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New Members Foster and Kathi  
Thomas's 1962 White Convertible





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Mystery Tour, Tech  
Corner, Remember  
When, Coming Events,  
And Much More...*

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

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## Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

*To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter.*

*This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car.*

*All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.*

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## SCC Birthdays!



### March

Mike Cassel - March 4  
Dorothy Durby - March 6  
Jack Gustin - March 14  
Jim Eberst - March 21  
Bob Findsen - March 21  
Bev Voice - March 29

### April

Chuck Weschler - April 4  
Krysha Sorce - April 7  
Linda Tasnadi - April 11  
Carol Brandwein - April 20  
Joe Rubel - April 24  
Jane Runyon - April 24  
Christina Georgiou - Apr 27  
Evelyn Nightingale - Apr 29  
Larry Sorce - April 30  
Sandi Weschler - April 30



## **Coming Events!**

Mar. 13 - Club Dinner Meeting  
Mar. 16 - Quarterly Ethnic Dinner  
Mar. 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night  
Mar. 22-24 - Trip to Canyon de Chelly via Payson/Globe  
Mar. 27 - Board Meeting

Apr. 7 - Copperstate 1000 and Lunch  
Apr. 10 - Club Dinner Meeting  
Apr. 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night  
Apr. 24 - Board Meeting  
Apr. 27 - Party at the Dobson's in Wickenburg

May 8 - Club Dinner Meeting  
May 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner-Men's Poker Night  
May 16-19 - Trip to Los Alamos and Santa Fe  
May 22 - Board Meeting

June 12 - Club Dinner Meeting  
June 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
June 22 - Lunch at Kohl's Ranch, return via I-17  
June 26 - Board Meeting

We have included the Board Meeting dates in case you have a topic you would like the Board to discuss. Just let us know prior to any of the Board Meetings.



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## ***New Cruisers***

*Frank and Lisa Tasnadi and their 2006 Metallic Red Coupe!*



*Jim and Cis Eberst, and their 2003 Anniversary Roadster!\**

*Gary and Kathy Ronquist and their 2007 LeMans Blue Convertible!\**

*\*We hope to have photos of the Ebersts' and Ronquists' Vettes for the next Newsletter.*

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

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SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB  
CONGRATULATES CHUCK MULLINS  
AND HIS TEAM AT VAN CHEVROLET  
ON WINNING THE COVETED  
**DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
FROM CHEVROLET!



### ***SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES***



*Chuck and Sandi Weschler's 2013  
Nightrace Blue Grand Sport Coupe  
[Click on the photo to see a larger image](#)*

## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

Although we did not have our monthly meeting in January or our planned activity, which was cancelled due to inclement weather, our February events were both excellent and well attended. Our February meeting was held at Van Chevrolet, our Club's sponsor, with 58 members and guests in attendance. Chuck Mullins recruited both Pete Langenhorst, Chevy Zone Manager, and Rus-

sell Clark, Corvette Marketing Manager, to speak to our group. Chuck gave us an update on the dealership; Pete gave us an overview of the Region; and Russell gave us an overview of some of Chevy's new products, including the 2014 Stingray!

The new Stingray looks every bit as impressive as the press it has received, and Russell also fielded questions from the group. Pete and Russ also brought shirts, pins, coffee mugs and other items, and each person in attendance received one of these items. A special "CONGRATULATIONS" to Chuck Mullins and his team in receiving the coveted Dealer of the Year Award from Chevrolet!

Also at our February meeting, Jim and Cis Eberst and Frank and Lisa Tasnadi joined our Club. A warm welcome to our new members and for those of you who have not



Ken and Fran

## From the Driver's Seat

yet met them, please say hello at our next meeting.

Our February event was a "Mystery" tour, (some say even to Walter!), but 32 members (18 cars) met and followed Walter to 4th Street and Jefferson in Phoenix for a tour of Chase Field (formerly Bank One Ballpark), home of the Arizona Diamondbacks. We toured the grandstands, locker rooms, suites, underground batting tunnels, and the Dbacks dugout for about 90 minutes, learning about the unique aspects of the facility, including the telescoping roof, air-conditioning, other design features, and the Dbacks commitment to local youth programs and other charities. Afterward, the group had lunch at Majerle's.

March's Activity Calendar includes a special dinner on March 16 and a multi-day trip to Canyon de Chelly from March 22-24. In

April, we plan to attend the Copperstate 1000 kickoff (and lunch), and there will be a House Party at the Dobson's on April 27th. Vette Vixens dinners and Men's Poker Nights will take place on March 20 and April 17th, and we hope to see all of you at one of these events.

In March, our monthly meeting returns to Gainey Ranch Golf Club, and please remember that the dinner meeting will now cost \$19 per person. In April, our speaker will be Bruce Adler from Bondurant School of High Performance Driving.

Our Spring Activities/Events should be both interesting and entertaining--- and please remember, we just want to have fun!!!!

Ken



## Editor's Corner

Dear SCC Members,

I hope you'll forgive me for thinking we needed two cover pages for this is-

sue. It's such an exciting time to be a Corvette enthusiast, don't you think? With the new C7 coming out, how can we not glorify the mark in our newsletter? And of course with Foster and Kathi Thomas' beautiful C2, I felt compelled to show it in all its glory!

We have an exciting newsletter this issue. Mark Bales was "in the right place at the right time" as he describes his experience in discovering the unofficial unveiling of the C7 at Barrett-Jackson, starting on page 21. And the collector car auctions were pretty interesting in January, as Mark's photos of some of the Corvettes he saw at B-J will show.

It looks like we've found another Saturday

morning car show, and this one is devoted entirely to Corvettes. Read all about it in Mark Bales' article on Corvettes & Caffeine on page 89. Looks like a pretty impressive display that would be worth going out for, especially now that the weather is getting nicer and spring is almost here.

Until the next issue, save the wave!

Dorinne

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**MAY 16-19, 2013!**

**THE CLUB IS TAKING A TRIP TO  
LOS ALAMOS AND SANTA FE,  
NEW MEXICO!**

**THIS PROMISES TO BE A FUN  
TRIP!**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR  
DETAILS AND DEADLINES!**



## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

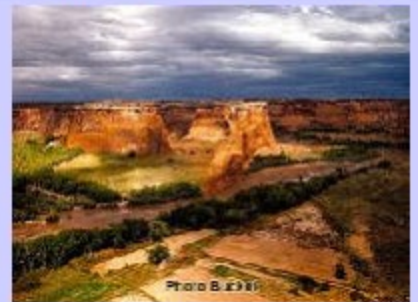


**January 26**

CANCELED DUE TO  
WEATHER!

**February 23**

Mystery Trip



**March 22-24**

Trip to Canyon de  
Chelly via Payson/Globe

**April 27**

Party at Dobsons'  
Home in Wickenburg



**May 16-19**

Trip to Los Alamos  
& Santa Fe

**June 16**

Lunch at Kohl's Ranch,  
Return to Valley via I-17



## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 - Continued

July

**NO ACTIVITIES!**



August 14-19

Trip to Laguna Seca Race -  
Corvette Is the Marque

September 27-28

Historic Prescott Corvette  
Show



November 16

Trip to Tubac &  
Tumacacori



October 10-13

Trip to Moab, UT &  
Monument Valley



December 7

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.

## Right Place at the Right Time

### Story and Photos by Mark Bales

We all knew the first retail Corvette C7 would hit the block on Saturday of Barrett-Jackson week, but when would we see the car? The forums were rife with speculation. "Thursday," claimed one post. "Friday afternoon," claimed another. The prevailing consensus was that the car wouldn't be unveiled until it hit the block, or shortly before. With all that in mind, I attended on Thursday, not expecting to see the C7, and my expectations were met.

I spent most of Thursday walking around BJ, taking loads of photos. Photos for personal use, and if Dorinne wanted any, for this newsletter. Enjoyable day, until I got home and looked at my photos. I used a different lens, and apparently not well. Almost all the photos were bad. Bummer!

Decided I would hit BJ very early on Saturday, before I met friends at Russo and Steele.

I arrived at Barrett-Jackson at 8:00 AM, when the gates opened. A great time to get good photos of the top cars in the main tent. Few people around. By 8:45 AM, had the photos I wanted, but still too early to meet my friends at Russo and Steele, so decided to wander around the grounds. I ended up near the Corvette Racing booth, and that's when the fun began.

I noticed a Reliable auto transporter jockeying for position alongside the booth. All



## Right Place at Right Time

of the people working the booth were taking pictures with their iPhones. Something was up. Then it hit me. The C7 was in that trailer! And I was right. Young woman working for GM told me the car wasn't to arrive until late afternoon, but they were ahead of schedule. The C7 would have an unannounced unveiling at 10:00 AM. Right where I was standing.

After security put up the barriers, and with few people around, I found a spot and waited. And waited, and waited. Close to 10:00 AM I realized my heart was pumping a little harder. I suddenly felt like a kid waiting for Christmas morning. I watched the Detroit unveiling, spent the week scouring the Internet for photos, but still wondered what was behind that door. Would I like it? How would the controversial rear styling look in the flesh?

At 10:05 AM my questions were answered. The doors opened, the ramps moved into position, and there it was. By then, a crowd had formed, and they busted out in applause and cheers. Since it was (supposedly) unplanned, no speeches. All a Corvette rep said is, "What do you think?" The crowd roared approval. I spent the next thirty minutes moving around to shoot the car from every angle. Tough to do, because the crowd had grown and several people were inside the barriers looking at the car. I suspected potential bidders, and I was right. One guy who spent a great deal of time looking at the car was Rick Hendrick, of Hendrick Motorsports and Hendrick Automotive Group. As we all now know, Rick bought the car later that evening for \$1.05M.





C7 Just Off the Truck







Rick Hendrick

## Right Place at Right Time

What were my initial impressions? I liked it! It looks much better in the flesh than previous photos and videos. At certain angles it is drop-dead gorgeous. I couldn't get close, but the interior looks to be a huge step up over the C6. The controversial "Camaro" rear-end is growing on me. However, if and when I acquire one, and this may be blasphemous to some, I will take a hair dryer and some fishing line and remove the chrome Stingray from the front fender. My only complaint!

It was quite a morning for a car/Corvette nut. I owe it all to being a rotten photographer!



Click on the Stingray logo to see a more defined image.

**First Saturday each month 8 AM  
March 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!!!!**

**Check out Mark Bales' article and  
photos taken at the February show  
at this venue on page 89.**



*The art of  
swine dining.*

# brat haüs

ARTISAN SAUSAGE | CRAFT BIER | BELGIAN FRIES

I Can't wait to find out about the "Art of  
Swine Dining" at Brathaus in Scottsdale  
on Saturday evening, March 16!

Here's the link for the menu: <http://brathausaz.com/brat-haus-menu.pdf>

Located at 3622 North Scottsdale Road

Email Walter to reserve your spot:  
[juessen@aol.com](mailto:juessen@aol.com)

See you there on Saturday night,  
March 16, at 6:30 p.m.!



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

**SANDI WESCHLER WON \$25 AT  
THE FEBRUARY MEETING!  
WE'RE STARTING OVER AGAIN  
AT \$25 FOR THE MARCH  
MEETING. BE SURE TO BE  
THERE. YOU MIGHT BE THE  
LUCKY WINNER!**



## **Corvettes at Barrett-Jackson**

**Story and Photos by Mark Bales**

Barrett-Jackson is always a great place to see the early generation Corvettes. This year was no exception. The main tent housed the cream of the crop, but plenty more under the tents in the field.

One thing I noticed is the growing number of resto-mods (restored-modified). Well over half the Corvettes shown in the main tent were resto-mods. Some went well over six figures when they crossed the block. Purists decry butchering a stock classic. Proponents offer they are simply preserving the beauty of these classics while improving their safety and performance with modern technology.

## Corvettes at Barrett-Jackson

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Not all of the included photos are resto-mods, but most are. Some well done, and some over-the-top. You be the judge.



'54 Custom



'63 Custom



C1



'69 Corvette

## Corvettes at Barrett-Jackson



Left side, top, '67 Custom; bottom, '65 Custom  
Right side, top, '60 Custom; middle, '59 Custom;  
bottom, '61 Custom



Corvettes at Barrett-Jackson

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C2 Survivor



1965



1961 Custom



C1



C2



Race Car

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FIRST SATURDAY EVERY  
MONTH!**

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

***All kinds of exotic cars in the  
parking lot for a drive-up car show.  
In the summer the cars arrive fairly  
early in the morning - 8:00 or  
earlier. In the cooler months at  
9:00.***

**SEE YOU THERE ON MAR. 2?**





**2013 mystery tour  
conducted by walter juessen  
radio guidance  
by michele juessen  
photographed by mark bales**



**Eighteen Vettes, 32 Members Met in the Parking Lot at the Pavillions**



Leave it to your illustrious photographer (whose Corvette is RED) to quote these famous words and put them into a photograph: ALL CORVETTES ARE RED!



Here we all are, ready to find out where the heck we're going. If you'd like a little closer view, click on Steve in the middle (with the beret).

After a trip down the freeways, with 18 Corvettes in a caravan and Michele guiding us through six, count 'em, SIX right turns, we ended up exiting the I-10 at Seventh Street, making a left to Fourth Street, going north to - you guessed it!

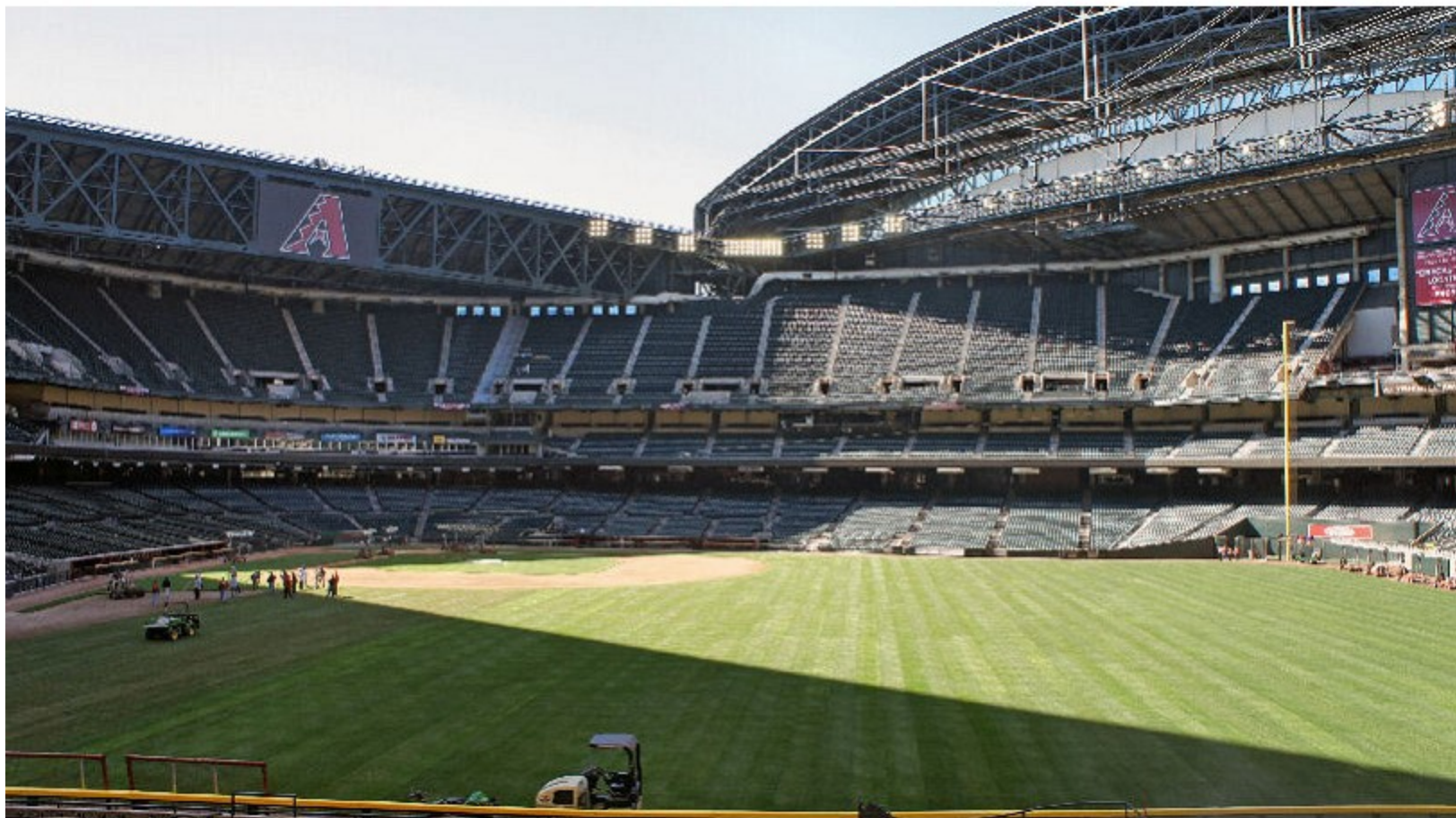




Our destination revealed: Chase Field, and the grand tour of the premises, conducted by Rook, our tour guide. Pictured at right is the World Series trophy won by the Diamondbacks in only the fourth year of the franchise - quite a remarkable feat! At left is the championship World Series ring.



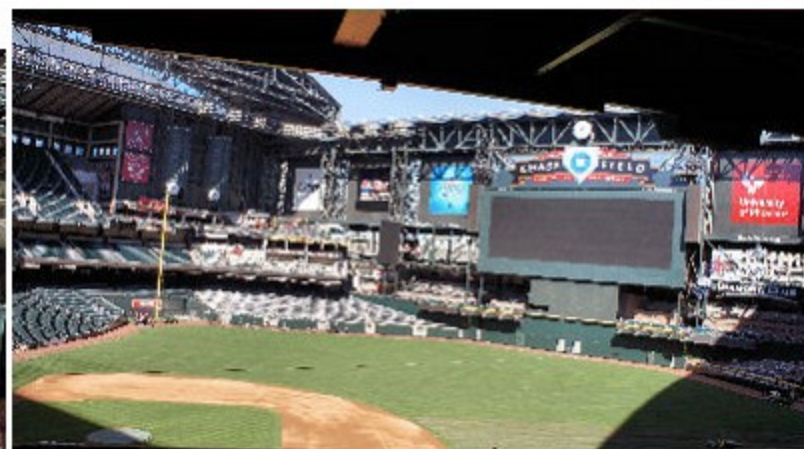
Rook took us through the inner workings of the ball park. Pictured above are the murals in the Rotunda, depicting various scenic areas in Arizona. At left are some of us looking out into Chase Field, where they were finishing up the resodding of the field, preparatory to the opening game on Saturday, March 1.



Chase Field, our home town ballpark



Is this sign for the fitness center, posted over the Fatburger concession an oxymoron? Mark entitled this photo: "Work it off and then pack it on." I guess it could be the other way too: "Pack it on, then work it off."



Above, another view of Chase Field, showing the scoreboard. Below, we went into the locker room and Player's Lounge for the visiting team.



## Mystery Tour - Mystery Solved

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In the corridor on the way to the dugout, we saw this bone, at right, which batters sometimes use to smooth up their wooden bats. Also, the tire mounted on the wall is for relieving batters' frustrations, hopefully saving the walls, doors and fixtures from battering. Rook reminded us that baseball is an emotional game. Above, here we all are sitting in the dugout.





As you can see, some of the guys couldn't resist having the picture taken with the big statue of Mickey Mouse in the main entryway of the ballpark.

# Mystery Tour - Mystery Solved

Leaving the ballpark, we walked a few blocks to Majerle's restaurant, where we enjoyed lunch together.



Steve, Terry, Carol and Mike



Gerry, Dorinne and Sally (Sandra's friend)



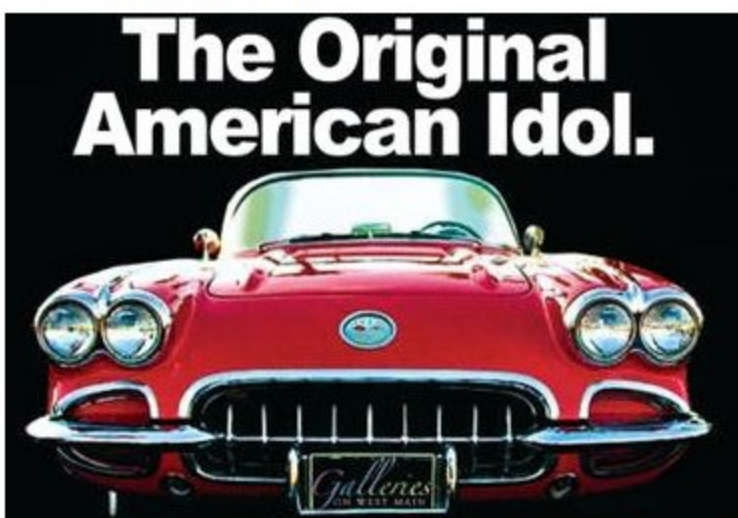
Phil, Barb and Ken



Top, Linda, Patrick, Sandi, Chuck, Michele and Walter;  
middle, Dawn and Karla; bottom, Lonnie and Kay

## Mystery Tour - Mystery Solved

After lunch, we all went our separate ways. Many thanks to Walter and Michele for keeping us guessing all the way on another great mystery tour!



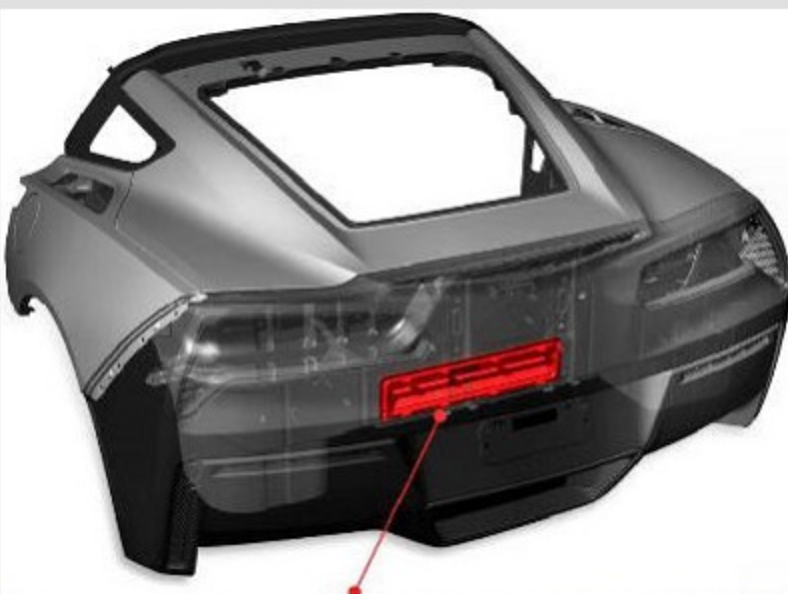
**SCC MEN!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THIRD WEDNESDAY**  
**EACH MONTH!**  
**POKER NIGHT FOR**  
**SCC MEN!**  
**WATCH YOUR EMAIL**  
**FOR DETAILS!**



**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 DINNER ON**  
**MARCH 20.**  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## CHEVROLET CORVETTE'S HEAT-ACTIVATED 'SMART MATERIAL'



The new 2013 Corvette uses a lightweight heat-activated shape memory alloy wire in place of a heavier motorized part to open a vent that allows the trunk lid to close more easily.

February 12, 2013 Press Release from  
GM Media Services:

### CHEVROLET DEBUTS LIGHTWEIGHT 'SMART MATERIAL' ON CORVETTE

### GM's first use of heat-activated shape memory alloy replaces heavier motorized part

**DETROIT** - From its fiberglass body in 1953 to its aluminum chassis for 2014, Chevrolet Corvette has a six-decade track record for introducing lightweight materials that improve vehicle performance. With the 2014 Corvette's aluminum frame weighing in 99 pounds lighter than its predecessor, that trend continues.

In addition, the redesigned seventh-generation sports car is the first vehicle to use a General Motors'-developed lightweight shape memory alloy wire in place of a heavier motorized actuator to open and close the hatch vent that releases air from the trunk. This allows the trunk lid to close more easily than on the previous models where trapped air could make the lid harder to close.

Considering there are about 200 motorized movable parts on the typical vehicle that could be replaced with lightweight smart materials, GM is looking at significant mass reduction going forward.

Shape memory alloys - typically made of copper-aluminum-nickel or nickel-titanium - are smart ma-

## Corvette's 'Smart Material'

materials that can change their shape, strength, and/or stiffness when activated by heat, stress, a magnetic field or electrical voltage. Shape memory alloys "remember" their original shape and return to it when de-activated.

In the new Corvette, a shape memory alloy wire opens the hatch vent whenever the deck lid is opened, using heat from an electrical current in a similar manner to the trunk lights. When activated, the wire contracts and moves a lever arm to open the vent, allowing the trunk lid to close. Once the trunk lid is closed, the electrical current switches off, allowing the wire to cool and return to its normal shape, which closes the vent to maintain cabin temperature.

"Smart materials like shape memory alloys offer new possibilities for many movable vehicle features," said Jon Lauckner, GM's chief technology officer. "These new materials enable innovative designs and new and improved features at a lower cost than traditional motors and actuators."

Shape memory alloy also helps remove unwanted mass, which can help improve vehicle performance and fuel economy. The wire actuator used on the new Corvette is approximately 1.1 pound (.5 kilogram) lighter than a conventional motorized

system.

"The shape memory alloy used on the new Corvette represents nearly five years of research and development work on smart materials for which GM has earned 247 patents," said Paul Alexander, GM smart materials and structures researcher. "And it is just the beginning. We have many more smart material applications in the pipeline that will bring even more improvements to our vehicles going forward."



Three Generations of the Stingray

## EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION

**April 13, 2013**

Corvette Club of Arizona  
Corvettes-in-the-Park Corvette Car Show  
People's Choice Car Show  
Dr. A.J. Chandler Park  
3 South Arizona Avenue, Chandler  
Contact Dave Lott, 480-689-1688,  
davelott67@gmail.com



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# Thank You, Thank You,

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

*Mark Bales*

*Jim Dobson*

*Ken Harder*

*Walter Juessen*

*Steve Patricola*

*Frank Tasnadi*

*Rollie Trayte*

*Chuck & Sandi Weschler*



## tech CORNER

**By Steve Patricola**

I wanted share with you all the preparations I have been performing to get my 1967 Corvette ready to be judged at the regional NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) on March 16th. Being a member of NCRS (it's really a society of nitpickers and only masochists like myself join), you have a desire to own and drive a car that is as original as the day it was built, in this case, February 6, 1967, St. Louis. Having said that, most of you that have seen the car would probably ask what needs to be done? Glad you asked! So I will try to provide you with some insights into my preparation. There are three categories that they will judge the car's originality on: Mechanical, Interior and Exterior.

Let's start with Mechanical. I will lose points on the engine because of the front stamp number: 7110261, VOII2HH (HH = 300 HP). This means the car was built with the standard 300 HP engine, not the upgraded L79 version or HD = 350 HP, *SIGH*. I knew that when I bought it, and it didn't matter to me, but it will to the judges. Indeed, in order to fix that, I would have to change the manifold and carburetor plus a few other minor things. I will also lose points because there is no spare tire (I do have the wheel), wrong window washer color (not stock GM green), non-stock battery, not original 2-ply tires but radials. Oh yeah, forgot the clock... I replaced the analog with a quartz and that will cost me points... Oh well.

What I have fixed is: Clock, high beam switch, sound-proofing under the dash, headlight motor on the driver's side re-

**Tech Corner**

repaired (was working but not as well as it should), all locks are now 1967 vintage along with keys, ORIGINAL - windshield wiper motor, starter were repaired and painted correct GM color for each unit, water temp sending unit changed out and replaced with correct unit, battery replaced, wiring clips in various places in the engine compartment and under the dash, replaced the correct hood bolts and screws in lower grill facing area, on the suspension all nuts, bolts, cotter pins were replaced and tightened, adjusted parking brake, fixed seatbelts so they work well. In addition, the odometer stopped working recently - of course it did - so we had to remove the steering wheel, and dash and found some other things that need some TLC, *SIGH*...

The frame components and suspension parts are, frankly, cleaner and newer than all of your cars. The frame stenciled numbers and body shim codes that

were affixed to the frame when it was built are all in the correct place, have the correct color, and I do not expect any point deductions for this.

**Interior** is excellent, except for the clock of course, and the previous owner didn't correctly place the seats; that is, they sit on top of the carpeting not underneath so that would be a minor deduction also, but everything else is good and should be fine.

**Exterior** Body panels are all original, and all lines, gaps are correct and actually better than new. I will probably lose points on the paint job since there is no orange peel, and the door jambs are just too good, *SIGH*.

That is about it, except my friend the judge just told me I didn't have the correct "clear" mats, *SIGH*. I believe the car is about 97 percent there, maybe even 98.5%, and my goal is to validate

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that. Wish me luck all...because the pain will be intense! You see, I'll be there as a learner judge, listening to them tear my baby apart, *SIGH*.

Steve Patricola



*Editor's Note: Here's a photo of Steve's "baby" from the January-February 2012 newsletter, after he'd just bought this beauty.*



**SPRING BRUNCH  
AT THE DOBSONS' HOUSE  
IN WICKENBURG  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27  
11:00 A.M.**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



## Thumbnail Book Reviews

Here's another go at some "thumbnail" reviews of a few books I've read recently that I thought were worth sharing with you.

**The Sandcastle Girls: A Novel by Chris Bohjalian.** Being a fan of Chris Bohjalian, I naturally picked up this novel with interest. Little did I know that it would reveal a genocide that I had barely heard of, i.e., the Turks genocide of the Armenians (who were Christians) in the early 20th century. Beautifully written, this is a book I found hard to put down. It certainly illustrates how little we understand the ways of the world today, as I doubt if many Americans

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are any more aware of this ordeal than I was. Of course, we all know about the Holocaust, but we treat it as an isolated incident, when this type of horrific activity has been going on through the ages, and has continued right into the 21st Century.

**Paris: A Love Story by Kati Marton.** I loved this book! Kati Marton is a fine writer, and what a story she has to tell. Her life with renowned news anchor, Peter Jennings, was interesting. Who knew what piece of work he was! And then the complete turn-around of her life with diplomat, Richard Holbrooke, and their love for each other completely blew me away. Here is a woman who has led a very intriguing and extraordinary life. I had read her book, "Hidden Power," back in 2002, and now having read this book, I definitely want to go back and read all the other books she's written.

Dorinne

# CORVETTES AND CAFFEINE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

Photographs and Story by Mark Bales



## Corvettes and Caffeine

For several months, Activities Director, Walter, has sent out emails regarding the two monthly first Saturday car events held in the Valley. First up was "Cars and Coffee," held at the Gainey Ranch Shops complex. Sponsored by the local Ferrari and Lamborghini clubs, it has grown to be a full blown free car show now representing several marques, and fine stuff.

New kid in town is the Corvettes and Caffeine show, sponsored by Corvette Performance Arizona. First Saturday each month, and (obviously!) Corvettes only. Walter has been announcing it, a few members have gone, so decided to check it out in February. Actually, Walter thought of going. Decided if I'm going to a Corvette show, why not go in a ZR1.

Got up earlier than my retired body is used to, and not disappointed. It was worth it. Every generation represented, including several early classics.





Supercharged C6 Z06

We also had fun running into member Rollie Trayte and his latest project, a C5. For those of you who know Rollie, he buys well, and then decides how to make it better. He's already working on his C5, and all is good. Being a fan of the C5, I will be following Rollie's work.

See Rollie and his Vette on the next page.



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There were lots of C2's, as you can see:



And here are even more C2's!





Walter and I were a little late, so his ZR1 was at the far end of the line-up. However, didn't take long for the enthusiasts to find it. If you haven't been to Corvettes and Caffeine, I highly encourage you to get up early one first Saturday of the month and check it out. Corvette Performance Arizona is a wonderful host.



**MARCH 22-24  
THREE-DAY TRIP TO  
CANYON DE CHELLY**

**WALTER IS STILL WORKING  
OUT THE DETAILS, BUT  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE  
MADE BY MARCH 16!**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR  
UPDATES!**



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*With the trip to Canyon de Chelly coming up later in March, as a little enticement to you all who may be thinking of taking this trip with the Club, I thought you might be interested in this article and the accompanying photos from a trip the Club took to Canyon de Chelly in August of 2004. The article was written by Sue Kulczycki, and you'll see some interesting photos of Club members Kay and Lonnie Schaffroth, John and Jane Runyon, Walter Juessen, Dick Kulczycki, Mark and Kathy Bales, along with some of folks who are no longer members but who will be known and fondly remembered by some of us old-timers in the Club.*

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# Vette-Togethers

On August 20 a group of 7 Corvettes set out from Fountain Hills for our much awaited trip to Canyon de Chelly (pronounced d'Shay). As we headed north on 87 toward Payson, Kay Schaffroth, one of our newest members, said we looking like a "Corvette Convoy." We could see large areas off of 87 that had been burned by the recent fires.

Everyone enjoyed a great lunch at Kohl's Ranch east of Payson.



Heading north at Heber, we had a beautiful ride with little traffic before passing through Holbrook and turning east on 40. We entered the Navajo In-

# Canyon de Chelly



dian Reservation going north on 191. Walter was not sure he could recover from the jet lag of the new time zone - the Navajo Nation follows daylight savings time! Dick Kulczycki's new car was baptized when we encountered some heavy rains on this desolate stretch of highway.

Our next stop was at the Hubbell Trading Post. This is the oldest continuously operating trading post in the Navajo Nation, and is a great place to visit, especially if you want to buy an authentic Navajo rug, jewelry or other native crafts. The trading post was founded by John Hubbell who was a great friend of the Navajo people.

Late in the day we arrived in Chinle, just outside the park entrance, where we set up camp at the

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Best Western. We settled in, had a few drinks from our traveling bars (there is no alcohol served anywhere on the reservation), and ate dinner at one of the few restaurants in town. The Navajo Taco was pretty darn good!



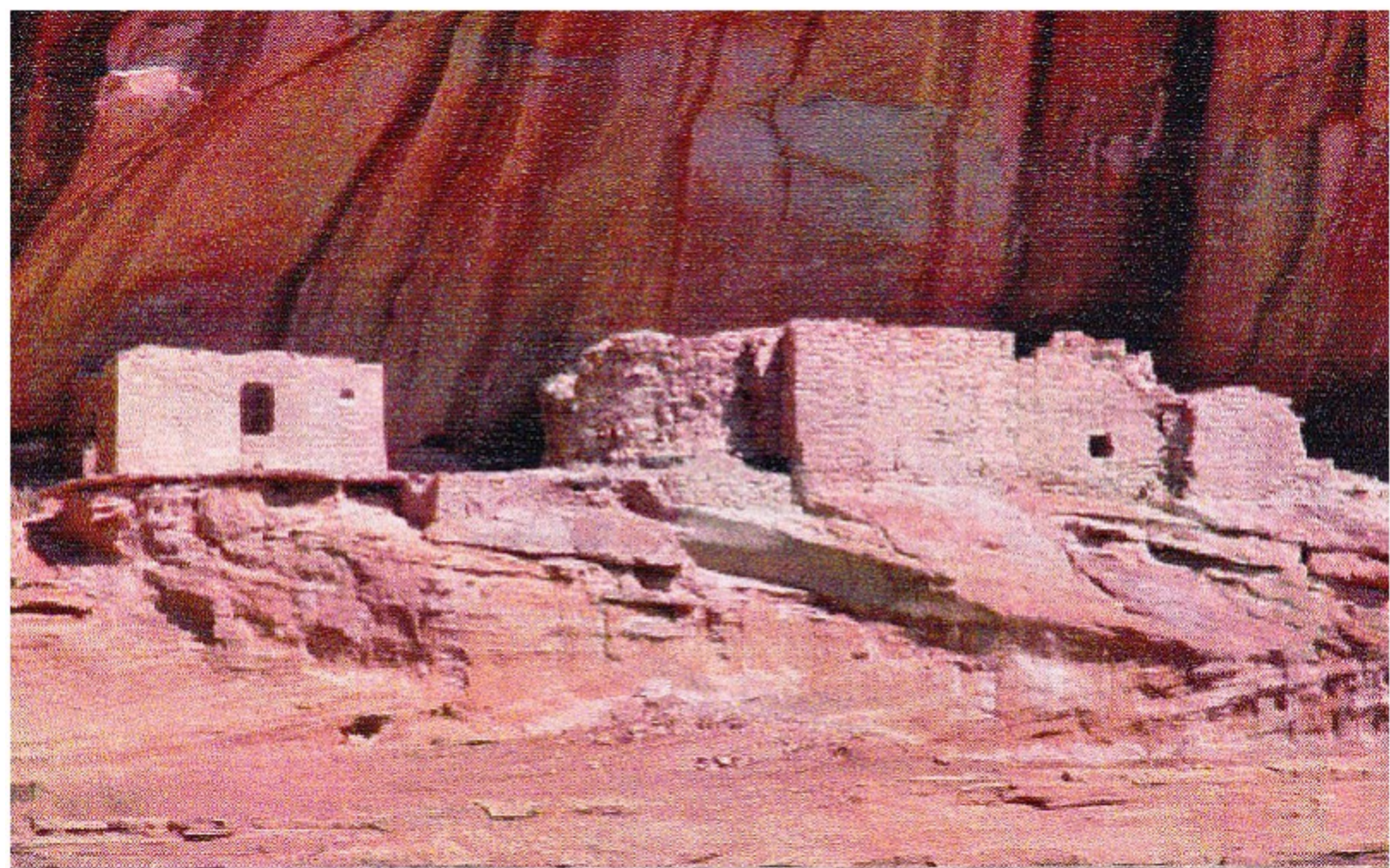
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DRANK THE LAST BEER?

The next morning we embarked on our tour of the canyon floor. Visitors are not allowed to go into the canyon on their own so we hired several Navajo guides with jeeps. Navajo families still



live in the canyon in the summer, growing corn and raising sheep. Animals are allowed to roam wherever they choose on the reservation.

Archeological evidence shows that people have lived in these canyons for nearly 5000 years. Paintings on the canyon walls tell stories of how the early people lived. Later they built multi-storied household compounds on the ledges high up on the canyon walls, many of which can still be seen today. Many different people lived here: ancient Puebloan, Anasazi, Hopi, and today the



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Navajo. At the entrance of the canyon the walls are only 30 feet high, but as you go deeper into the canyon, the walls reach more than 1000 feet above the canyon floor. Among these peaceful surrounds we also found - you guessed it, vendors! Many of our members took advantage of the beautiful (and reasonable) jewelry and art work being sold by the Navajo at some of the sites.]

After a four-hour tour of the canyon floor, we had lunch at Thunderbird Lodge and then headed out with the cars to drive the South Rim Drive. We stopped at many overlooks to look into the canyon, but everyone's favorite was the farthest point, Spider Rock. This is an 800-foot sandstone spire that rises from the canyon floor at the junc-

tion of several canyons. It was beautiful, and we think this is where they filmed the Jeep commercial!

We all agreed we had a terrific day visiting this beautiful park, and later enjoyed a nice dinner together.





From left, back row, Mark Bales, Walter Juessen, John Runyon, Lonnie Schaffroth,  
Dick Kulczycki, and Bob Gerhart  
Front row, Chuck and Carolyn Van Santen, Jane Runyon, Kay Schaffroth, Kathy Bales,  
Barb Gerhart, and Sue Kulczycki

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The next morning we headed back in beautiful driving weather (it was much cooler than the Valley), down through the reservation, Show Low and Payson. The back roads were great to drive on a quiet Sunday morning, and we were really able to MOVE!

All in all, this was a great trip, and a BIG THANK YOU to Carolyn and Chuck Van Santen. They were well prepared - we all received a nice packet of information regarding the places we would visit, maps, etc., which made the trip even more enjoyable. If you have not been to Canyon de Chelly, you should definitely consider making this trip!

By Sue Kulczycki

*Editor's Note: I really must apologize for the quality of the photographs accompanying the article. Scanning from the printed newsletter and then having to cut the photos down to size led to distortion problems. For that reason, I eliminated the photos of the Corvettes, of which there were several in the original article.*

## **COPPERSTATE 1000 AND FIELD OF DREAMS CAR SHOW**

Everybody meet at 7:45 a.m. in the "Cruise-In" parking lot at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Member Mark Shaw is in charge of the "Cruise-In" Car Show. We should all try to park together in one area. At 8:00 a.m. the gates will be open, and we can check the participants in the Copperstate 1000 Rally. At 9:30 a.m. the cars are leaving on their 1000-miles road trip around Arizona.

We will leave around 11:00 a.m. for lunch at the Village Tavern at the Shops at Gainey Village, on the southeast corner of Scottsdale and Doubletree Roads in Scottsdale.

RSVP to Walter ([JUESSEN@AOL.COM](mailto:JUESSEN@AOL.COM)) BY **APRIL 4**. You can choose to join the group for the show and skip lunch or vice versa. But be sure to let Walter know what you plan to do.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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