



JULY-AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



***GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN
ON THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY!***

**THE WOMEN OF THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB
WHO CONQUERED THE CORONADO TRAIL!**

Check out the story inside!



Meetings:

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

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and Much More...*



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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!



Chris Mingie	July 3
John Parker	July 6
Rollie Trayte	July 9
Gary Ronquist	July 12
Mark Bales	July 13
Fran Harder	July 16
Walter Juessen	July 23
Jim Gargano	July 24
Ed Luse	July 25
Sherry Nelson	July 31



Hugh Anderson	August 1
Dorinne Dobson	August 7
Suzy Poulter	August 13
Jim Voice	August 22
Mark Shaw	August 26
Jane Anderson	August 27

COMING EVENTS!

July 28 - Musical Instrument Museum VIP Backstage Tour

No Membership/Board Meeting or Vette Vixens Dinner/Poker Night in July

August 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

August 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

August 18-19 - "Cabins & Cuisine" at Orchard Canyon in Oak Creek Canyon

August 22 - Board Meeting

September 12 - Club Dinner Meeting

September 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

September 28-30 - Run to the Pines Car Show, Parade & Dinner Party

October 10 - Club Dinner Meeting

October 12-14 - Grand Canyon Western Ranch with horseback riding, Buffalo Safari, wagon rides and Sky Walk over the West Rim of the Grand Canyon

October 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

October 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 a Board member know prior to any of the Board meetings.



The SCC Store utilizes Lands'End because of its reputation for customer service and the quality of their merchandise. The feedback from our membership has been very positive, and we plan to continue to use this site as our Club store.

For new members only, you'll need to create an account. You can do that by clicking on the following url:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub>

Once there, go to the top of the page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit it, and that will be it - and here's the best part: You can immediately start to shop. Should you have any issues, please contact Lands'End @ 1.800.587.15417 and they are available weekdays 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CDT.



New Cruisers

*Ernie and Vicki Griffanti and their 2008 Black Coupe
(We hope to have photos of the Griffanti's and their Corvette for the next issue)*

Dean and Maura Perna and their 2015 Crystal Red Metallic Corvette



WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!



... And More New Cruisers

*Roger and Kim Ceilley and their 2008 Silver Convertible
and their 2002 Red Convertible - Turn the page to read their story*



Kim and I are excited to be new members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club. I have been a lifelong car nut only interrupted by my medical training and government service. My first car was a 1946 Mercury coupe I paid 65 dollars for when I was 14 years old. It had no engine so I had an old stock car engine builder put together a nice flat-head engine for it. It was complete with Offenhauser heads and a 4-barrel carburetor. It was ready to go when I turned 16 though I have to admit I did sneak it out a few times at night before then. I was the youngest member of the local hot rod club, the Cedar Falls Pacers.



My first Corvette was a tired '57 roadster that I had to sell when I went to medical school. My first complete restoration was the '54 MGTF (Walter) in the picture and it won Junior, Senior and Grand National first place AACA awards. The '54 Ford (Ruby) is an original car with only 18,000 miles that I only had to repaint and put on new tires. The Model A (Bertha) is a 1931 older restoration that is a great driver that we use for cruising, parades and weddings. It has nearly every dealer-available accessory of that era. The silver Corvette (Silver) is a 2008 with low miles and red interior I purchased from a patient who is a small town Chevy dealer and car collector. The red Corvette is a 2002 (Red Rocket) I purchased from Larry Sorce who was a long-time Club member.

Kim has been very tolerant of and a great supporter of my car hobby and names all the cars. She encourages me to get them all out for a drive on a regular basis. It was at her urging that we renovated a storage unit where we keep the cars in Iowa. It has heat and air-conditioning so I can play with them all year long and get out of her hair sometimes.

I spent a year in Phoenix many years ago working at the Phoenix Indian Hospital and fell in love with Arizona. Kim felt the same way the first time we went to Arizona together, and our love affair with the Valley of the Sun has continued. We love hiking, cycling, golf, wine and fun with friends

with a positive active attitude. I'm cutting back more on my Dermatology practice here in Iowa, and we are looking forward to spending more time in Scottsdale.

Roger and Kim Ceilley



Editor's Note: This red 2002 convertible is in Arizona, so you may be seeing Roger and Kim driving this when they return to the Valley in the fall.



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

Mark Bales
Roger & Kim Ceilley
Jim Dobson
Fran Harder
Ken Harder
Bob Hickerson
Charlene Lenzi

Ed Luse
John McClelland
Dean & Maura Perna
Suzy Poulter
Manny & Dawn Siprut
Rollie Trayte



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

With the warm weather, I hope you are out and about enjoying your Corvette! May and June were active months, and we had 64 people attend our May meeting and 40 people attend our June meeting. Both meetings were car "themed," with Mel Martin of the Martin Auto Museum talking in May about his extensive car collection and youth sponsorship programs, and Bo Bell in June about the Barrett-Jackson showroom services in south Scottsdale.

We also had two couples join our Club during this timeframe, Earnest and Vicki Griffanti and Roger and Kim Ceillley. Please make sure you say hello to Earnest, Vicki, Roger and Kim at our next event.

In Board news, the previously announced resignation of 12-year Board member Manny Siprut became official on May 31, and we thank Manny and Dawn for all their service to our Club. At that time, we also added Peter Boland to the Board, in the newly created Board position that will assist with the Website and Online Registration and Payment System and our new "Out of Cycle" Activities. Peter will also support John on all of our technology related initiatives.

Regarding Activities, the Capek's Cinco de Mayo house party was held on a glorious evening and 51 members attended. Thanks to Charlene and Larry for hosting this enjoyable event. On May 18-20, we had 12 cars (23 members) take on the challenging Coronado Trail, with roughly half the cars being part of the faster "performance group" and half the cars taking the more leisurely hill climb. The 61-mile trip with 450 switchbacks included four female drivers, Suzy Poulter and Judy Myers in the Performance Group and Sue Kulczycki and Kathy Bales in the "Leisure" group. Congratulations to all the drivers for arriving safe and sound, and we had a great lunch at Hannagan Meadow, followed by an overnight in Pinetop with dinner at Charlie Clark's. Most of the group returned home on Sunday --although some were delayed by a wildfire in the Payson area. On June 9, we had 11 cars (21 members) attend the Riordan Mansion day trip to Flagstaff, and enjoyed a nice lunch afterwards at Horsemen's Lodge.

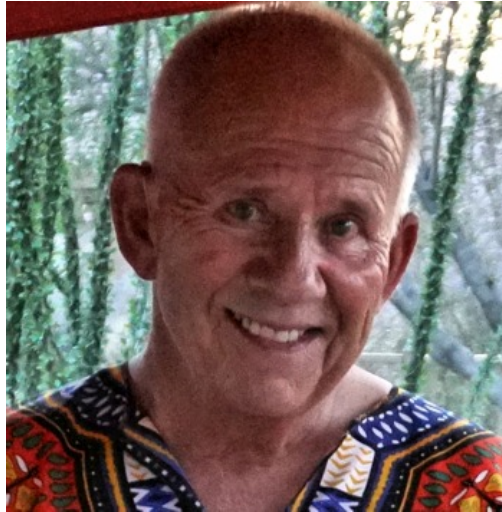
In July, we have no monthly meeting, and while we originally had no planned Activities on our Calendar, our new "Out of Cycle" program has produced a July 28 Museum of Musical Instruments backstage tour lead by Mark Chulew. This should be a fun summer event. In August, our monthly dinner meeting will be held on August 8, and the "Cabins and Cuisine" overnight trip to Orchard Canyon Lodge in Oak Creek Canyon will take place on August 18-19. We expect all 14 cabins to be filled, and we are aware that other members will also join us during that time!

Also in this issue is the State of the Club report, which includes the numerical scores from our recent member survey and the Board's review and commentary on the results. You will also find an article on the history of our meeting venues and how we determined to adopt Gainey as our monthly meeting location. The Board wants to thank everyone who participated in the survey and for your comments and suggestions. While we are gratified that over 90% of the Club seems to be happy with the direction and leadership of the Club, the Board always wants to improve what we do and how we do it. Thanks again for your understanding and support, and please remember our motto "We just want to have fun!" Have a safe and fun summer!

Ken



**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER**



Peter Boland, SCC Website
And System Support Director



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
TO RETIRING BOARD
MEMBER**

MANNY SIPRUT

Manny and Dawn Siprut joined SCC in 2005. Manny served on the SCC Board of Directors from January 2007 through May 2018, as Vice President from 2007 through 2009, as President during 2010 and 2011, as Vice President and Secretary from 2012 through 2017, and as Vice President from January through May 2018.

In 2010 Manny and Dawn were instrumental in instituting the Club membership survey to canvass the members to get their opinions on how the Club is performing in its various operational aspects. You can check out the results of the latest survey later on in this issue of the Club's newsletter.

Let's all be sure to tell Manny and Dawn **THANK YOU** for having given almost twelve years of service on the Board of the Scottsdale Corvette Club!



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**SAVE THE DATE - FIRST
SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!**

**SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS
GATHERING**

At 7000 East Mayo Boulevard.
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; 8:00 when it's
cooler. This is change of venue, so here's
a link to show you the layout of this event:
<https://www.scuderiasouthwest.com/smg>

**WILL WE SEE YOU THERE ON
SATURDAY, JULY 7TH?**

Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!
With so many new members,
it helps us all get better acquainted!



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**THE NEXT DINNER WILL BE ON
AUGUST 15TH!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE PRIZE MONEY
STARTS OUT AT \$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00
EACH MONTH IF THERE IS NO WINNER. BE SURE TO
BE THERE! YOU MIGHT WIN!**



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

Summer is upon us. Jim and I are headed to Capistrano Beach on the first of July to spend ten days in the cool moist ocean air. Thus, the newsletter is coming to you slightly earlier than usual. It is chock full of great photographs, articles, and information about the goings-on of the Scottsdale Corvette Club. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I have enjoyed putting it all together.

The summary of the Club's survey of the membership on [page 16](#) gives an interesting perspective on what the membership thinks of the Club, and this time the summary covers all the years in which the Club has surveyed the membership, so you can see whether we have improved in our performance on behalf of the membership.

A surprise awaits you on [page 20](#) where Suzy Poulter describes her experience in driving the Coronado Trail on the Club's trip in May. I notice from the survey results, that some members expressed an interest in more technical information from the Club. I hope you will read Suzy's article, as I think you will find it to be a tutorial on how to drive your Corvette on a winding mountain road.

Since this issue is a little smaller, I thought you all would be interested in a little memorabilia. Thus, the "Down Memory Lane" article on [page 38](#) is a reproduction of the article from the July-August 2008 newsletter describing the Club's trip to the Skywalk over the West Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Sky Walk had just opened when we visited in 2008, so the visit later this year will doubtless be a different experience, but this reference is just to whet your appetite for the trip...

As always, thank you to all the members who have contributed photographs, articles and information for this issue of the newsletter. I couldn't do it without you, and I am grateful to have your support! THANK YOU ALL!

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne



From my Wickenburg "car guy" friend, here's an article from **Motor Authority** on June 21, 2018, headlined: "2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 recalled over faulty sensing diagnostic module":

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/2019-chevrolet-corvette-zr1-recalled-over-faulty-sensing-210000405.html?.tsrc=fauxdal>



STATE OF THE CLUB REPORT AS OF JUNE 2, 2018

By Ken Harder

Included in this issue is a complete summary of our Club's Survey results completed in April 2018. The numerical ratings are reflected along with the results of our previous surveys going back to 2010, and this was the sixth survey in the past eight years. You will note that the results continue to reflect very high satisfaction rates by our membership, and give the Board great feedback that the Club continues to evolve in a positive direction, particularly with the growth of the Club over the years and the recent introduction of new technology for online registration and payment for most of our Activities.

Sixty seven survey responses were recorded in April allowing members to rate the various subjects on a "1 to 5" basis with 5 being the top rating. With overall average ratings of "4.4," you can see how well our membership is enjoying the Club. As you know, we had 130 members at the time this survey was taken (134 in October 2015) so more than half the Club responded to the survey, and while some members may not have cast a vote, we suspect that many others may have cast only one vote for their family. Therefore, we can "estimate" that about 75% of our membership is likely participating in the survey, which is a very high participation rate. The Board wants to thank all of you who participated in this survey, as this is an important tool to monitor members' enjoyment and satisfaction with our Club experience while providing a mechanism for feedback and possible changes so we can continue to improve what we do and how we do it.

The survey provided the opportunity for the membership to submit comments on the various subjects, and we had 61 comments(!), so many that we decided the volume was too great for this article. The vast majority of comments were reinforcing the positive ratings stating how happy the membership is -- Dinner meetings were rated at 4.27, Club Activities 4.44, Membership Enjoyment 4.48, Leadership 4.44, Value of your Membership 4.52, Newsletter 4.73, New Club website 4/44, and Online Registration and Payment System 4.33. These results are gratifying. Congratulations to Dorinne for the high marks on the Newsletter, and to John and Linda McClelland for their work on improving the Website and the introduction and successful roll-out of our Online Registration and Payment System. In addition to the favorable comments, we had 9 suggestions for new Activities/Events, and we had a dozen or so critical comments which I will address below.

The most critical comments centered around our monthly dinner meetings, with a few citing the cost of the dinner (too high), and the remainder requesting the need for more "car stuff" at meetings, including more car-related speakers. First, as it relates to the cost of the dinners, wine, etc., I don't believe there is much we can do on that. The cost of the dinner includes sales tax of 9%, a 20% service charge, and the current cost of the dinner of \$27.20 (all in) is being subsidized by the Club since members are only paying \$23.50. I have included in the following pages the rationale that was utilized to initially choose Gainey as our meeting place, and we see no reason for a change at this time.

As it relates to more "car stuff," the Board was not surprised by these comments, and we agree. Given the rollout of our new technology during the last half of 2017, we knowingly deferred "car-related speakers"

to 2018 in order to spend important time at the late year 2017 monthly meetings to effect a successful rollout of our new technology. So, we anticipated that we might have comments in this vein and, as you know, since the start of the year, we have had car-related speakers in January, May, and will have another in June. Please also recall that our Van meeting in February would have been car-related had it not been that the meeting was on Valentine's Day, and we were unaware that new GM Matt Cerreta had given his tech staff the night off. We plan on inviting Matt and his tech and collision staff to one of our Fall meetings and will begin to incorporate a Tech corner at each meeting for those seeking answers to some of their car-related problems. Lastly, I want to encourage members to suggest speakers who they think may be of interest to the Club. Your input is important, necessary and appreciated. In this same vein, we also received some requests for more car-related Activities, such as a day at the track, more NCCC events, or longer overnight Activities -- perhaps to car races at Long Beach, Laguna Seca or even Indy. John has added these and all of the other suggestions to his list of potential trips for late 2018 and 2019. We are actually working on some now.

Regarding Activities, John has done an excellent job with the 2018 calendar, and although some members may not have been the first to sign up or may have wound up on a waiting list, we have not had a case where someone could not be accommodated to attend an event/activity in 2018. In August, John will send out his "Call for Proposals" to kick off the 2019 calendar process, but the important point here is that if you want to see a particular Activity become part of the Calendar, it helps if you also are willing to LEAD. Your Board is a volunteer Board, and the more Activities there are, the more assistance we need from Club members to do the things you would like to do. We will certainly assist new Leads as needed so that you will be comfortable leading in the future.

The most dramatic impact to our Club in the past 18 months has been the updating and modernization of our Website, and the rollout of our Online Registration and Payment System (ORPS) through a couple of iterations. We know what a significant change this was, and as we get older, sometimes change can be difficult. The Board wants you to know how gratified we are that a large majority of you have embraced, accepted and appreciate the new technology and recognize that we had to do this in order to keep our Club running smoothly without burning out our volunteers. We are also aware that some people are still having issues, and despite our best attempts at communicating, having website documentation, and updating members during monthly meetings, we recognize that we need to do more. Some of you have asked for "Quick or Short Tips" such as "Where things are," "how to use," "links to Activities," etc. on the Website, and how to use Credit Cards/Pay Pal on (ORPS). So, we will begin to provide these at our monthly dinner meetings. It has also been suggested that we do one more interactive laptop presentation on how to use the system at one of our Fall meetings. This can serve as a refresher for current members as well as be useful for new members. In addition to "Short Tips," we will also solicit questions/issues regarding the ORPS at most meetings going forward.

There were also a few comments on the timing of when Activities are announced and how quickly some Activities become filled. The calendar is published on the Website, and John always announces when upcoming Activities will be opened for Registration at the monthly meetings as part of his Activities report. Since this information has mostly been available to only those Members attending the Monthly dinners, going forward we will email John's Activity report to the entire membership. However, even with that, I believe the membership understands that whenever you have an Activity like a house party (generally limited to 40-50 people) or a dinner (limited by the restaurant in terms of how many they can accommodate at any one time), we are going to have people who will not be able to attend an event when we have over 130 members in the Club. When we can, as we did with the Basil & Garlic dinners, we doubled up the Activity so that more members could participate. We have also held two house parties, so if you could not attend

one, you might be able to attend the other. In addition, our new "Out of Cycle Activities" policy allows for additional Activities throughout the year. We will also include an Introduction to the Website and the ORPS in the New Member packet. Peter Boland has also come on board in a newly established Board position to assist in this area. It is our hope that through numerous, varied Activities, that members can and will find opportunities to participate. And the record for participation is excellent, as we have had over 50% attendance at every monthly dinner meeting, and almost every Activity/event in 2018 has had near capacity participation.

The Board wants to thank all of you for your participation in our survey and your comments and suggestions. While we are gratified that over 90% of the Club seems to be very happy with the direction and leadership of the Club, we always want to improve what we do and how we do it. And if you want to help make our Club a greater place to be a member, PLEASE get more involved. You can help with suggestions as to what to do, where to go, finding speakers, volunteering to organize and LEAD events/activities, or by letting us know whether you would like to someday become a board member.

Thanks again, and remember our motto "We just want to have fun!"

Ken



From my Wickenburg "car guy" friend: The 2019 Corvette ZR1 is one of the highest-tech sports cars on the planet! Read all about it here: <http://robbreport.com/motors/cars/robb-report-picks-corvette-zr1-highest-tech-sports-cars-eg18-2799245/>





**SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB
MEMBER SURVEY SUMMARY
Years 2010 - 2018**

(1 -5 scale with 5 as top score)

	<u>03/10</u>	<u>02/11</u>	<u>04/12</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>04/18</u>
Monthly Dinner Meetings (overall rating)	3.98	4.36	4.41	4.33	4.44	4.27
• Content	3.83	4.47	4.45	4.39	4.28	4.20
• Social	4.52	4.72	4.74	4.58	4.63	4.59
• Location/Facility		4.31	4.43	4.45	4.61	4.55
• Food	3.48	3.47	3.45	3.90	4.29	4.17
• Value	3.69	3.59	3.59	3.92	4.22	4.00
Activities (overall rating)	4.26	4.57	4.64	4.65	4.56	4.00
• Quantity/Variety	4.23	4.56	4.67	4.63	4.63	4.49
• Day	4.30	4.74	4.65	4.57	4.63	4.48
• Weekend	4.12	4.44	4.69	4.59	4.61	4.45
• Dinners	4.40	4.43	4.70	4.62	4.56	4.26
• Value	4.26	4.54	4.63	4.48	4.61	4.37
Membership Enjoyment	4.42	4.72	4.65	4.68	4.66	4.48
Leadership	4.56	4.78	4.81	4.78	4.44	4.44
Value	4.50	4.64	4.69	4.62	4.53	4.52
SCC Newsletter						
• Overall Quality				4.92	4.57	4.83
• Articles of Interest				4.72	4.41	4.64
Club Website (overall rating)						4.44
• Content						4.52
• Appearance/Organization						4.56
• Ease of Use						4.43
• Communication on Use/Functionality						4.44
Online Registration & Payment (overall rating)						4.33
• Ease of Use						4.38
• Communication on How to Use						4.36



MEETING PLACE CRITERIA

WHY WE ARE MEETING AT GAINNEY RANCH GOLF CLUB

RESTATED AND UPDATED JUNE 2018

Since the Club was founded in 1999, the Club has held its dinner meetings at eight different meeting venues which lasted, on average, just over a year in each venue. In some cases, the restaurants failed, closed, or we were asked to leave because of the size of the crowd or for noise related issues. We chose to leave several of the venues for a variety of reasons, including the venue's difficulty accommodating a large number of guests, the inability to provide us with a separate room so that our monthly meeting could take place without competing noise or distractions, uneven delivery of food, lousy service, inability to produce separate checks, inadequate parking, etc. About 10 years ago, the Board developed a set of criteria which helped guide us to find a location that might be able to accommodate a group of our size, and also be able to accommodate the future growth of our Club. Again, it is important to realize that the Club had spent many years exploring and experimenting with various venues for our dinner meetings, so these criteria were based upon good experience in order to guide us to find a location that would best meet these criteria.

The Board established 10 basic criteria for a monthly meeting venue:

1. Reasonably nice facility and amenities
2. Good parking where our members are comfortable with their safety and the safety of their cars
3. Central Scottsdale location
4. Private room without competing noise or distractions
5. Separate checks or charges
6. Reasonable pricing
7. Reasonable quality and variety of food
8. Satisfactory service from management and staff
9. Efficient ordering and payment processes
10. Facility must be able to accommodate varying guest attendance from 25-85 guests

Based upon the above criteria, about 10 years ago, we chose to begin meeting at Gainey Ranch Golf Club. From time to time, we have investigated other opportunities but we have not been able to come close to replicating the benefits of using Gainey Ranch Golf Club. While our new Online Registration and Payment Policy has mitigated the need for items 5 and 9 above, the remaining criteria nevertheless remain very important to us in that we are able to have a private room, adequate and safe parking for our members

and their cars, and reasonable quality and variety of food at reasonable prices. Over the past ten years, we have worked with Gainey staff on improving the variety and quality of the food and the cost for our monthly dinner meetings. While it is far from perfect, members have seen significant improvement in the variety and quality of food, and we will continue to work with them on this. As for cost, it is important to note that the cost of the monthly dinner includes a dedicated service staff, bartender, and the cost of the dinner includes both sales tax and service charge. Also, the cost of the dinner is being subsidized by the Club by \$3.70 per person, or 13.6%. We have not found another venue that comes close to matching what we have with our relationship with Gainey Ranch, and this will continue to be the location for our monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS



Saturday, July 28

*Musical Instrument Museum in Scottsdale
VIP Backstage Tour and Lunch at Cafe Allegro
(This is an "Out of Cycle" event, not on the
Club calendar)*



Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19

"Cabins and Cuisine"

*Overnight at a historic cabin at Orchard Canyon Resort
in Oak Creek Canyon, with a 4-course gourmet dinner
and a full breakfast the next morning*



Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 28-30

Run to the Pines

*Cavalcade of Cars Parade,
Run to the Pines Car Show,
and private dinner party at
Pinetop Country Club*



Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 12-14

Grand Canyon Western Ranch

*Campfires, horseback riding, buffalo safari,
wagon Rides and the Sky Walk
over the west rim of the Grand Canyon*

REMEMBER IF YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR SCC NAME BADGE, CONTACT:
Ahwatukee Trophies - Sales@ahwatukeetrophies.com; 480-785-5292
Brian or Keely are the two main people to contact; Cost is approximately \$11.00.



ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SYSTEM (ORPS) "TIP"

John McClelland 6/12/18

HOW DO I CANCEL OUT OF AN SCC ACTIVITY?

Who do I contact to cancel?

As soon as you know you need to cancel, you should send an email to John McClelland at JohnMcCSCC@gmail.com for all cancellations. If the cancellation involves lodging or other items that place a limit on how many can go, **DO NOT CANCEL** your reservation directly. We may be able to move someone on the Waiting List into that room or venue. We will coordinate with the vendor to move the reservation to that person rather than canceling it.

Can I get my payment refunded?

This depends entirely on the published Cancellation Policy for that activity. If you cancel within the period defined by the Cancellation Policy, I will coordinate with Brenda to refund your payment. The Club still ends up paying the ticket charge (\$0.94). The cancellation cutoff is generally dictated by when SCC funds have been committed. Examples are the Monthly Dinners where Ken gives Gainey a guaranteed minimum headcount. If we fall below this, we pay even if people don't show up. Basil & Garlic also had to commit funds for guaranteed minimums.

Where do I find the Cancellation Policy?

You can find the Cancellation Policy in several places:

- Generally stated in the email announcement for that Activity
- Printed on the tickets that are sent to you after Registering
- On the EventZilla site for that Activity if you scroll down past the Event Information. You can find the link to the event you are interested in on the Announcement or on the Website on the Calendar/2018 Activities page: <http://www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com/2018-activities.htm>

Drop me a line if you have a question you would like answered on an upcoming "Tip"



Pictured at left is a CAD image of the mid-engine Corvette, sent by my Wickenburg "car guy" friend. The article entitled "Report: Mid-engine C8 Corvette to Get Flat-Crank 600- and 800-hp V-8s, 1,000-hp AWD Hybrid Version, but No Manual." Check it out here: [https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1116966_report-mid-engine-c8-corvette-to-get-flat-crank-600-and-800-hp-v-8s-1000-hp-awd-hybrid-version-but-no-](https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1116966_report-mid-engine-c8-corvette-to-get-flat-crank-600-and-800-hp-v-8s-1000-hp-awd-hybrid-version-but-no-manual?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Motorauthority2+%28Motorauthority+Master+Feed%29#src=10000&image=100652375)

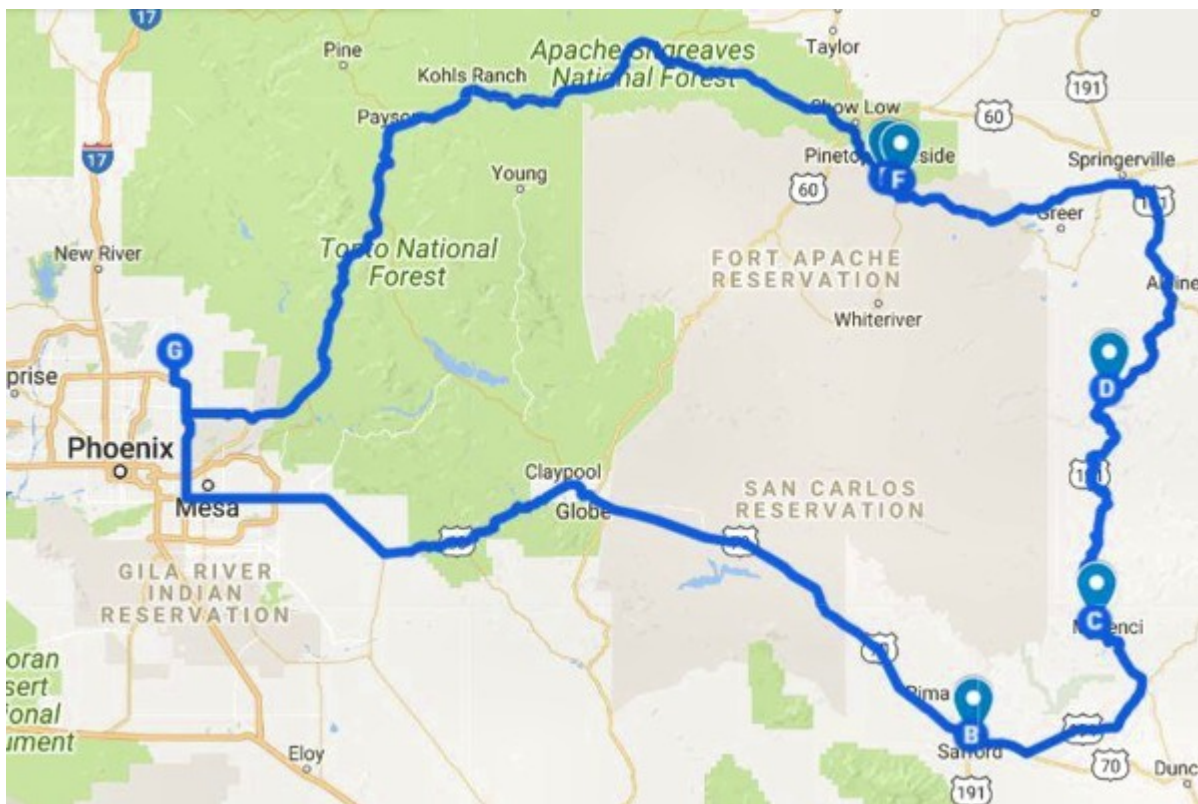
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GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN ON THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY

Story by Suzy Poulter

Photos by Mark Bales, Bob Hickerson
and Suzy Poulter



Suzy's map of the trip

I came home from Pinetop smelling like a pine tree, and loving every second of it! (Thanks to the pine-scented soap at the Antlers Inn.)

I was told by Ken and Walter that I was volunteered to write the review of our trip because I was the first to arrive at Hannagan Meadow Lodge at the top of the Coronado Trail. I am totally fine with that, but I think it's a little funny as we were not with the group at the start or very end of the trip.

So, rumor has it that the rest of the participants met at Starbucks at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18th, and had an uneventful drive up to Safford. Charles and I were about an hour behind, as Charles had to work until 1:00 p.m., and we didn't leave north Scottsdale until 2:00 p.m. When we arrived at the Quality Inn in Safford, the pre-dinner cocktail and snacks party was in full song in the lobby of the hotel.

I have 'made a note' now that this is a standard practice, and many in the group brought snacks, plus their own beverages, for this traditional get-together. Next time I will know, so I can add some food to the mix. Alas, we barely made it to this one before the snacks were packed up and taken back to everyone's rooms so we could walk across the highway to the Manor House Restaurant.

Cocktails in Safford



Dinner was lively, as we had our own section on a couple of long tables at the Manor House. Unlimited Fish 'n Chips was the special that many, including me, partook in. It was a fun time, with many more beverages thrown back, before the crowd stopped traffic to stumble back across the highway. (Appreciate the planning on the no drinking and driving, Walter!)

On Saturday morning, we all enjoyed the complimentary breakfast at the Quality Inn before packing up and heading towards Clifton in single file. In Clifton, we overwhelmed a gas station where some filled up,



Corvettes and Honda at the Quality Inn

and most emptied their bladders in preparation for the no-stops Coronado Trail. It was controlled chaos, but we pulled away very neatly behind Mark Bales (with Walter riding shotgun) and headed up to the Morenci Mine overlook. I actually found the Mine fascinating, and would have enjoyed more time there to gawk at it all ... but I guess I'll have a chance another day.



Approaching Morenci Mine before the serious twists



Charles at the mine overlook



Morenci Mine, the largest copper mine in North America

I had lobbied Walter pre-trip to put me as far to the front as he could, as my experience leading my C7 group in California had shown that I take the corners faster than most, and do the straights slower than most. If we have a road with mostly corners, then my guess would be I would be faster. For me, it's all about those lateral g's, so I like to get the most out of them. FUN! (Having my baby SUZZETE the Corvette hit on the nose with rocks from friends' Corvette tires - NOT fun. I wanted to stay in my little time bubble wherever Walter put me in the order and neither catch up to someone or be caught up to.)

Walter's answer pre-trip was that he wanted guys who had done the Devil's Highway before to lead, and to put me behind them. However, at dinner on Friday night, it seemed that those that Walter wanted to have in the front, didn't want to be there. Ken didn't want to lead as he had Fran with him, and Frank didn't want to, and Lloyd Benner wanted to be way back as his wife Cheri gets motion sickness. So, there it was! I got to go first in the performance group as my dream would be! No rocks thrown at me and my Laguna blue baby!



Everyone resting in the overlook staging area. That would be SUZZETE the Corvette in the front waiting to go first



Ken and Fran take off



Judy driving and Ron in performance group



Frank takes off

Before I knew it at the mine overlook, Walter was hollering at me to get going, so we hopped in and off we went. Only 4:10 into our drive, Charles yelled, "Deer! Deer! Deer!", and I slammed on the brakes. Then I proceeded to sit parked in the middle of the road as a family of mountain goats walked across the road. They had a tiny kid with them that was SOOO cute. After he crossed, I thought for sure with all his frolicking around and dancing around his mama he was going to veer back in front of me, so I sat there a few seconds longer. In all, I spent 30 seconds stopped there. Walter gave me a one minute gap on Frank, and in the first five minutes of the drive I had blown half of it. Oui!

[Disclaimer about the PDR videos - I am good at recording, and ok at snipping out a section of the long recording, but not a video sound editor. Therefore, forgive anything you don't want to hear in the audio of the recordings. I like my music to be loud and aggressive when I'm driving a twisty road, so just mute the audio if you don't want to partake.]

Here's the mountain goat video: <https://youtu.be/08JNCKv3RBA>

For those that haven't been on the Coronado Trail, nor know what it is, it is Highway 191 between Three Way and Hannagan Meadow. It was formerly called Route 666, hence the nickname The Devil's Highway. It's a rather pretty twisting and turning mountain road, with no guard rails. As Brenda said, "Sometimes you go around a corner and all you can see is the sky." The speed limit is set at 25 most of the way. Along the way there are signs to watch for animals, cows, mountain goats, and elk. Funny, there were NO signs to watch for wild horses, but we encountered one. There were cattle guards across the road in places, and rocks in a LOT of places. Here's the wild horse video: https://youtu.be/TzXARvk_9MU

Mark Bales was kneeling in front of his car at the final stop at Hannagan Meadow, because he hit a large rock. Missed it with his tires, but ran over it with the center of his car, so he was concerned. I never heard more though, so I presume that was all just a scare.

As you can see, I ran my PDR (Performance Data Recorder) the whole way. Of course, this is designed to help you see your line on a track. I think it's fun to record all of my trips though. Most are mundane, but this one was not. If you have this option in a C7, you should turn it on occasionally on a fun road. You can upload your data for free into the Cosworth Toolbox software, and analyze your drive. According to my data the Coronado Trail recording was one hour twelve minutes. My average speed was 50.31. My highest lateral g force corner was 1.02 g's, and the distance I traveled in that recording was 61.3 miles with 441 corners. I tried to find the corner with the 1+g rating, but with 441 to go thru, I gave up. Most tight corners were .7 or .8 or so, which is Woo Hoo! anyway.

We had a few trials and tribulations in the adventure. There was a person driving a huge dualie truck that wasn't keen on letting folks pass apparently. I had no problems with him, but since he was so wide, apparently he was straddling the line and making it difficult for my compatriots to pass. Then, after he'd done part of the trip, he apparently gave up this road and decided to do a T-turn in the middle of the road and go back. Chuck and Sandi said OMG! when they were leading the leisure group and came upon him straight across the whole road as they approached, apparently almost t-boning him. Scary! I forgot to ask them if they had a PDR recording of that. I'm not sure I'd want to watch though!

In the 'learn something new every day' category, I found out that MINING pickups have big tall flags on them. Wish I'd known this sooner, as our fun was done after an hour in. I came upon a red pickup with a light bar, and I wasn't sure if he was a fireman or not. Since a fireman would have a radio to potentially tell a policeman up ahead that we'd passed him, I had to cool my jets. While Charles and I were trying to get a good look at the symbol on his side doors, Frank and Ken caught up with me. We did determine he was civilian after a while, as we noticed his license plate was standard. We did pass him, but it was close to the lunch stop, and three of us ended up at Hannagan Meadow Lodge pretty close to one another. So, lesson is, see a tall flag, know it's a mining vehicle!



Here's the performance group waiting at Hannagan's Meadow for the leisure group



Bob says "The arrow tree started way back in 1985 when bow hunters would leave their mark on the dead tree. It was a challenge for others walking by to put their arrow in the tree. It's just 100 yard from mile marker 224.



By far the worst thing though was as we were getting close to Hannagan Meadow, there were multiple emergency vehicles with sirens blaring heading in the opposite direction. All of us at Hannagan Meadow Lodge were worried that one of our friends may have been the cause of the emergency vehicles. As each friend came in, we breathed a sigh of relief. It took a REALLY long time to get everyone though, so there were some tense moments.

Bob Hickerson stopped and had his photo taken with "The Arrow Tree." This is a dead tree along the side of the road that hunters have shot many arrows into over the years. He had told us about it at dinner on Friday night, so we could watch for it or stop. Turns out, he was one of the only ones to find it, but he got a great photo (at left).

The last to arrive were Lloyd and Cheri Benner. They had taken a leisurely drive, but worse, they had been held up by an accident.

Turns out a motorcyclist laid his bike down and had to be medivaced out off the highway, causing a closure of the road for quite a while between Bob and them.



At Hannagan Meadow:

Top left, Suzy and Charles

Top right, Ken and Fran

At left, Walter and Mark



John and Brenda



Lloyd and Cheri



Sue and Dick



Bob



Sandi and Chuck



Jeanne and Jim



Ron and Judy at left
Kathy and Michele and the infamous Honda above

Another interesting observation about the Devil's Highway drive was Mark, who has a manual transmission C7, commenting on how many times we had to shift. He estimates that those of us that had M7's had to shift approximately 700 times on that road. I'm sure he's got that right, but what is REALLY interesting is how we can all drive just a little differently, yet still get to the same place at approximately the same time. Mark only did a couple of short PDR recordings, but he showed what he verbalized - he spent a lot of time in 2nd gear at high RPM. I, on the other hand, spent nearly all of my time in 3rd or 4th gear. I was in 4th on the straights, downshifting to 3rd for the corners, and only in 2nd when I was going to lug around a REALLY sharp 10 or 15 mph corner on an uphill. In the performance group, Mark and I had the only M7's. I'm not sure how many in the leisure group had them.

You may be thinking that I titled this article solely about myself. I'm a girl, and I had great fun driving the Devil's Highway. It was not JUST me though. Turns out that we had a record-smashing number of ladies actually be the DRIVERS on the Coronado Trail, and we want to celebrate that. You know I led the performance group, but Judy Myers also drove in the performance group, Kathy Bales drove her Honda at the end of the performance group (Michele Juessen shotgun), and Sue Kulczycki drove in the leisure group that wasn't really leisurely. Four ladies out of 12 Corvettes and one Honda! We are ladies, hear our engines roar!



Sue, Judy, Suzy and Kathy - GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN ON THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY!

Moving back to standard programming now, we had a great lunch waiting for us at the Hannagan Meadow Lodge. The lady in charge had a full salad and soup bar set up for us, plus we could order burgers freshly made if we wished. I would absolutely go there again, and also absolutely put my NAV on again so I don't blow by it when I arrive! No kidding when Walter put in the notes that if we drove by it, too bad for us. Without the NAV warning me, I would have absolutely missed it.

After lunch, Charles and I took off first for Pinetop, as, again, we would just prefer not to be in a lineup of Corvettes tossing rocks at us on a mountain road. That hour + drive was uneventful, and we thank Brenda and John for scoping out The Antlers Inn and advising us to take the second driveway for Corvette-friendlier steepness. I LOVED The Antlers Inn. The proprietors, Stephan and Jeanne Begovac, were super friendly. I chatted with them individually and together. They really love their property, and they run it with more of a bed and breakfast 'feel' than just a motel. The rooms were really large and comfortable, and, as I said before, I loved the pine-smelling soap! They also have a mini-golf area, and a fire pit and seating with a swing that is great to hang out in. What they don't have is an elevator. So, if you ever go there, know that what you reserve on the day you make your reservation is what you're going to likely get. The lower level is more popular and pet friendly, the upper level, a little quieter. They did assign our rooms as we called in to reserve though.



The gang's all here - at the Antlers Inn in Pinetop

It's cocktail time at the Antlers Inn!



From left,
Jeanne, Jim,
Ken, Judy and Ron



Walter, Suzy and Charles sipping on the swing



Fran and Chuck



Sandi and Sue

On Saturday night we had a great dinner at Charlie Clark's Steakhouse. The service was slow, but the food was yummy. Since we were in the presence of so many friends, oh well on the slowness. They sat us in the back room with LOTS of taxidermy animals, so we could gawk at them while we discussed our conquering of the Devil's Highway. The restaurant was a 15-minute walk from the hotel, so half walked, half drove, whatever worked for them. I enjoyed the walk after too much food. I would also go back here again for sure.



Dinner at Charlie Clark's Steakhouse: Suzy, Charles, Bob, Chuck, Sandi and Kathy



Fran, John, Brenda and Frank



Kathy, Jeanne, Jim, Sue and Dick



Judy, Ron and Ken



Dick celebrating his birthday one year early

On Sunday morning, we were free to leave at our own pace. The hotel offers a continental breakfast in the registration area, so most had that I believe. Charles and I split off from the rest and went to have breakfast and a visit with some of our Scottsdale friends that have a second home in Pinetop. They're some of my exercise buddies from the gym, and it was nice to visit with them in a more relaxed environment. I also miss them when they spend a big chunk of the summer in the mountains away from the heat. They had a cute little house, and we all went out to a great breakfast at Johnny & Dee's Picnic Basket. I suggest that one if you're ever there. Made me want to consider having a second home up there also. How dreamy it would be to do the Devil's Highway multiple times a year to get to the cooler pine-smelling mountains. I'd so do that!

Charles and I socialized until 10:30 a.m., then rushed back to the hotel to pack up and get out of The Antlers Inn by the 11 a.m. checkout. While leaving, we spent more time chatting with the owners, so we really didn't leave until about 11:30 I think. It was REALLY too bad for us though, as after our lunch stop in Payson, we encountered a parking lot on the Beeline. Ugh. There was a brush fire along the road on the northbound side, and that side was totally closed, and our side was down to one lane in a section. We spent an hour just sitting there, or going in a torturous stop 'n' go pace. We spent so much time just sitting at one point, that I had a "AH Ha!" thought, and we started watching the Devil's Highway PDR video to entertain us. I think we got 20 minutes into it before we started moving again and the playback stopped. Needless to say, the number of shifts on the stop 'n' go greatly outnumbered the number of the Devil's Highway, and we would have appreciated having an automatic at that point. Charles and I generally switch off the driving on trips, and I HAD taken this post-lunch leg, but couldn't handle any more shifting with my bad knee and I pulled over and we swapped for the second half of the torture. Alas, we made it home safely around 6 p.m. and were too pooped to party any more. Just another one of those vacations you need a vacation after!

Here is the last of my PDR share videos: <https://youtu.be/nd4NeooVzxc> This is one of the twistier sections - and a longer video 3:40. You will feel like you were there, even if you didn't get to go. Charles was being thrown around like a rag doll, and I was loving every minute of it. Can't wait for the next time on this road!

Thanks, Walter and Michele, for organizing!

Suzy

MagRide Magical Update

By Suzy Poulter

If you have a C7 with the Magnetic Ride Control (MRC) option, consider taking your car into a Chevy dealer and paying for the software update. They came out with this earlier this year. It costs \$350.00 list (but Van gave me 10% off), and it is worth EVERY PENNY. You'll feel like you have a new car, the ride is so much better.

I knew about this and made the effort to have my software updated before the Coronado Trail trip, and I could absolutely tell the improvement.

OUR TOUR OF THE RIORDAN MANSION, An American Arts and Crafts-style Treasure, AND LUNCH AT THE HORSEMEN LODGE STEAKHOUSE

Story by Dorinne Dobson

Photographs by Fran Harder and Charlene Lenzi



Jim and I drove up Yarnell Hill through Prescott, over to the I-17 and north to Flagstaff, on Saturday morning, June 9th. We met the rest of the SCC group at the Riordan Mansion for our 11:00 tour. Since we had a few minutes to spare, most of the group took the self-guided walking tour around the Mansion grounds, where many volunteers were working, trimming, watering and working on the many plantings comprising the beautiful gardens surrounding the Mansion.

The Riordan Mansion is a 13,000-square-foot duplex, with two 6,000-square-foot two-story homes on either side of a one-story common area known as the “billiard room.” It was designed by Charles Whittlesey, the architect of the El Tovar Hotel at the Grand Canyon. The Mansion was built in 1904 with indoor plumbing, hot and cold running water, central heat and electric lights throughout, which was very advanced technology for the early 1900’s in rural America. The Mansion is an impressive representation of gracious living in the small, territorial logging town of Flagstaff.



The stone gateway in front of the Mansion; the above photo shows some of the materials used in construction: logs, shingles and stonework

Timothy and Michael Riordan were brothers who moved to Flagstaff in the 1880's as managers and then owners of the Arizona Lumber and Timber Company. They were very philanthropic and made many valuable improvements in the Flagstaff community over the years. The homes showcase original family belongings, including examples of early Stickley furniture. Many of the photographs and artifacts in the home are evidence that the brothers were world travelers. The brothers married the Metz sisters, Caroline and Elizabeth, who were cousins of the Babbitts, a name we all recognize as an influential Arizona family from Flagstaff.



A wicker swing in front of the fireplace



The breakfast room with Stickley chairs

The Riordan Mansion has 40 rooms and seven bathrooms, and construction cost in 1904 was about \$90,000. The wicker swing pictured above could face the fireplace in winter and then be reversed to face the windows during the summer. The home was equipped with a telephone and open floor plans.



Tim Riordan's elliptically shaped dining room and table are uniquely designed to facilitate conversation



The ingenious air flow/skylight system, viewed from downstairs at left and from upstairs at right, was designed to make the most of the electric heating system



Our group in the gardens at the Riordan Mansion



Here you can see in the foreground one of the volunteer gardeners working in the garden. The billiards room (common area) was being re-roofed and we were unable to enter that portion of the Mansion.



After the tour was completed, we all got into our Corvettes, see them parked at left, and drove to the Horsemen Lodge Steakhouse which was on the other side of Flagstaff on Highway 89, where we had an excellent lunch and much camaraderie dining with our Corvette Club friends. See the photos below to see how much fun we were having.



From left, Linda, John, Peter, Lucy, Philip, Cindy, Bob, Jan and Ed



From left, Dean, Fran, Ken and Maura



From left, Ron, Judy, Dorinne, Jim, Ed, Charlene, Karla and Al

After lunch, we all went our separate ways back home, to Phoenix and, in our case, Wickenburg. What a fun day! Thanks go to Ken and Fran Harder for heading the trip and to John and Linda McClelland for coordinating it. Also a big thank you to Fran Harder and Charlene Lenzi for taking excellent photographs and sharing them with yours truly.

Dorinne



From Rollie Trayte: Two Corvettes - mid-engine ghosts - spotted outside a Virginia hotel. Rollie says "You can barely see him, but reportedly there's an engineer in the car on the left with the passenger widow down with a computer. They also reportedly had two uniformed security officers to keep the curious from getting too close." Photo from CorvetteBlogger.com.



This trip "Down Memory Lane" in 2008 is apropos for this issue of the Newsletter since the Club has planned a trip to the Grand Canyon Sky Walk for this October. Please be aware that a lot has changed, both at the Sky Walk and at the Grand Canyon West Ranch since 2008. The Sky Walk had only recently opened when we visited. I hope you will find the article and photos entertaining, and it will give you a glimpse of what you might expect to see on this trip.

TRIP TO THE GRAND CANYON SKYWALK AND PEACH SPRINGS

MAY 16-18, 2008



The View from Grand Canyon West Ranch

Three Corvettes and a Jeep made the trip from Scottsdale, via Wickenburg to pick up the Dobsons, up Highway 93 towards Kingman on Friday morning, May 16. We stopped for lunch at Luchia's in Wikieup, where we encountered the two desperados pictured at left, who bore an uncanny resemblance to Jim and Walter.





The facilities are fairly new, built within the last couple of years to accommodate visitors to the Skywalk. Still they have managed to maintain a very rustic, minimalist style. So minimalist in fact that they forgot to put anyplace to hang up a coat or shirt – not only no closet, but not even a hook in the place! Horses and cowboys walked back and forth in front of our cabins all evening, so we felt like we were indeed on a ranch.

The following pictures will give you a little flavor of "life at the Grand Canyon West Ranch."

We arrived a little early at Dolan Springs where we were to park our cars and take a van to the Grand Canyon West Ranch for lodging and dinner Friday evening before making the trek to the Skywalk on Saturday morning. To pass the time, we migrated to the local watering hole for refreshments, and one of the local yokels took a shine to Dawn and joined our party. (He's in the back of the picture in the red jacket.)



This is where they deal with guests who do not obey the rules at the Ranch!



Cocktails before dinner at the Ranch



Dawn attempts the hatchet throw

We arrived at Grand Canyon West Ranch, where there was lots of sand and horses and cowboys.



Jim found his initials on one of the cabins



Manny and Dawn found their next new vehicle!



Walter tries to throw small football through hole - any hole - in board!



Michele and Dorinne laughing at the sign

the Skywalk, where we purchased our tickets to go out on the Skywalk. After all the hype about not being able to purchase tickets until you get to the Skywalk, since many people don't want to go out on it after seeing it, we were dismayed to find that we were required to purchase the tickets, and we were still a 20-minute bus ride away - we had seen nothing resembling the Skywalk yet. Ironically, Walter and Michele, from Gstaadt in the Swiss Alps, declined to purchase tickets to walk out on the Skywalk. As it turned out, they were the smart ones! I think they saw as much of the Canyon from the edges of the Canyon surrounding the Skywalk as those of us did who went out on the Skywalk. And they saved \$60!

On Saturday morning we arose, ate breakfast at the Ranch, and packed up our belongings to head out. Our van took us to the gateway to

As a person with no fear of heights, I thought the Skywalk was enormously overrated! It is not nearly so ethereally high and hugely



Dinner at the Ranch - Walter, Michele, Dorinne, Jim, Manny and Dawn



Here we all are, relaxing after dinner at the Ranch



*Above, Walter tries on coffin for size!
At left, Dawn, Dorinne & Michele at sunset*



hanging out over the chasm as the advertising would have you believe. It was fun to walk out on it and look down at the rocks underneath, but there was no mile deep chasm under the Skywalk – just the rocks forming the edge of the Canyon. The Canyon is particularly beautiful in this area, with many formations, and a wide expanse of the Colorado River is visible from the Skywalk.



The Hualapai Indians are building a hotel and a restaurant to the left of the Skywalk

Guys on the edge



The view from the Skywalk



This formation is called Eagle Rock. At left is an enlargement of the "eagle" at the center of the photo.

We ate lunch at the Skywalk, and then headed back to the gateway where our van awaited to take us back to Dolan Springs.



We drove back to Kingman through the mountains instead of taking Highway 93, and it was a very scenic trip. We took Old Route 66 to Peach Springs, arriving mid-afternoon. Some of the group went to see Grand Canyon Caverns, which is just a few miles down the road.

That's Walter at Grand Canyon Caverns, at right.





The sloth in Grand Canyon Caverns

Later we all gathered for cocktails in Dawn and Manny's room, and ate dinner in the Hualapai Inn's dining room.

On the counter at the registration desk at the Hualapai Inn was a sign that said "Trains run every 15-20 minutes. Ear plugs available." We lucked out and got a room on the street side of the hotel, but Manny and Dawn's room was adjacent to the railroad tracks. At breakfast the next morning, Manny said, "Did you hear the trains last night?" Jim and I said we hadn't noticed them, except when we awoke that morning. Manny said the earplugs didn't help – he was unable to sleep with all the racket of the trains and the whistles throughout the night.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, we headed down Old Route 66 to Seligman where we spent some time sightseeing. The Delgadillo Café was not open, so we didn't get to go inside, but it's a fascinating place with lots of memorabilia and a lot of old cars in the back. Angel Delgadillo posed for a picture with us.



Jim, Dorinne, Dawn, Angel Delgadillo, and Manny

We left Seligman and headed to Ash Fork and on to Prescott for lunch at Murphy's Gurley Street Grill, where we had a delicious lunch. Then we all headed for home after a very enjoyable weekend trip. Many thanks for Walter and Michele for another great trip, and to Mark for his excellent photography.



THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza.** This book just came out in June; I read it several months ago as a pre-publication copy to be reviewed. It is a very well written story about an Indian-American Muslim family. The subject matter is timely. Reading it is a start in the

direction of helping us to understand the difficulties Muslim families encounter in assimilating into American social life while still maintaining their Muslim religious traditions and beliefs.

***Vox* by Christina Dalcher.** This book presents an intriguing view of the future in this country. It immediately grabbed my attention and held it till the end. Imagine that men have taken control of the United States and in doing so have displaced all women, young and old, from any occupations other than child bearing and home making. All females wear bracelets that confine their speech to 100 words a day; anything over that, and they receive electrical shocks in increasing severity the more words they speak. That is the basis of this story, and it is very well told. Big Brother has indeed taken over and is watching every move that everyone makes... thought provoking to say the least. This is an important book, to be read by everyone - the message is clear: do not be complacent, your inaction and disinterest may cost you your lifestyle, indeed it may cost you your life. Publication date for this new novel is August 21, 2018.

***Love and Ruin* by Paula McLain.** If you are intrigued by Ernest Hemingway and his adventuresome lifestyle, this historical novel about his affair and marriage to Martha Gellhorn, the writer and war correspondent, will fill another one of those niches of his life that you likely did not know about. You will admire Gellhorn, a woman in a man's world. She wants to be a writer and is unafraid of putting herself in harm's way, so determined is she to fulfill her ambitions. From the Spanish Civil War in the 1930's through the Second World War, she travels to the battle fronts to report the news in hair-raising circumstances. In fact, she was still covering armed conflicts like Korea and Viet Nam into her 80's. The title describes the stormy relationship between Gellhorn and Hemingway which is fully covered in the story - two dominant personalities who loved each other but found they could not coexist.

Happy reading!

Dorinne



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

Courtesy of John McClelland, Activities Director



January 28

A Day with Frank Lloyd Wright
Two Tours & Brunch at the Biltmore



February 3

It's A Mystery

DATE CHANGE!
Cocktail Party at the
Rabins' home is changed
To Saturday, March 24th!



March 17

Cars, Coffee & More Cars



March 24

Cocktail Party
At Steve &
Jennifer Rabin's

April 21-22

Mary Colter's Dream



May 5

Cinco de Mayo
Party at Larry &
Charlene Capek's

May 18-20

Trip on the
Coronado Trail



June 9

Riordan Mansion Tour & Lunch
in Flagstaff



July
NO ACTIVITIES!

August 18-19

"Cabins and Cuisine"
at Orchard Canyon in
Oak Creek Canyon



September 28-30

Run to the Pines car show and
dining in Pinetop



October 12-14

Grand Canyon Western Ranch with
activities and the Sky Walk over
the West Rim of the Grand Canyon

November 3-4

"Cowboys & Copper" - Trip to
Tombstone and Bisbee



December 9

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
And Holiday Party





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