will remember fondly) and published in the July-August 2001 SCC Newsletter. At that time the newsletter was a printed product,

[Contents Close](#)

and therefore the accompanying photos did not reproduce very well. I had some additional photos in my personal archives from that trip, and have included them in the article as noted.

Dorinne

#### **Vette-Togethers**

### **THE SAN DIEGO TRIP July 13-15th By Donna Reagan**

For a lot of us, getting to Dysart Road at 8 AM was the biggest challenge. But everyone made it and the group got off about on time. It wasn't long before Cyndie and Mitch starting occupying all our thoughts as they cruised across the Interstate with the top up and the heat running full blast. Their overheating problem ultimately turned out to be an engineering challenge for all the wrench heads in the group, none of which could figure out a permanent fix.

## Remember When...

We knew we were in California when stopping at an In 'N Out Burger place for lunch. The line was long, as usual, and made us think "What the heck do people see in those hamburgers anyway?" The arrival in Temecula was uneventful, except we verified that most of us have trouble hearing directions over the radio. Maybe we need practice at the next club meeting on the difference between left and right. The dinner at the Winery was really good, except for our trip planner - Chuck Weschler, who became the "Rodney Dangerfield" of food service. Whenever he wanted to order something, the waitress, dining supervisor and owner totally ignored him - and this went on the entire evening. Chuck ultimately got referred to as the "Invisible Man," except when it came time for him to pay the bill for the entire table.

Cyndie and Mitch learned how to let their car's radiator go wee wee (#1 for those with small kids) while driving it back from the winery. After the amount some of us had to drink, we were quite jealous of their C4 being able to do that trick. Maybe GM could incorporate this as a new option next year.

The ride to San Diego was one of the best parts of the trip, as all of us got to confirm our active handling feature was more than just a stupid button on the

Those roads really were quite twisty and tight cornering! Some folks were actually overheard saying "That's the best action in a car I've ever had!" (There are a few of us who have stories that would dispute this opinion.)



Dinner in the Vineyard at Temecula  
(Original Photo from Newsletter Article)



Norma Parker, Jim Shaw and John Parker  
(From Editor's Archives)



Remember When...

[Contents Close](#)



Bob Gerheart and Scott McPherson  
at Vineyard Dinner  
(From Editor's Archives)

*Ed.Note:* Shades of Scott McPherson! We saw him at the Asylum Restaurant on our Jerome trip (see article on page 73)



This is where Mitch spent a good part of the trip!  
(From Editor's Archives)



Sandi Weschler, Debbie Usery, Jim Dobson, Dorinne Dobson  
and Christine Bidwell (From the Original Article)



## Remember When...

After some personal time touring San Diego, everyone assembled for the Hornblower Dinner Cruise around the harbor. It seemed like every dinner boat there was named "Hornblower." For lots of us, the night was actually chilly, so staying inside the boat made sense for the thin-blooded and lightly dressed *Zonies*. The dancing really livened up after suggesting that the DJ play the disco-era recording *YMCA*. For a few, the gymnastics of that song proved too strenuous and therefore required more refreshments.

Pictured at right, aboard the Hornblower, are, from the top,

Dorinne & Jim Dobson, Debbie Usery & Scott McPherson,

John & Norma Parker, Jay & Jo Tipton, Mitch Robinson & Cyndie Van Hook, Sandi Weschler, Barb & Bob Gerheart, Mike & Donna Reagan, Steve & Christine Bidwell, Judi Findsen, Jane & Hugh Anderson, Bob Findsen, Kathy & Mark Bales, Chuck Weschler, and Carolyn & Chuck Van Santen  
(This photo was in the original article, but the one you see is from the Editor's archives)





## Remember When...



The Findsens, the Dobsons & the Bales at dinner on the Hornblower (From the Editor's Archives)



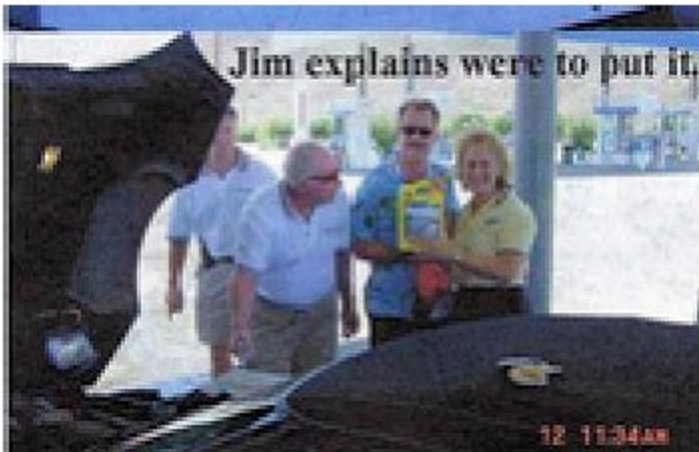
The Reagans, the Parkers and the Tipsons at dinner on the Hornblower (From the Editor's Archives)



The Gerhearts, Robinson-Van Hook, the Bidwells and the Weschlers at dinner on the Hornblower (From the Editor's Archives)



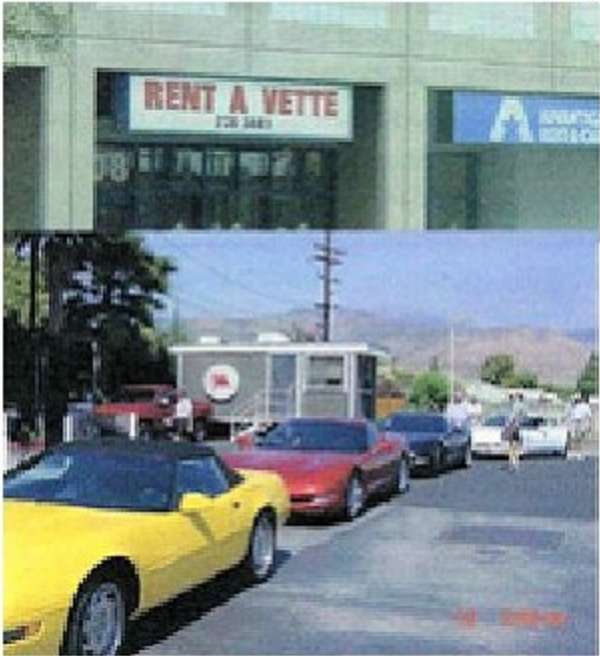
Remember When...



Cyndie Got Lots of Help on her Car Problems!  
(From the original newsletter article)



Vettes in the Parking Lot (From the Original  
Newsletter Article)



Vettes in San Diego (From the Original Newsletter Article)

Based on a democratic vote, the departure time on Sunday morning was moved up to 9 AM for ten of the cars that yearned again for the reality of the hot Valley sun. Then, by the same democratic process, a last minute decision was made by five of those folks to visit the annual car show being sponsored by the San Diego Corvette Owners Assn. Interestingly, the show was just down the street from our hotel. How could that many Vettes be parked so close to us and yet no one smelled them? While walking around at the show



## Remember When...

and later getting gas, Donna Reagan twice managed to step into gooey gum and track it into her C5. Next time she will have to drive alone in the non-air C3. Cyndie and Mitch now actually recommend all trips be taken this way.

Hats off to Chuck and Sandi for all their efforts in putting together this trip. The opinion was unanimous that everything was planned out to a "T." Well, there is just one little thing that could be improved on, but the "Invisible Man" has a strategy for that the next time he organizes a trip. It's a safe bet the next restaurant sucks up to him big time!



**Editor's Note:** Thanks to Sandi and Chuck Weschler who were able to locate the original newsletter from 2001 so we could take this trip down Memory Lane. We hope it will inspire some of you to take the trip this October with the Club to Temecula and San Diego, for another vineyard dinner experience and another trip on the Hornblower for dinner in the San Diego harbor.



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

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

*Make sure you mention that you are with the*