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New Members Jodie & John Ainlay with
their New "Still in the Wrapper" C7!



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**WE'VE ALL SEEN MARK BALES' "ALL CORVETTES ARE RED" PHOTOS.
WELL, HERE'S ANOTHER ONE, IN THE PARKING LOT BEFORE THE
MYSTERY TRIP, WHERE MARK SEEMS TO BE SAYING:
"ALL CORVETTES ARE TORCH RED!"**



March-April 2015 A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts 119 Members

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18 New Cruisers, Mystery Trip, Members with New Vettes, Fountain Hills Car Show, Trip to Tucson Boneyard & Sonoran Desert Museum, Dennis Brink's Early Corvettes, and Much More...

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

Meetings are held at:
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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
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Jane Runyon - April 24
Christina Georgiou - April 27
Phil D'Alessandro - April 29
Evelyn Nightingale - April 29
Larry Sorce - April 30
Sandi Weschler - April 30



Coming Events!

March 11 - Club Dinner Meeting
March 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner/ Men's Poker Night
March 25 - Board Meeting
March 28 - House Party at the Berkowitz's

April 8 - Club Dinner Meeting
April 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night
April 18 - Copperstate 1000 Field of Dreams Car Show
April 22 - Board Meeting
April 26-28 - Trip to Williams, Peach Springs & Oatman (THIS IS A VENUE CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL CALENDAR)

May 13 - Club Dinner Meeting
May 15-17 - Trip on Coronado Trail - South to North
May 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night
May 27 - Board Meeting

June 10 - Club Dinner Meeting
June 13-14 - Trip to Sunset Crater and Flagstaff
June 17 - Vette Vixen Dinner/Men's Poker Night
June 24 - Board Meeting
June 27 - Special Ethnic Dinner

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

We have an unprecedented number of new members to announce in this newsletter - 18 new members since January 1, 2015! Listed below in alphabetical order, with some photos and information on the following pages, please welcome:

*John Ainlay & Jodie Galassi-Ainlay
and their 2015 Shark Gray Z-51 Stingray*

Peter & Lucy Boland and their 2012 Red Grand Sport

Bill & Tere Cahill and their 2013 Black Grand Sport

*Harvey Caplan & Charlotte Hall
and their 2008 Silver Convertible*

*Jerry & Sandy Dernbach
and their 2008 "Fire Engine Red" Coupe*

Christopher & Milly Mead and their 2014 Red Stingray

*Steve & Jennifer Rabin and
their 2006 LeMans Blue Coupe*

*Mark & Donna Schlichter
and their 2008 Jet Stream Blue Coupe*

*Jeff & Laurie Smith
and their 1966 Trophy Blue Stingray Convertible*

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

John Ainlay shared the following comments:

We're looking forward to sharing our Corvette experiences with members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club. As for our Corvette, it's a 2015 Shark Gray Metallic Coupe with Katahari 3LT interior and competition seats. We have created a Facebook page for the exclusive purpose of documenting and sharing our C7 Corvette experiences buying, owning, modifying and enjoying our new car. Please check it out and "Like" the page at www.facebook.com/pages/C7-Corvette-Stingray-Experience/1575843822645030?ref=hl.



John & Jodie Ainlay's 2015 Shark Gray Z-51

Editor's Note: According to John, the Ainlays' Vette was built in late January but was still en route from Bowling Green, so they had not yet taken delivery and couldn't provide any pictures. I happened to check the Facebook page yesterday (Feb. 25) and was pleased to see they had just brought the car home the day before. So the photo on the cover of the Vette still in the wrapper and the photo at left are both from John's Facebook page. Check it out for yourself... John's got more pictures and comments and information about the car on Facebook.



*Peter & Lucy Boland and their 2012 Red Grand Sport
Click on Peter & Lucy to see another view of them*

New Cruisers

Here's Bill and Tere Cahill's 2013 black Grand Sport coupe. That's Bill in the driver's seat.



Harvey Caplan said we'd have to wait till next time for a photo of his Corvette, but we just happened to find a photo of Harvey and Charlotte lunching with the Harders on the Mystery Trip. Here they are pictured below:



Chris & Milly Mead's 2014 Red LT1 Stingray Convertible, 454 HP

Steve Rabin says: This is our first Corvette. It is a 2006 Coupe with the 3LT package and manual transmission. I have customized it with replica Z06 wheels, a high-end custom stereo with NAV, a backup camera, two amps and a subwoofer. The car has never been to a car wash and only hand-washed and waxed by me. The engine bay has chrome and other accessories to add more flair. While the car has been a joy for the past nine years, we plan on ordering a 2015-2016 Z06 with Museum delivery to replace this in the coming months.



Steve & Jennifer Rabin's 2006 LeMans Blue Coupe



Steve and Jennifer Rabin





Donna and Mark Schlichter and their 2008 Jet Stream Blue Coupe. Photo taken on the SCC weekend trip to the Boneyard in Tucson, Green Valley, Tubac and the Saguaro National Park - February 20-22

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Steve Patricola

Hello again. It's the end of February, and I am happy to say that I am one of the many proud Americans that have reached the pinnacle of their lives...reaching retirement! A lot of you folks told me I would be busy and, frankly, I found the comments dubious at best, but I have to admit I seem to be constantly on the go. Anyway enough about me. Let's talk about the Club.

Our January meeting was attended by over 70 people. This is significant because it was the highest attendance at a meeting since last year's celebration of SCC's 15th anniversary in September. Our speaker in January was Gary Cockriel, Public Relations and Development Officer of the National Corvette Museum. Gary provided a history of NMC but also some interesting stories about his journey towards his current position. In conjunction with Gary's talk, our new NMC ambassador, Phil D'Alessandro, talked about his role and what Club members may expect from him. Since then, Phil has sent out to the membership, through the Board, a couple of communications and offered raffle tickets for a 2015 white C7 convertible.

Another significant event in January was the Mystery Trip on January 24th. Twenty-eight cars participated with 52 people, which is also a new record for a day trip. The highlight was our visit to the "Hall of Flame" which is located in Phoenix. It is an acre of fire history exhibits, with over 90 fully restored pieces of fire apparatus on display, dating from 1725 to 1969, and while most of the exhibits are American, there are pieces from England, France, Austria, Germany, and Japan. The Hall of Flame sponsors the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes, which honors firefighters who have died in the line of duty or who have been decorated for heroism. If you haven't seen it, you should go.

February was our annual Van Chevrolet meeting. Unfortunately, Chuck Mullins, the General Manager and our benefactor and good friend of the Club, had a death in the family and was unable to attend. Brian Hall stepped in and provided some overall stats on how the dealership is doing, e.g., Van was the top seller in the Western Region - hooray! The meeting was attended by approximately 56 people, and we had a special guest speaker, Jared Allen, Chicago Bears defensive end.

Jared spoke about how the Wounded Warriors program only distributes 17% of its revenue to needy

From the Driver's Seat

veterans. Jared said that he eventually left that organization and started his own charity for veterans called "Homes for Wounded Warriors." The website is www.homesforwoundedwarriors.com/. Homes for Wounded Warriors either buys a home for the veteran, restores a home that the veteran owns or builds one from scratch. It was a moving speech. At the end, I got a few laughs when I stood next to him just to show the difference between a stud like me - smile - and a physically gifted NFL athlete.

The February 20-22 trip to the Boneyard in Tucson was attended by 11 cars and 20 people - two singles. Later on in this issue Terry, my new boss, has an article about the trip so you can read all about it.



Terry and Steve

Lastly, I want to welcome all the new members to our Club. I look forward to meeting you all and hopefully enjoying your company on one of our future trips. Take care.

Steve

P.S. Membership is now at 119, wow!



Here's a photo of Jared Allen as he was speaking at the February dinner meeting at Van Chevrolet, courtesy of Dennis Brink

SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW CORVETTES!



Dawn and Manny Siprut's 2015 Blade Silver Z06 with Black Interior

Many says he picked it up on January 28 after trading in his old Z06. It has 650 HP and is a very cool car!



Editor's Corner

By Dorinne Dobson

As your editor, I can only say WOW! about the things that are happening

in the Scottsdale Corvette Club right now! With eighteen new members since January 1, that alone would blow me away! But we had over twenty - yes, that's 20!! - contributors to this newsletter!

For all you "car guys," be sure to read Dennis Brink's article on his first two Corvettes. This guy was into Corvettes when he was a teenager, in a big way. I think you'll be entertained, and maybe a bit envious. Let's all hope that Dennis will write some more stories about his other Corvettes. I'm calling this one "Part One" in furtherance of that objective...

With all the photos and features in this issue, we ended up without room for a "Remember When" feature or a book review. I would love to hear from some of you with ideas on a memory of a past event you'd like to share, or if you've read a good book, a short review would be most welcome, especially to those who aren't "car guys" ... you know who you are...

Til next time, Save the Wave!

Dorinne

Dear SCC Friends,

During my recent and prolonged illness, you sent many cards and notes of prayers. Just about every day in Chicago at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Cheryl would read them to me.

At the time they did not totally register with me being heavily medicated. It was a long (77 days) and scary ordeal.

Since returning home and life returning to its new normalcy, I reread the correspondence you all sent - in many cases, multiple cards. Your words of humor, hope, and being in your prayers were overwhelming. They still help me get thru at this time. Also a big thanks to all who offered to exercise my car!

So thanks, admittedly late, for all your efforts on behalf of me and my family. You made a difference, and for that I am grateful.

Larry Bloom



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director



January 24

**IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER
MYSTERY TRIP!**

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

February 20-22

Trip to Boneyard & Colossal
Cave, near Tucson



March 28

House Party at Aaron &
Jackie Berkowitz's Home



April 18 Copperstate 1000 &
Car Show

April 26-28 Trip to Williams,
Peach Springs & Oatman



May 15-17

The Coronado Trail
South to North

June 13-14

Trip to Sunset Crater and
Flagstaff



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2015 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!



August 6-10

Trip to Monument Valley
and Moab, UT

September 12

House Party at Phil & Joann
D'Alessandro's Home in
Fountain Hills

**HOUSE
PARTY!!!**



October 3

Box Canyon near Florence

November 14

Trip to Organ Pipe National
Monument and Casa Grande



December 2

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
and Holiday Party

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Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

The Scottsdale Corvette On-line Store Is Now Open For Business!!

<http://ScottsdaleCorvetteClub.ClubStore.US.com>

Check It Out!!

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!

SAVE THE DATES - FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!

CORVETTES & CAFFEINE

at Corvette Performance Arizona

Scottsdale Road between Thomas & McDowell

FREE DONUTS, BAGELS & COFFEE!

*Shoebox Swap Meet - If it fits in a Corvette,
bring it along!*

*Corvette Focused - Over 100 Corvettes and
growing with each event!*

RSVP REQUIRED AT

<http://corvettesandcaffeine.com/>

SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS GATHERING

at the Shops at Gainey Ranch

8877 North Scottsdale Road

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

*In the summer the cars arrive fairly early in
the morning - 7:00; 8:00 when it's cooler.*

**WILL WE SEE YOU AT ONE OF THESE
EVENTS ON SATURDAY, FEB. 7TH?**



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR
DETAILS ON THE NEXT OUTING
ON FEBRUARY 18TH!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



2015 MYSTERY TRIP A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY

Photos by Mark Bales, Bill Follette and Fran Harder



*The Old and the New, Side by Side in the Parking Lot Before the Mystery Trip
Foster & Kathi Thomas' '62 and John & Gurmit Walch's '14*



Meeting at Starbucks at the Pavillions before heading off into the "unknown" with Walter in the lead. He handed us a sheet of paper with several right turns listed, and at the bottom, he said "Hope you don't get lost! If you do, it's been nice knowing you!"



So who knew we were going to end up at the Chinese Cultural Center at 44th Street and Van Buren in Phoenix for lunch at the Szechwan Palace???

Here we all are at lunch at the Szechwan Palace:



Gurmit Walch & new member Steve Rabin



Steve & Christine Bidwell & Kathi Thomas



Dorothy Durby & John Walch



New members Donna & Mark Schlichter



Frank & Lisa Tasnadi



Dawn & Manny Siprut



Kay & Lonnie Schaffroth



Walter Juessen, Terry Patricola & Michele Juessen



Wayne & Wendy Naylor and Bev & Jim Voice



Jerry & Pam Strimbu, Brian & Deb Anton, Mike & Carol Lipsky



Foster Thomas & Rollie & Lyn Trayte





Harvey Caplan with Charlotte Hall & Fran & Ken Harder



Walter & Steve with the Loot



This was the scene in the parking lot at the Chinese Cultural Center. A lotta fine lookin' Corvettes!!

After lunch, Walter and Michele led us all on another merry chase down Van Buren Street past Phoenix Muni Stadium and the turn-off to the Zoo and the Botanical Garden, finally turning right into the driveway for the Salt River Project. We were wondering where the heck we were going, when we ended up unexpectedly in the parking lot of the Hall of Flame, the museum dedicated to fire fighters and their equipment over the years.



Here's just one of the hundreds of fire engines that you can see at the Hall of Flame, many of which are kept in running condition and used in parades and other events



Fran says this is about as close to a fireman as Ken is going to get



Karla Redford with Smokey the Bear



Jim Voice Checking Out an Old Fire Engine



The 9-11 Memorial Pony



Brick Memorial to the Yarnell Hot Shots

Thank you to Walter and Michele for successfully planning, organizing and carrying out another interesting and entertaining Mystery Trip! And thank you from your editor to Mark Bales, Bill Follette and Fran Harder for the great photographs to commemorate our day of fun!



***DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS'
DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY
DINNER MEETINGS! IT INCREASES
BY \$25 EACH MONTH IF THE
WINNER DRAWN IS NOT PRESENT
AT THE MEETING! BE SURE TO BE
AT THE MARCH MEETING!
YOU MIGHT BE THE WINNER!***

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

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH - 5 TO 8 P.M.
COME PARTY WITH SCC AT
AARON & JACKIE BERKOWITZ'S HOUSE PARTY
AT THE AZ HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
1300 NORTH COLLEGE AVE., TEMPE
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON
TELL WALTER YOU WANT TO GO!**



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

CONCOURS IN THE HILLS



CONCOURS IN THE HILLS

By Fran Harder

Saturday, February 7, was the second annual "Concours in the Hills." The Harders and the D'Alessandros entered the show; and, after crawling through the gridlock caused by having only one entrance for the 400 plus show cars, we were directed to a part of the grassy knoll where most of the Corvettes were parked. Ken and Phil's cars were bookends for a C4 Vette. During the day Club members Steve Patricola, Manny Siprut, Frank Tashadi, Rollie Trayte, Harvey Caplan and Rick Cartell were part of the thousands of spectators that stopped by to see the show.



The VIP tent for the exhibitors provided a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch which was a nice touch. The day as well as the venue was perfect for all of the unique cars parked around the lake with the fountain as a backdrop, and the organizers were able to raise \$60,000 for the Scottsdale Boys and Girls Clubs.





With some future organizing to work out the bugs, this car show will become "the place to be."

Fran

Just a Partial Story of Cars and Growing Up: The First 2 of My 13 Corvettes!

Story & Photographs by Dennis Brink

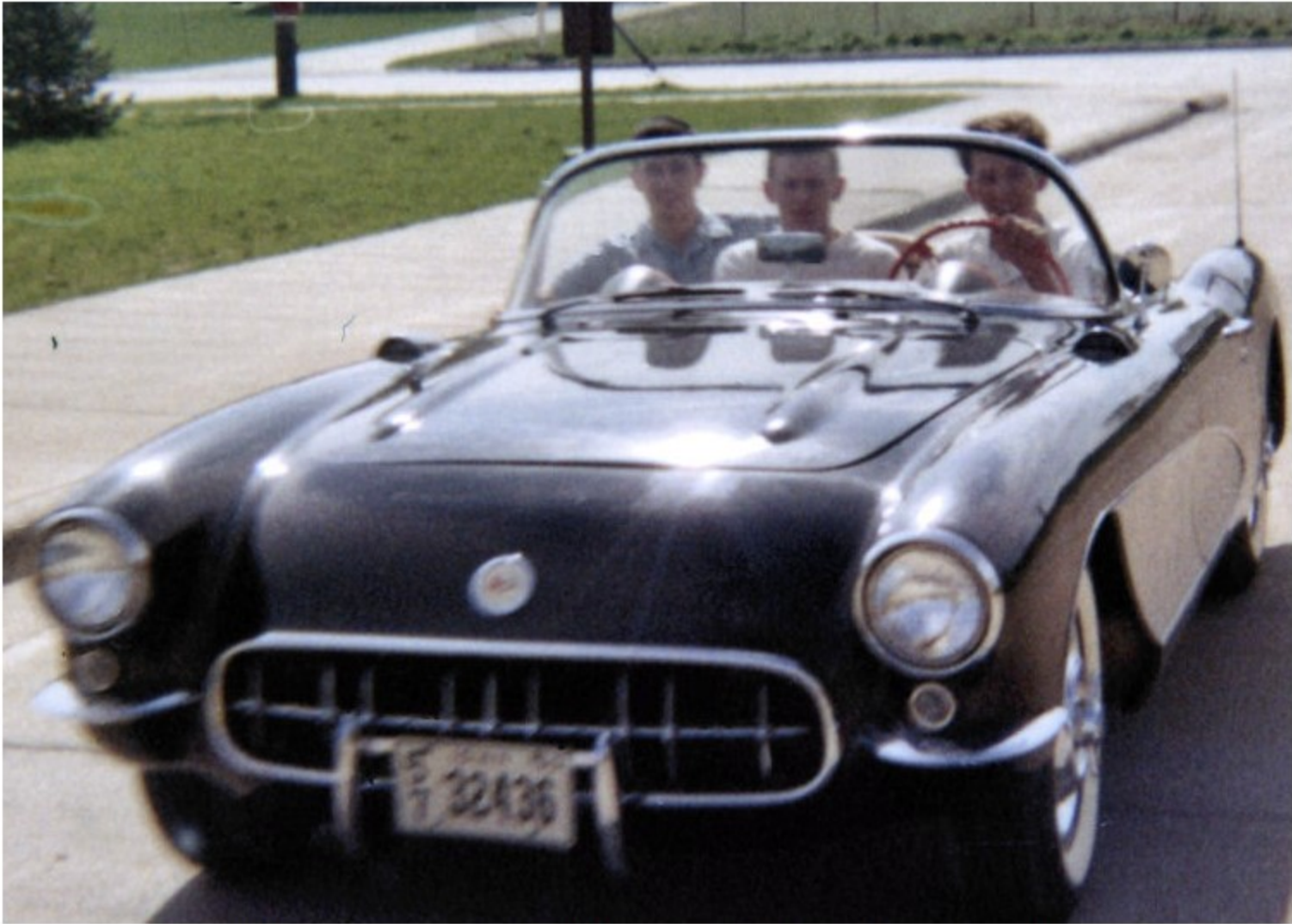
1957 Corvette

There were not that many Corvettes around in 1959 and, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, there were only three, all being 1957 models. I bought one that had been traded in at Rapids Chevrolet Company and traded in my 1954 Chevrolet. The Corvette was black with silver coves, both hardtop and convertible top, 2 4-barrel carburetors, automatic transmission, and red interior. I bought the Corvette on 11 November 1959. The cost was \$2,695.00 plus \$1.75 for title and lien, less \$820.00 trade-in for my 1954 Chevrolet. The salesman's name was Dick Hanson.

The story of the 1957 Corvette could be a long one, even though only owned for about 9 months, and safe to say not something I should have gotten into at age 18 - less than 5 months out of high school! I borrowed the money from Collins Radio Credit Union and set up weekly payments of \$50.00 as I just could not see myself owing money. Well, since I made \$1.66 per hour working at Collins Radio, you can

guess how much I had at the end of each week. Gasoline cost \$.25 per gallon (that's 25 cents), and I got 7 miles per gallon with the Corvette. You could watch the fuel gauge go down as you were driving the car! But fair to say that car hit 135 miles per hour on the highway - just a minor problem when I was going into a curve! I did not lose the car, but those cars were only made for going straight with no suspension, steering, or brakes to accommodate curves or anything fancy. Again, lucked out as I'm still here.

The Corvette was a lot of fun, but 6 days after getting it (on the first day of taking it to work), I ran into the rear end of a 1949 Hudson 4-door, on my way home, that had no brake lights or turn signals and the man driving it was an older gentleman who only had a license to drive in daylight hours and it was near sundown. He was charged for the accident, but my car had the damage. There was some serious damage to the front end of the Corvette that had neatly tucked itself under the Hudson bumper, and yet that Hudson didn't have a single scratch on it. The Corvette got repaired, and during the winter I burned out the automatic transmission in the Corvette - they were very weak Powerglide transmissions.



Looks like Dennis driving his 1957 Corvette in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at age 18!



1957 Corvette at Jefferson High School, Spring 1960

Then in May 1960 I was in an accident coming back from a wedding party very late at night and literally demolished the entire front end of the Corvette. The Corvette sat at the Chevrolet dealer until August 1960 as they were getting parts and trying to figure out how to repair it. They had never repaired a Corvette to that extent of damage before. Then in August 1960 I was approached by an engineer at Collins Radio who offered me a reasonable price for it - "as is." He felt he and his friends would be able to repair it. With the reimbursement from my car insurance and the selling price, I essentially broke even - very fortunate. The Corvette was a fun car in so many respects, but not for an 18-year-old.

I have the Rapids Chevrolet Company invoice, vehicle VIN and a number of photos which is nice to look back at, now, 55 years later!

Dick Hanson
RAPIDS CHEVROLET COMPANY
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

NAME *Ralph (Hans) & Dennis Ralph Brink* 11/11 1959
ADDRESS *244 Wisconsin St SW*

Model	1957 Corvette	2695.00
	Spit Coupe	1.75
	Wheels	2696.75
	YMARAW RAD CO	
	Less 1954 2403-6	820.00
		1876.75
	Repair	5.00
		1891.75
Model	5-7 #2934	
8 cyl		
Serial #	VE 57S 105 476	
USED CARS: <input type="checkbox"/> Sold as Is Best <input type="checkbox"/> Sold as O.E. Quality		
See reverse side for conditions		
I understand that liability insurance coverage which would protect me under the New Motor Vehicle Financial and Safety Responsibility Act IS NOT INCLUDED in my purchase of the herein described motor vehicle. I have received a copy of this statement.		
TOTAL		
Customer's Signature	<i>Ralph Brink</i>	
Salesman	<i>Dick Hanson</i>	

1954 Corvette

I left for California in October 1962 with a friend, in his 1958 Porsche speedster. That was a drive not to forget, tightly packed and cold much of the way. Stopped at the north edge of Grand Canyon and got to see the amazing views even though the park was actually closed. Then we stopped off in Las Vegas for a night and were lucky to find a hotel that had a garage below the room as it was on the outskirts of the city. I got a newspaper and noticed an ad showing a 1954 Corvette for sale. Yes, I wanted to see it. We went to see it, and it was in terrible shape. It could not be started, just sitting under a large tarp cover and probably something no one with common sense would want! The lady wanted \$850.00, and I said that I only had \$800.00. She was getting a divorce and wanted to think about it. I gave her a telephone number where I could be reached in Long Beach, California (where we were headed) and told her she could call me if she changed her mind.

The lady called a few days later and agreed to take \$800.00 for her maroon 1954 Corvette. I told her it would have to start so I could get it back to Long Beach, and she said that she had a neighbor who

would help me. She also agreed to pick me up at the Greyhound Bus Station in Las Vegas as I would have to take a bus to get there. It took us about a half hour to get the Corvette started. I paid her and took off. The Corvette, originally blue, had been repainted a deep maroon lacquer, and the paint was all checked and much of the paint had cracks and breaks. The car had both the convertible top (totally rotted out although the framework was good) and an aftermarket hardtop. The leather seats were the original tan but pretty well torn in the middle section. I got it back to Long Beach, and it just died there. After about 2 weeks I had gotten the parts I needed from junk yards and with a lot of work got it back to running condition. All the chrome was in rough shape, and the plastic windows were not very good.



1954 Corvette in Long Beach after purchase, October 1962

That let me purchase a new black convertible top of very high quality. The car was easily recognized as just so special wherever I would take it. Chevrolet representatives tried buying it in the spring of 1963, and I just couldn't sell it. Then by July 1963 I had been notified that I was being drafted into the Army and so decided to drive back to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where my parents lived, to go through the military obligation. I sold the 1954 Corvette within 2 weeks of getting back to Milwaukee to a stockbroker who lived in northern Wisconsin, sight unseen, given its condition and his ability to have a friend of his inspect it. I never saw it again, and he said that his plans were just to store it. I still have the registration slip, original California plates that were

Original Registration of 1954 Corvette



1954 Corvette - Hermosa Beach Strand in Spring 1963

issued to me for the car as well as the envelope the plates came in, the receipt for the seats from the place in Tijuana, and a lot of pictures during the restoration, of course.



1954 Corvette - Los Angeles, late spring 1963
(The handsome young guy in the photo is Dennis!)



1954 Corvette - Milwaukee, just before sale

TRIP TO TUCSON, GREEN VALLEY & TUBAC

FEBUARY 20 - 22, 2015

***STORY BY TERRY PATRICOLA
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARK BALES***



Trip to Tucson, Green Valley & Tubac

Another wonderful trip this weekend. The great weather allowed eleven shiny Vettes, with 20 people, to leave for another adventure from Starbucks at the Pavilions. We traveled to Tucson to tour the Pima Air & Space Museum, "The Boneyard"/309th AMARG (Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group). First, we entered exhibit halls or hangars to see attack aircraft, bombers, cargo and commercial aircraft, drones, fighter aircraft as well as fire fighting aircraft. Displays were everywhere - so much to see and read about. Chock full of planes, jets and other flying machines!

Of course, after all this knowledge and since we are a "drive and dine" club, it was time for yet another nice lunch. This one was at the Museum in The Flight Grill.



In the Pima Air & Space Museum



In the Pima Air & Space Museum

We then proceeded on to a 75-minute Tram tour taking us through the Boneyard of 4000 retired aircraft on the fields outside the hangars.



A little humor in the Boneyard

Trip to Tucson, Green Valley & Tubac



Two Z's



The Boneyard

Trip to Tucson, Green Valley & Tubac

After the tour we proceeded to our hotel, the Inn at San Ignacio in Green Valley. A cocktail party was held at 5 p.m. until we were chauffeured to our restaurant destination at Tubac Golf Resort & Spa. We had a banquet room, and the food was outstanding, the discussion lively, ending another great day of fun.



Clockwise from top left, Mike & Connie, Krysha & Larry, Sandi & Chuck, Brian & Deb, Jerry & Pam, Donna & Mark and Dawn & Manny (in the middle)

Trip to Tucson, Green Valley & Tubac



Steve & Terry



Mark & His Date



A Thorn Between Two Roses

The next day, after breakfast, 7 cars and 11 people proceeded to Saguaro National Park. A brief delay entailed and closed the road for about 20 minutes. Enough time to get out and stretch. Back in the Vettes the driving tour began. A scenic loop at different elevations allowed us to see the wilderness area and preserve. This 5-mile trip had a dense saguaro forest we could see from a



Saguaro National Park



Seven Vettes at Saguaro National Park

Trip to Tucson, Green Valley & Tubac

paved road. The preserve itself is 91,000 acres with many hiking trails which, of course, we car folks did not engage in. It's Drive and Dine for us.

Guess what? Time for dining again, brought us to a little lunch place. After we proceeded on to the Tubac Shopping Center for an afternoon of strolling through shops.



Steve

Saturday night: Another cocktail party and mingling with friends always gives way to the thought of a nice dinner. We went to the Stables Restaurant at San Ignacio Golf Course. Most members enjoyed dinner. Of course, the highlight is always the great conversations.

Sunday morning we all went our separate ways, leaving at various times to arrive home in Scottsdale.

Thanks to Walter for handling all the details

Terry

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

April 11

Corvettes-in-the-Park All Corvette Show

Corvette Club of Arizona

Participants' Choice Car Show 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Historic Downtown Chandler

See flyer at www.vette.org/CCA.park2015.pdf



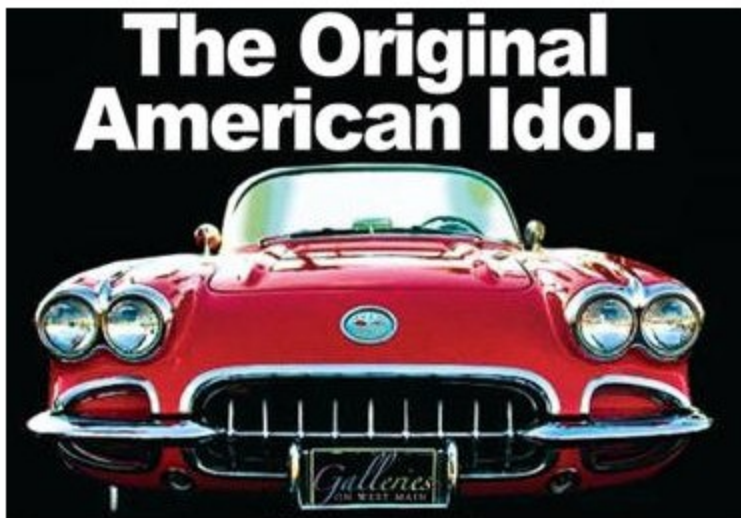
**April 26-28 Trip to Williams, Grand Canyon
Caverns, Oatman & Laughlin - Along Route 66**
This promises to be a fun weekend.
Watch your email for more details from
Walter!



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THE AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

News from the National Corvette Museum

By Phil D'Alessandro

Ambassador for Scottsdale Corvette Club

The National Corvette Museum acts as the steward for all Corvette enthusiasts, by fulfilling our mission to celebrate the Corvette's invention, and to preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy. The Museum was opened on Labor Day weekend in 1994. At that time, the NCM stated that the Museum belonged to all the Corvette enthusiasts and therefore it was their Museum.

The NCM is helping to fulfill that commitment by continually improving on programs that encourage and facilitates participation from the Corvette enthusiast community in the future development of the National Corvette Museum.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ambassador Program is to provide Corvette clubs/organizations a two-way communication link to the NCM. This program provides several opportunities to offer support through participation and

involvement in the functions of the Museum. Corvette clubs/organizations can play an important role in the mission of the National Corvette Museum by providing the NCM and its staff guidance and assistance.

The primary role of any Ambassador is communication. The National Corvette Museum communicates to all the Ambassadors (there are approximately 350 at this time) through emails on their Ambassador email list, NCM e-News, Facebook and twitter. The Ambassador e-mail list is also a forum to be used among all Ambassadors to share ideas with each other and the Museum, and providing feedback from Clubs on how to improve any aspect of the NCM. I also forward our excellent Newsletter to NCM for inclusion in their library.

At least once a year, the Museum conducts an Ambassador meeting in conjunction with the Corvette Celebration each Labor Day, and all Ambassadors are encouraged to attend. Gee, sounds like a perfect time to pick up a new Corvette. Now if I could just convince my wife of that.

FUNCTION

A little background on who and what an Ambassador to NCM does for the Club. Each participating Corvette club/organization will nominate/select an "Ambassador" to act as the liaison of that club/organization to the National Corvette Museum. The person selected to be an "Ambassador" will have a distinct interest in the success and future of the Museum and be at least an active individual member of the NCM.

The Ambassador's Corner

Prior to being selected/awarded/approved, etc., to be an Ambassador, Club Officers had to approve such a position, which is a non-voting position, and then an application is submitted to NCM. Once the application is processed, NCM sends the Ambassador (me) a welcome kit and at this point, the Ambassador is the contact person for NCM with the Club.

The Ambassador's mission will be that of receiving and disseminating the most current and correct information from the Museum, and to convey that information to his/her local Corvette club/organization. The Ambassador will act as a Museum representative to promote and solicit support for the Museum through promotional activities and encourage other Corvette enthusiasts to join the Museum. Additionally, the Ambassador will be the voice of the Corvette club/organization, communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions to the NCM.

Additionally the Museum conducts raffles throughout the year. I will order and obtain tickets for each upcoming raffle and let everyone know of what it is and cost thru an email that will come from a Board member. I will not send out emails directly.

In the majority of situations, the raffle is for a Corvette but they also have had two Mediterranean Cruises for Two, which was just selected. In the past, raffles have been for "you custom select your car" for build, coupes, convertibles, Z06's, while engine build experience has yet to be included but you never know. The number of tickets

available ranges from 1,000 or 1,500 and sometimes 2,015 to unlimited, just varies with each raffle. Occasionally, all tickets are not sold, many times they are. \$10 for a new Corvette is a great bargain, and \$300 for a loaded Z06, just as great. As they say, you need to be in it to win it. Forego a couple of Starbucks one week and you have a ticket price.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Ambassador. Let me know your suggestions to be a better representative of the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

Phil



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