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John Parker (right) Taking Museum Delivery of His C7



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*Before the Car Show at the May Meeting at Gainey Ranch Golf Club:
Represented here are all generations minus one
See more photos on Page 29*



July-August 2014 A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts 113 Members

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Meetings:

SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM for a dinner meeting.

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



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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

- Karen Barrett - July 4
- John Parker - July 6
- Aaron Berkowitz - July 7
- Dennis Brink - July 9
- Rollie Trayte - July 9
- Gary Ronquist - July 12
- Mark Bales - July 13
- Ackie Berkowitz - July 13
- Berny Rasch - July 14
- Fran Harder - July 16
- Dana Meronuk - July 17
- Walter Juessen - July 23



August

- Hugh Anderson - August 1
- Dorinne Dobson - August 7
- Marsha Amir - August 10
- Sheryl Brink - August 21
- Jim Voice - August 22
- Mark Shaw - August 26
- Jane Anderson - August 27



Coming Events!

JULY - NO MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES!

- Aug. 3-9 - Colorado Springs: Pike's Peak/USAF Academy**
- Aug. 13 - Club Dinner Meeting**
- Aug. 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night**
- Aug. 27 - Board Meeting**

- TUES. Sept. 9 - Club 15th Anniversary Dinner Meeting**
- Sept. 11-14 - Trip to Monument Valley, Moab, UT, etc.**
- Sept. 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night**
- Sept. 24 - Board Meeting**
- Sept. 27 - Quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Dinner**

- Oct. 8 - Club Dinner Meeting**
- Oct. 9-12 - Triip to Gila Hot Springs, NM**
- Oct. 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night**
- Oct. 22 - 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.



**September's Dinner Meeting
 Tuesday evening, September 9
 at Gainey Ranch Golf Club
 will be a CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST
 FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE LIFE OF THE
 SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!**

**BE SURE TO PUT THIS DINNER
 MEETING ON YOUR CALENDAR!
 THERE'LL BE LOTS OF HISTORY AND
 FUN RECOLLECTIONS OF CLUB
 HAPPENINGS.**

More details, see Steve's column, page 8.

REMEMBER: TUESDAY, SEPT. 9!



New Cruisers

*Three new members of
the Scottsdale Corvette Club!
Please welcome:*

*Larry and Charlene Capek
and their 2008 Z06*

and

*David Salvador and his
2014 Cyber Gray 3LT Convertible*

*Sorry no photos of these new members and their
Corvettes. Maybe next issue.*

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Steve Patricola

Do you believe this year is almost half over? I don't and I am writing this on June 29th! Starting in May and ending yesterday, the last six weeks for Terry and me have been a whirlwind of activities; e.g., my youngest graduated from UOA, two weeks later my oldest son got married (about time), and we spent two weeks in Breckenridge, Colorado, where I worked and played...



Terry and Steve

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From the Driver's Seat

I hope this message finds all of you in good health and wellbeing. The May SCC meeting was attended by 49 members and 3 guests. The guests, Larry and Charlene Capek and David Salvador, subsequently became members (WELCOME again!), bringing our total membership to 113. May activities included the usual Vixens dinner and men's poker night and, of course, the trip to Capitol Reef National Park, Boulder, UT. Seven members traveled and, except for a few snafus with hotel and dinner, the trip was enjoyed by all. Indeed, I was told the scenery was spectacular, and the Lake Powell boat trip was enjoyable. Terry and I are sorry we missed it, but sometimes duty calls...

As usual, when things start to heat up in our beautiful state, people scatter. We anticipate that and plan accordingly. Our June 11th meeting was attended by 41 members and one guest, Lance Schultz. The dinner menu was Italian and, in my humble opinion,

was one of the best meals I have had the pleasure to eat at Gainey. If I am not mistaken, all the members that attended agreed with that comment. Unfortunately, the Las Vegas trip that was planned for the June was canceled.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Remember there is NO July meeting.
2. The next Club meeting is scheduled for August 13th after the Pikes Peak trip.
3. September meeting scheduled for TUESDAY, September 9th is a celebration of the Club's 15th anniversary. A special menu has been selected and, to hold down costs to you, the Board has approved an expenditure of a couple thousand dollars for this special event.

Ken and the committee are developing a nice review of the Club starting with founding members, time travel to the

From the Driver's Seat

present, salted with some funny stories, etc. It should be a nice evening, and our friend and sponsor Van Chevrolet GM Chuck Mullins will also be there. Please plan to attend and, of course, I will send an RSVP note out two weeks prior.

Thanks to all, enjoy the heat, and I'll see you in August, Lord willing.

Steve

The Original American Idol.



Editor's Corner

By Dorinne Dobson

Summer is upon us, and the monsoons are a daily event. I'm sure you noticed that this issue of the newsletter is LATE! Jim and I have been on an extended trip through the Midwest, having traveled over 5,000 miles in our Buick, a feat we will probably never attempt again in this lifetime. We were glad to be back home again. I learned one thing on this trip though: I'll take our monsoons over those Midwestern tornados any day!

We have an exciting issue this time with some interesting articles and photographs. I hope you will take the time to read Larry Bloom's book review on page 99. Larry read "Engines of Change: A History of the American Dream in Fifteen Cars" by Paul Ingrassia. Jim and I are reading it currently,

Editor's Corner

and Larry has said that we can pass it around among the SCC members, so if anyone would like to read it, please let me know.

Thanks to Fran Harder for her article on the Capitol Reef National Park trip. You'll want to read about the trials and tribulations the Club members encountered on that trip. Mark's photos are great as always.

When reviewing the materials I had received for this newsletter after being gone for almost a month, I was pleasantly surprised to find not one, but two articles on the trip to Kohl's Ranch for lunch and then on to the Tonto Natural Bridge. Fran Harder wrote an article and took photos, and Dorothy Durby also wrote an article. What a bonus for you lucky readers!

Rollie Trayte sent me the webcam photos of John Parker's taking delivery of his new C7 at the National Corvette Museum, and in case you were thinking of order a new C7 and having it delivered at the Museum, Phil

sandro's article on page 83 will give you all the in's and out's of arranging to do it.

Our May meeting was once again the scene of a mini-Corvette show around the fountain out in front of the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Check out these gorgeous Vettes on page 29, courtesy of Mark Bales' excellent photography.

Thanks to Rollie Trayte for sending the gorgeous new GM ad on page 65.

I was flipping through the latest issue of *Blue Bars* which came in the mail recently and noticed in the Membership Report dated as of April 30, 2014, that the largest Corvette Club in the Roadrunner Region is Desert Corvette Association with 124 members. It caused me to think that SCC is not far behind with our 113 members.... Makes one wonder of we're No. 2.... That'd be a first!

Until next time, save the wave!

Dorinne



Concept Corvettes



THE MEMBERS' DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS IS GROWING! A WINNER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE JUNE MEETING...

**THE DRAWING WILL BE \$175 AT THE AUGUST MEETING!
BE THERE!**



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
YOUR CLUB NAME TAGS TO
THE MONTHLY MEETINGS
AND EVENTS! WITH ALL THE
NEW MEMBERS, IT WILL HELP
EVERYONE GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED!**

SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW CORVETTES!

At 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, John Parker took delivery of his new 2014 Cyber Grey Corvette Convertible at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky! Thanks to Rollie Trayte, here are the streaming photos from the internet, showing the delivery from the beginning right up to the time the Corvette was driven off the floor down Corvette Boulevard.

Check out the photo of John and the C7 on the cover of this issue.



SCC Members with New Corvettes

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*And Away They Go!
Congratulations, John!*



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

January 25

We don't know where we're going, but we'll see you there!



February 22

Lunch & Trip to Mystery Castle

March 14-16

Trip to Bisbee & Fort Huachuca



May 16-19

Trip to Capitol Reef National Park, Utah



April 26

Picnic at Boyce Thompson Arboretum



June 30 - July 2

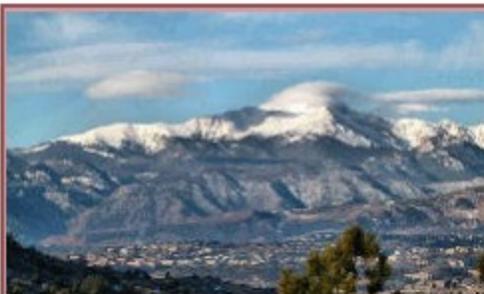
Drive Exotic Cars @ Red Rock Canyon or NASCARs @ Las Vegas Speedway



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!

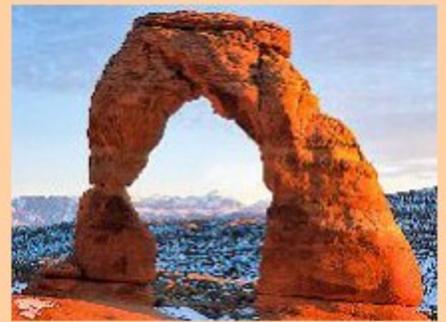


August 3-9

Trip to Pike's Peak, USAF Academy & Colorado Springs

September 11-14

Trip to Monument Valley, Moab, Canyonlands & Arches



November 15

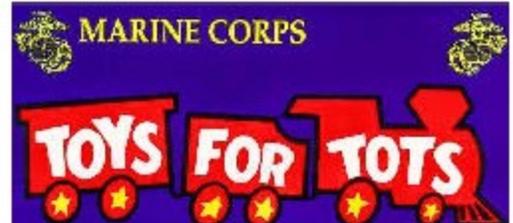
Trip to Sabino Canyon, Tucson



October 9-12

Trip to Gila Hot Springs, New Mexico

October 26 - Polo Party



December 6

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.

First Saturday each month
8 AM August 2nd at
Corvettes and Caffeine
in Scottsdale, Arizona

Make sure you are where the
action is - Corvettes & Caffeine on
Scottsdale Road between Thomas
and MacDowell Road

Free Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee!

Shoebox Swap Meet - if it fits in a
Corvette, bring it along

Corvette Focused - OVER 100
Corvettes and growing with each
event!!!!

RSVP REQUIRED AT
<http://corvettesandcaffeine.com/>



SAVE THE DATE!

**FIRST SATURDAY EVERY
MONTH!**

*Scottsdale Motorsports Gathering
at the Shops at Gainey Ranch
8877 North Scottsdale Road*

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

*In the summer the cars arrive
fairly early in the morning - 7:00.
In the cooler months at 8:00.*

SEE YOU THERE ON AUG. 2?



***SCC'S SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW
BEFORE THE MAY MEETING
AT GAINNEY RANCH GOLF CLUB
MAY 14, 2014***



Rick and Kathy Cartell's 1961 Roadster



At left, Mark Shaw's 1972 Roadster

*Below, Gerry Goepfert's 1996
Grand Sport*



*At left, Frank and Lisa
Tasnadi's 2014 Z51*



Walter and Michele Juessen's 2012 ZR1
Click the center of the photo to see a larger view



Ken and Fran Harder's 2014 Z51 Stingray
Click the open door to see a larger view



Mike and Connie Cassel's 2004 Z06/Z16



Phil and Joann D'Alessandro's 1963 Split Window Coupe



The Participants

From Left, Phil D'Alessandro, Mark Shaw, Frank Tasnadi, Rick Cartell, Ken Harder, Walter Juessen, Gerry Goepfert and Mike Cassel

CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, UTAH
MAY 15-19, 2014
WITH STOPS AT LAKE POWELL, ESCALANTE STATE PARK,
BRIAN HEAD, UTAH, AND LAS VEGAS

Story by Fran and Ken Harder
Photos by Mark Bales and Fran Harder



Capitol Reef Trip

Haven't we all questioned whether a "full moon" creates "paranormal" activity, or maybe the gravitational pull during the full moon time makes people and things act just plain weird? Well, this is the story about a full moon and our bewitching trip!

Our May trip began at our usual meeting place - Carefree Highway and I-17. The Harders were there; the Bales, Sivruts, Weschlers and Strimbus were all there, when this white SUV pulls up. (Some interested party looking at the Vettes?) Who exits from the car but the Juessens. Their ZR1 had a dead battery!! So away we drove to meet up with the Cassels who would join our caravan of Vettes led by a...Buick....

Our first stop was the Cameron Trading Post which sits on the edge of a beautiful overlook. Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunches, and in no time we were back on the road heading to Lake Powell. We arrived at the Lake Powell Resort for our overnight stay with plenty of time to check in before our scheduled

boat ride. Some of our group were successful in getting assigned rooms while others had to deal with "confused" (and I use this term lightly) hotel personnel that mixed up reservations, gave keycards that didn't work, or just could not find rooms ready to check-in. Onward...to our boat ride. Other than some minor problems with the boat reservation, the ride was wonderfully relaxing as we cruised through Navajo Canyon, Antelope Canyon and viewed Glen Canyon Dam on a breezy afternoon.



Manny and the Colorado River

Capitol Reef Trip



Mike, Connie and Walter on the Boat



Lake Powell



Sandi and Chuck



Walter Rests

Capitol Reef Trip



East Side of Glen Canyon Dam

After the ride, the rest of the rooms were ready to be checked-in, and we finally headed to the "Rainbow Room" overlooking Lake Powell and a rising full moon. For dinner our group was split into one table of 8 and one table of 6. Each table had their own waiter, one very experienced and the other...not so much. While our table of 6 had refills of drinks, finished our dinners and received our desserts, the table of 8 was just starting to receive their dinners (and some of their drinks).... It was a long evening for most of our group. With the lake lit up from the glow from the moon, we returned to our rooms and

fell asleep with dreams of a new day's drive of unmatched scenery.



Moon Over Lake Powell

We began our next leg of the trip driving to Escalante National Park. This Park is often called the "Heart of Scenic Byway 12" as it is nestled between meadows and plateaus and low desert country surrounding the Escalante Canyons. We stopped in the town of Hatch and found a great family-owned restaurant called the Cactus Cowboy at the Riverside Resort. The special was elk burgers..YUM!!!!



Lunch at Cactus Cowboy Restaurant



Fran and Ken



Jerry, Connie and Walter

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Chuck and Sandi



Manny and Dawn



Michele, Mike and Pam

We continued our drive through cliff formations of pink, gray, white, brown and vermilion. The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument of 1.9 million acres is a series of labyrinthine canyons through sandstone that feeds the Escalante River as it makes its way to the Colorado River. Our overnight stop was at the Prospectors Inn, just a short walk to Cowboy Blues Restaurant where we had a cowboy casual dinner.



Cocktails in Escalante

It was a sunny, cool morning as we started our drive to Capitol Reef National Park. Driving on the "Million Dollar" road, we would pass through tiny towns like Boulder, Utah on our way to Torrey, Utah. As we entered the park, we were struck by the stunning red rock scenery filled with cliffs, canyons, domes and bridges. It continued for miles where there were forests of aspen and fir, while passing rock walls varnished with mineral stains. Driving through these canyons, it started to get close to lunch time. Walter began looking for the restaurant where he had made reservations for our group, but this road has little if any civilization on it. ON STAR to the rescue!! Yes, she tells Walter, you're on the right road but you have passed

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the one, little tiny house (restaurant) by a mere 14 miles...too far for a U-turn. We agree with Walter to keep going forward and, as luck would have it, Walter finds Duke's Slick Rock Grill and Steakhouse. Pretty much in the middle of nowhere but great food! We are now fortified for the remainder of our long day's drive. The formations turn from bright reds and oranges to petrified rock stripes to terrain that looked moonlike and barren mountain landscape. We leave the park awestruck by the scenery that we have just enjoyed.



Burr Road Canyon

Cedar Breaks Ski Lodge is our next overnight stay. We arrived there by following a steep, skinny road up 9600 feet. Very cool air and snow on the mountain greet us. And, since we still have a bit of full moon left, the front desk tried to check Ken in with his driver's license and Manny's credit card, then gave Ken Walter's room (all rooms were pre-assigned). One hour or more later, Walter was the last to check-in and was told he had already checked in! Real Snafus!! Recognizing management incompetence, Walter went to the concierge to make sure our 7:00 PM dinner reservation for our group of 14 was ok. She assured Walter that it was, but a fiasco ensued when we arrived at the in-house restaurant and were told they do NOT take dinner reservations and since no tables were available we would have to wait a short 30 minutes. Unfortunately, that turned into being seated after 8:30 PM and finishing dinner well after 10:00 PM (even the bartender was waiting tables). This beautiful facility is plagued with severe lack of management.

Capitol Reef Trip



Burr Road Canyon, Another View



Brian Head, Utah

Morning arrived, and most of our group headed home to Phoenix. The Juessens and Bales would be staying in Vegas for the evening. Lady Luck did not show up apparently, as Walter would learn later that his credit card had been compromised.

We all know when travelling, you have to be prepared to be flexible to handle those problems that can crop up at any time. The problems on this trip all got worked out and, full moon or not, it can't take away the memories of spectacular scenery, a beautiful drive and the camaraderie all of our members experienced on this trip. A big thank you to Walter and Michele for their hard work in putting this trip together.

Fran and Ken



One final photo from the Capitol Reef trip:



ON THE ROAD TO SOMEWHERE

**TRIP TO PIKE'S PEAK, COLORADO SPRINGS,
& THE US AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

AUGUST 3-9



Don't miss this great trip to Colorado in August!

Think of the cool mountain air! Think of climbing Pike's Peak in your Corvette!

Think of contacting Walter as soon as possible to sign up for this trip. It is fast approaching, so if you want to go, sign up NOW!



**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 NEXT
OUTING ON AUGUST 20!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

DO YOU REMEMBER, DURING THE 1980'S, SEEING A CORVETTE ON A POST AT A RESIDENCE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SHEA BOULEVARD AT ABOUT 62ND STREET?

SCC Member Mark Shaw lives in this house now, and he obtained the two photos below from a friend who lived in the neighborhood in the '80's. Mark's neighbor told him the story about the Corvette on a post: It seems the owner wrecked the car and was so excited that he survived the accident that he mounted the Vette on the post in the front yard. He fought with the City for awhile about the car being there. He called it "art," and the City did not agree. He finally took it down.

Mark mentioned to his friend that he was looking for photos of the Vette on the post. She was looking through an old photo album and found these two photos. Mark is having another friend work on the photos to make a poster for his garage. Which brings to mind: Mark has a fabulous, large garage on this property to house his collector cars. Maybe we should tell Mark we need a tour of his garage...





**OUR IGNITION SWITCH MAY ACT UP
BUT YOU CAN BET OUR GAS
PEDALS WORK JUST FINE.**



KOHL'S RANCH/TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE

Stories by Dorothy Durby & Fran Harder

Photos by Fran Harder & John Walch



Editor's Note: We are fortunate to have not just one, but two, excellent write-ups of the Day Trip to Kohl's Ranch and the Tonto Natural Bridge on June 14. The first story by Dorothy Durby follows.

What better day than June 14th, Flag Day, to have eleven Corvettes, America's signature sports car, gather at the Fountain Hills Target parking lot for the start of a day trip. Our fearless leader, Walter, led the pack out onto Shea Blvd and up the Beeline Highway. Onward we drove watching the scenery change from desert vegetation to cool mountain pines. Driving through Payson we proceeded to Kohl's Ranch, without any U-turns, where we enjoyed lunch.



Jerry and Pam Strimbu and Gurmit and John Walch

After a picture taking session of all the Vettes in the parking lot (see photo on page 67), we began the short drive to the Tonto Natural Bridge. The bridge is an awesome site, believed to be the largest natural travertine bridge in the world. The brochure states the "Waterfall Trail" leading to the bottom is 300 feet long, but they forgot to tell us that it feels like 600 feet coming up. We had to stop to admire the scenery/catch breath a couple times, but we made it out.



Jackie and Aaron Berkowitz and David Salazar and his friend, Mariann Meyers



View from the Top, People Walking Below

Kohl's Ranch/Tonto Natural Bridge

After recovering from our workout, shopping at the gift shop and more picture taking, we started back to the "sticker patch," with some cars going back the original route and others heading toward Verde Valley and I-17. Those of us traveling toward Camp Verde stopped at Pine/Strawberry for a cold one (water & ice cream), where Walter had a run-away car. Next time you see him ask why his car was trying to find a new home.

After "getting on the road again," we headed toward Camp Verde, going home on the I-17. It was a great day and WE JUST HAD FUN.

Dorothy

Ed. Note: Here's the second story by Fran Harder.

Our Saturday trip to Kohl's Ranch and the Tonto Natural Bridge started on time as we all met in Fountain Hills and made our way to Highway 87. We left behind a breezy 100 degrees looking forward to cooler temperatures up north in Payson.

Kohl's Ranch was prepared for our group of twenty which included Jackie and Aaron Berkowitz, Rick and Kathy Cartell, Phil and Joann D'Alessandro, John and Linda Zimmerman, Dorothy Durby, Christina Georgiou, new members Gloria and John Ketterl, Pam and Jerry Strimbu, new member David Salvador with Mariann Meyers, John and Gurmit Walch, our leaders Walter and Michele Juessen, and bringing up the rear, Ken and Fran Harder.

All seemed to enjoy their lunches and now, fortified with full tummies, we headed to the Tonto Bridge. It is a lovely drive winding through scenic hills and mountains.





At lunch at Kohl's Ranch, from left, Dorothy Durby, Michele and Walter Juessen, Linda and John Zimmerman, Ken Harder, Kathy and Rick Cartell, and Christina Georgiou

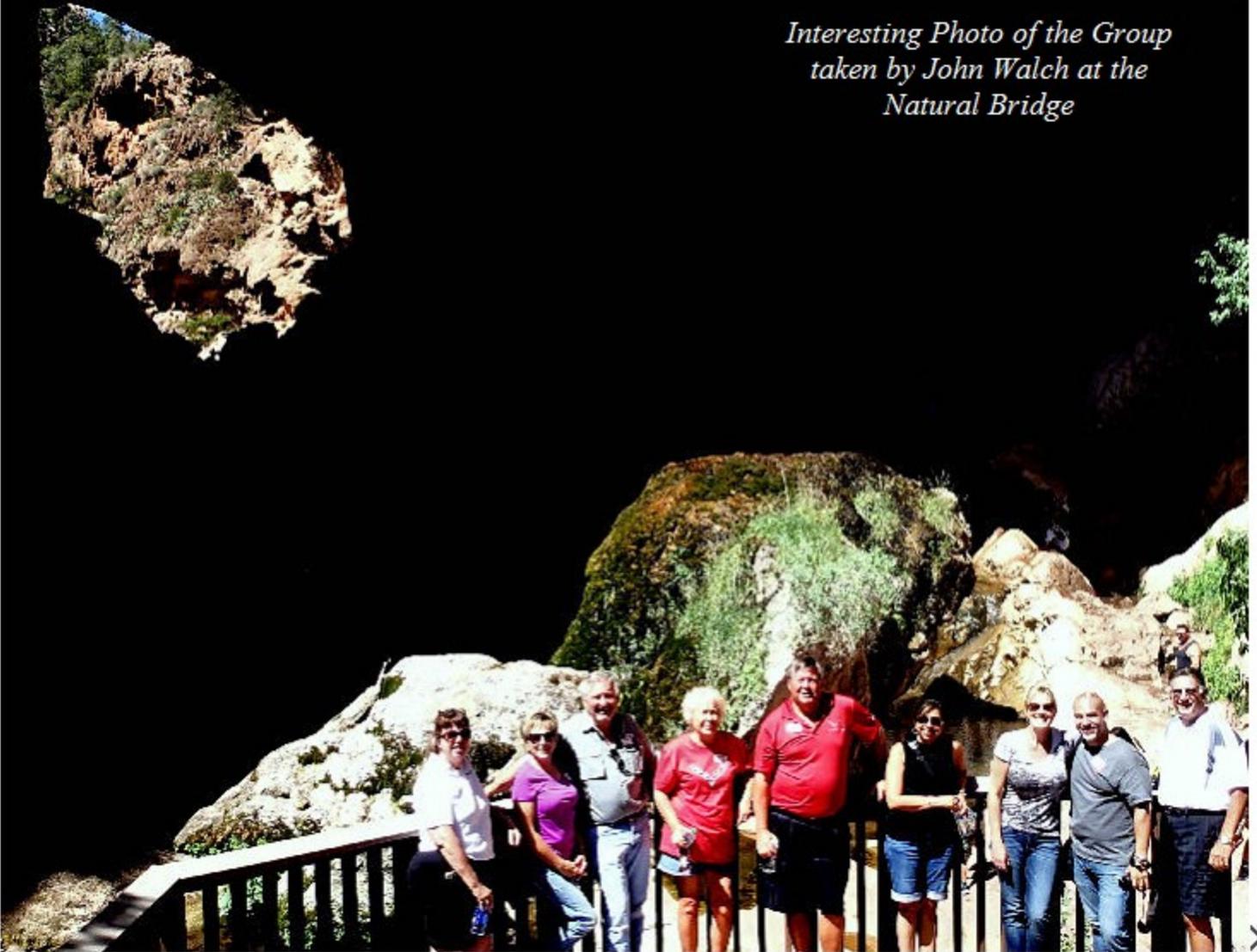


Photo Opp After Lunch at Kohl's Ranch

From left, John & Gurmit Walch, Jackie & Aaron Berkowitz, Phil and Joann D'Alessandro, Michele Juessen, Jerry Strimbu, Ken Harder, Linda Zimmerman, Dorothy Durby, John Zimmerman, Christina

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*Interesting Photo of the Group
taken by John Walch at the
Natural Bridge*



Kohl's Ranch/Tonto Natural Bridge

After spending about 1 ½ hours at the park, some of our group headed home while 5 cars headed home via scenic Camp Verde.

This trip was an enjoyable day trip. We all thank Walter for a great job, well done, AND...NO U-TURNS!

Fran



Have you ever heard of Gila Hot Springs, New Mexico? On the map it looks like it's in the vicinity of Silver City.

Mark Your Calendar for Thursday, October 9, thru Sunday, October 12, and join us for another fun driving adventure. Walter will be sending out more details soon.



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*
- Larry Bloom*
- Phil D'Alessandro*
- Jim Dobson*
- Dorothy Durby*
- Fran and Ken Harder*
- Walter Juessen*
- Steve Patricola*
- Mark Shaw*
- Krysha Sorce*
- Rollie Trayte*
- John Walch*

The R8C Option

By Phil D'Alessandro

Like many of you, I am dreaming of getting a C7 to round out my garage and, as I peruse the option sheet, the R8C code looks me right in the eye. This option has been around for less than 20 years and is the only such option from ANY manufacturer. It is the National Corvette Museum Delivery option. Say again. The option to pick up your new Corvette from the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Museum is across the street from the factory, making this option a truly unique experience for the first or fifty-first owner. Please note that a large portion of this article is taken from the NCM website as it pertains to this option. I stole with full acknowledgement.

I checked this option when I purchased my 2013 60th Anniversary Edition ZR1.



You can select this option regardless of where you actually purchase the car, and in my case, McMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua, New Hampshire, not exactly around the corner from our then New Jersey home and certainly a bit further now.

What is it all about? *Once you have done your "deal," all the paperwork will be sent to you by the selling dealer, so all you need to do is show up at the Museum on the appointed day and time. But, how do you get that date and time?*

The R8C Option

How It All Starts: NCM Delivery is referred to as OPTION "R8C" and is available through any Chevrolet Dealer at a cost of \$990.00. It must be specified at the time the order is finalized, and a special Ship Code of "184590" must also be used to identify your Corvette for Museum Delivery. It is extremely critical to note this when you check your paperwork and before you sign on the "accepted" line.

The Communications: After a TARGET PRODUCTION WEEK has been established, the National Corvette Museum will contact the selling dealer and/or you to offer a reasonable time frame in which you can choose a date for delivery. This contact will normally occur approximately two weeks prior to the TARGET PRODUCTION WEEK allowing ample time for the you to make travel arrangements (more on that coming). The Museum will confirm the date, agreed upon by you, in writing, and will handle all further communications. If at any time the selling dealer and/or you should have any questions regarding the delivery, con-

tact the Museum at 1-800-205-4248.

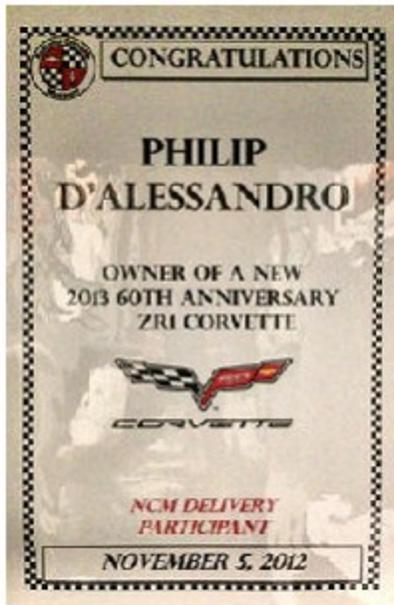
The Paperwork: You must arrive at the NCM with the following items before a delivery can take place:

- A License Plate or Temporary Tag (selling dealer can provide)
- Proof of Ownership (Bill of sale, etc.)
- Proof of Insurance (the NCM has their own insurance group should you want to use them)
- Valid Operator's License
- Dealer [Acknowledgement Form](#)

The Delivery: Arriving at the NCM with up to three additional guests of age 7 and up, total (4), you will be welcomed with signs and video screens commemorating the event. (See photo on next page.)

You and your guests (if appropriate) are taken to the Corvette Assembly Plant (located across the street from the NCM) for your own NCM Delivery Team guided VIP tour (when available). Museum Delivery customers are transported to the Corvette Assembly Plant for a tour in a GM courtesy vehicle. All non-GM vehicles

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driven by guests wishing to transport themselves is acceptable and has a designated parking area. A personal, special VIP guided tour of the NCM is conducted where you will see your Corvette on display. Next, a member of the NCM Delivery Team provides a quality orientation followed by a thorough delivery presentation of your new vehicle. A unique gold decal is placed on the inside of the driver's doorjamb to signify the

importance of this memorable occasion.



Included in a NCM delivery is an individual one-year NCM membership. If you own a Corvette, you should be a member of this museum. It is funded by members, not by GM.

What to Wear/What to Bring: Closed toe shoes (no sandals) are a requirement for all visitors to the plant. No cameras, backpacks, purses, fanny packs, or other packages or containers may be brought into the plant except by special request (for medical reasons, etc.). Cameras are welcome at the Museum.

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Post Delivery: A commemorative nameplate (with the your name, date of delivery and VIN) is ordered for you on the day of delivery. The nameplate will then be shipped directly to you.



Exclusive [NCM Delivery merchandise](#) (shirts, jackets, etc.) may also be ordered while you are at the Museum store.

Car rental from Nashville BNA Airport: Enterprise Rent-A-Car has special rates and services for R8C participants arriving at the Nashville airport. One is a round trip rental and the other is a one-way rental where the car can be left at the NCM.

[Lori Bieschke](#) manages this one-of-a-kind program for the NCM. She will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns using the special NCM Delivery Hotline of 1-800-205-4248 or 270-467-8851. [Shane Webb](#) can also be contacted at 1-800-205-4248 or 270-777-4505.

So, what was our experience? We flew to Nashville a few days ahead of the November 5 delivery date and had a great time in Nashville for the weekend. On Monday morning we drove our Enterprise rental up to Bowling Green; about an hour. We were met by Roc Linkov, Special Events Manager at the time, now responsible for the Motorsports Park and the former President of the New Jersey Corvette Club, Natural Glass Corvette Association, of which I am a member. Good way to start. We were introduced to a volunteer, Larry McCool, who would take us through the entire procedure: an orientation to the car, a tour of the Museum and answer any questions we might have. The factory was closed at this time due to the C7

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time for sure.

On delivery day, your car is in one of eight delivery locations, each of them on a webcam, permitting everyone you know to watch you drool over your new set of wheels. The webcams are on the NCM website, so anyone at any time can "tune in" to see others getting their cars. Kinda cool. Of course some of my viewing friends had some text messages to me during this time, most I cannot print.

The NCM Staff was great in treating us like "one of the family," and before we knew it, the entire day was over. Time for a photo outside the Museum (see above) and off we went. As some of you may know, my car had 26 miles on it upon delivery and when I questioned why, well, it was "audited" by a factory engineer to make sure it was perfect. I understand they randomly do this but think Roc had his hand in this. Anyway, gas tank full and given the warning to be easy for the first 500 miles, off we went to New Jersey.

Next day, November 6th was Election Day, we are in Sutton, West Virginia, better known as truck country, stopped for lunch and as we start up the ramp to get back on the highway, the dashboard lights up, no power, no traction or stability controls. I can drive, very slowly, and get up the highway to a turn off where I call Roc. Factory closed for Election Day but he gets me an engineer who walks me through a host of corrections to no avail and wants me to get to a dealer. OnStar has me go up the road for ten miles or so, just to turn around and then back to the dealer, Mid State, which is ACROSS from where we just had lunch. Go figure. It is getting late, no rental cars, no hotels, great. Finally, five hours into the investigation, they determine it to be a loose 5-volt connector. They will not test drive the car, my turn. All good, off we go again. Decide to stop in Maryland for the night. Get a telephone call from our son; either stay where we are or get home early, snowstorm coming to NJ. We start early, get to the top of the hill where we lived and the first flakes start

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to fall, followed by another six inches. Just in time. The next day I get a call from the factory. They want me to take the car to a dealer with Corvette experience. On Friday I take it to Konner Chevrolet. They find nothing different and declare car OK. I drive the car to our home in Pennsylvania since I do not have room in NJ, and there it will be for the winter. My very intelligent wife says, "You're going to leave THIS car in PA when we are moving to Arizona in a few months, and you could be driving it in the WINTER?" See, she is smart. Thomas A. Sunday picked the car up, and off to



Arizona Classic Car Storage in Phoenix. Notice the white stuff on the ground? Good decision Phil!

In Fountain Hills, we finally had the construction dumpster removed from the driveway at the end of January so it was time to bring them all home from storage. The 1962 was first, started no problem and drove great. Next was to be the ZR1. It was early evening, so we stopped at Desert Ridge Mall to get something to eat. As soon as I started the car, I could tell I had a problem, but drove across the street to get dessert, bad move. Car would not start, cranked and cranked until it shut itself off. Flatbed to Van Chevrolet but they are closed, so I just left it there. Next day: Van was wondering what it was doing there. I had already been on the phone to the factory, this time to the head of QC, and they were in contact with Van, saying that the factory would send someone to Scottsdale if necessary. Long story cut short, it was a frayed wire on the right cylinder bank that caused an intermittent short. Once it was properly

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problem solved.

This car obviously does not like us to stop and eat.

The factory was terrific throughout the problems, and I have since made contact with them on other non-car specific issues.

Would we do the R8C delivery again? You bet! The only problem we experienced was a request to have a "protective bra" applied prior to delivery. Somehow that was missed, and I could not have it done while in Bowling Green, so we drove home without it and I had it done in NJ.

We still need the factory tour and getting another new Corvette is an additional benefit, or is that the other way around?

Phil



SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24!

The Auxiliary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale invites you to a dazzling day of friends, food and fun!



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Sugarplums*

Want to have lunch at the Scottsdale Princess with a fantastic fashion show, plus shopping at some fabulous boutiques? Member Krysha Sorce is active in this organization and has offered to secure a table or tables for any SCC members interested in attending. The cost is \$85 per person, with all proceeds benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Scottsdale. Call or email Krysha at 847-682-5506 or kryshalky7@aol.com.



**SOI 4
BANGKOK EATERY**

SOI4 Bangkok Eatery was the scene of the second quarterly ethnic epicurean dinner for 2014 on Saturday evening, June 28th. There were 34 members in attendance. We were treated to a private room upstairs overlooking the restaurant down below. The food was good and plentiful, and Walter received lots of good comments.

Be sure to attend the next ethnic dinner, scheduled for Saturday evening, September 27th. More details will be forthcoming in August or early September.



Escape to the high country with SCC!

Watch your email for details on the trip to Monument Valley, Canyonlands and Arches National Parks, and Moab, Utah, scheduled for September 11-14.

If you haven't been on one of SCC's long weekend trips, you're missing out. These trips are great opportunities to get better acquainted with the members and see some new and different places.



Book Review

By Larry Bloom

Engines of Change A History of the American Dream in Fifteen Cars

By
Paul Ingrassia
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize

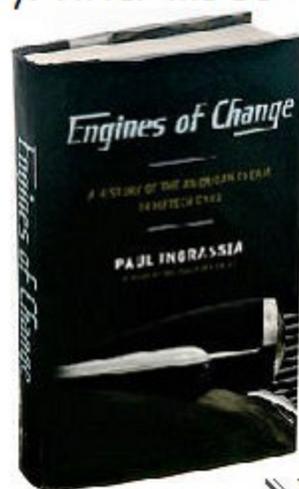
The book shows how the car expresses the lure of freedom to the needs and utility of Americans. It is about the conflict of two sets of values: the practical and the pretentious.

The fifteen featured cars from the 1907 Model T to the Prius are only part of the story. It's also about the people behind the cars, such as Zora Arkus Duntov, Lee

Iacocca, John De Lorean, Harley Earl, Ed Cole, and others.

Ingrassia shows a new way of looking at America through the rise of industrialization, development of the middle class, suburbia, and other social changes. Changes led to unintentional consequences such as product liability lawsuits, urban sprawl, energy crises, and technological innovations. He questions whether cars shaped American culture or did American culture shape cars.

He explains that the '30's and '40's were tough times for the country. After the Depression, World War II and Korea, Americans were ready for some excitement. Perfect timing for the '50's hot rod culture, development of the Corvette, tail fins...and the list goes on. You will enjoy the Corvette



Engines of Change

chapter with the "Marque of Zora" and the description of the National Corvette Museum as the "Corvette Cathedral."

The tail fin race between Chrysler and Cadillac was about style, status and who had the biggest. It was the designing statement of postwar "sky's the limit" of pretension.

It's about the VW Beetle beginning as Hitler's showpiece and becoming an American hippie icon. American's answer was the Corvair which created legal problems (Ralph Nader) and changed the American government's relationship with big business. It included mandated changes such as catalytic converters and unleaded fuel, and required publicly announced recalls.

From the ugly duckling Ford Falcon emerged the youthful icon - Mustang. Its success led to the Camaro and the muscle car era of throaty, high horsepower, roaring V8's starting with the GTO beginning in the

mid-'60's. This created huge cultural, social, and economic impacts.

The Arab oil embargo in 1973 led to smaller cars and an influx of foreign-built cars. So became globalization of the U.S. economy as Honda, later others, began building cars in America.

The author goes on to the early '80's with baby boomers wanting large cabins and variable seating configurations as a "demilitarized zone" for kids. The Chrysler mini-van was born. Late '80's and '90's gave rise to the Yuppies who didn't want their parents' Cadillacs with vinyl roofs and wire wheels. BMW (not Bavarian Motor Works but Beauty, Money, Wealth) defined the young affluents.

Practical and utilitarian efficiency led to the Jeep and many SUV variations. Ingrassia says it went from "war to suburbia" and "looking like you're going rock climbing when

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you're really going to Nordstrom's."

Another era began with the Prius and its technological advancement and cultural adjustments.

In summary, the book is about cars that have had a major impact on our lives. It's about a changing society and tries to capture the spirit of the times. It's not about the best or worst cars, but ones that reflected the way we think about ourselves and our lives. Cars, according to Ingrassia, "spawn powerful emotions, experiences, and memories of family, road trips, one's first car, or one's first sexual encounter." Now I know you all will want to read it!

Larry



The Cars

Ford Model T
 General Motors LaSalle
 Corvette
 1957 Chrysler
 1959 Cadillac
 VW Beetle/Microbus
 Corvair
 Mustang
 GTO
 Honda Accord
 BMW 3 Series
 Chrysler Minivans
 Ford F Series
 Jeep/SUV
 Prius

8TH ANNUAL 2014 HISTORIC PRESCOTT CORVETTE CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

Rollie Trayte is the SCC Contact and has written the following for your information:

We're just a few months away from the 8th annual Prescott Vette Sette show held at the Courthouse Square in Prescott, just 90 minutes northwest of Phoenix. It's our plan to head to Prescott Friday, September 26, early afternoon to arrive in time for car cleaning and cocktails.

We'll be staying at The Motor Lodge, a delightfully funky 12-room lodge about 1/4 mile south of the square. Please contact Brian, Joe or Kim directly for your reservation if you've not already done so -- they are holding all the rooms for our Club for a bit longer.

www.prescottvettesette.org/carshow.htm

The Motor Lodge, 503 S. Montezuma St., Prescott, AZ 86303 Phone: 928-717-0157

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We'll work on some type of organized dinner Friday evening, possibly catered into the Lodge, but there's also a reception at the Hotel St. Michael on the square for \$5/pp from 5-7pm.

The show is Saturday. We typically head up to the square as a group to be parked together around 7:30am. For those spouses or significant others that choose to linger at the Lodge over coffee, it's easy walking distance from the Motor Lodge to the square, or the Lodge's orange Ford pick-up will transport you in style.

If you have not already registered, there is a 275 car limit, so please do so ASAP. A registration form and additional information available through the website above.

Jerry and Pam Strimbu have offered to host a get together at their home in Prescott Saturday evening - details pending.

Head back to Phoenix on your own Sunday, or there is a group "Drive-Out" scheduled to the Circle Bar restaurant in Bagdad, purported to be "the best Corvette road EVER."

Again, please let me know if you're planning to attend and whether you've confirmed your hotel reservation.

Rollie

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