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March-April 2011

SCC Members John &
Norma Parker's 2009
Cyber Gray Convertible
with Gray Top





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Barrett-Jackson Auction
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Arizona Wings Museum,
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Corvette Tech, Previews
of Coming Events, And
Much More...*

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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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April

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Coming Events!

March 9th - Club Dinner Meeting
March 16th - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
March 11-13th - Trip to Lake Havasu
March 23rd - Board Meeting moved to APRIL 6
March 26th - Ethnic Epicurean Dinner - Polish Menu

April 6 - March Board Meeting
April 10th - Copperstate Classic Cruise-In Car Show
April 13th - Club Dinner Meeting
April 20th - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
April 27th - Board Meeting

May 11 - Club Dinner Meeting
May 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night
May 19-22 - Bryce Canyon & Las Vegas
May 24 - Board Meeting

June 8 - Club Dinner Meeting
June 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night
June 18 - Trip to Mount Lemmon
June 22 - Board Meeting
June 25 - Ethnic Epicurean Dinner

July - NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS SCHEDULED

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



Terry & Steve Patricola & their 2006 Red Convertible
(Click on the Photo for a Closer View)



Richard Taylor & JoAnn Taylor Rice's 2010 Cyber Gray Grand Sport Coupe (Click on the photo for a clearer view and see the photo of Richard and JoAnn on the next page)

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

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And More New Cruisers

Greg & Linda Williams and their 2011 Black Coupe

John Prenzno and his 2009 Crystal Red Z51 Coupe and
1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Coupe

Al and Karla Redford and their 2010 Jet Stream
Blue Grand Sport

We hope to have photos of these new members and their
Vettes in the next issue of the newsletter.



Richard Taylor & JoAnn Taylor Rice

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

**Cruise In with SCC
for the Car Show at the
Copperstate 1000**

Sunday, April 10, 8:00-2:00 P.M.

**Check out the vintage cars on the grass
at Tempe Diablo Stadium before they
take off on the Copperstate 1000 Rallye.**

**Watch your email for more details from
Walter!**



THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU from
Scottsdale Corvette Club to
Barrett-Jackson and to Van
Chevrolet for donating
tickets to the
Barrett-Jackson auction in January for use by
our members! Your generosity was very much
appreciated!



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Manny Siprut

I know that we are only two months into 2011, but we are having a great year!

In January the Club distributed over 60 free tickets for the Barrett-Jackson Car Auction, and it was another great show. Then Walter took us on a mystery trip, which turned out to be a special tour of the University of Phoenix/Cardinals Stadium. Now that was interesting, and extremely well attended. It may have been the longest car caravan we have had.

We held our February Dinner Meeting at Van Chevrolet, for the fourth year. It was again very successful with about 50

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attendees, all sharing salad, pizza, and refreshments. We had an interesting speaker who shared his experiences as a sports agent and consultant. Our sponsor, Chuck Mullins made us all feel very welcome.

Also in February, thanks to member, Aaron Berkowitz, we were able to tour the Arizona Wing Aviation Museum. This was fascinating and informative. We had a great turn-out of about 40 members and most actually boarded and toured a WWII B-17 bomber that is still in service and had actually been flown that day.

Many of our members have continued to enjoy participating with our monthly Vette Vixen dinners and monthly men's night (poker). So, if you haven't tried these, you are missing out on some fun evenings.

Coming up in March is a weekend trip to Lake Havasu. I have never been there so I am personally really looking forward to this visit. Our members quickly filled the open slots for this event.

You may have noticed a real increase in member participation for our Club events. This has been great as it makes the experiences even more enjoyable. Walter has told us he needs to adjust his planning so that we can accommodate these new larger numbers.

I also want to welcome all of our new members. We are clearly enjoying new interest in our Club and hope all of our

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existing Club members are helping our new members get acquainted.

The Board sent our second annual Club satisfaction survey in February and we had 37 responses, so we want to thank all of you respondents. It is very helpful to get your feedback and direction. We are still analyzing the results, but overall our members are pretty happy with what we have been doing and with the direction of the Club. We hope to have more feedback to you by our next Dinner Meeting in March.

Manny

SAVE THE DATE!

FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!

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

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

In the summer the cars arrive fairly early in the morning - 8:00 or earlier. In the cooler months at 9:00.

SEE YOU THERE ON MAR. 5TH?

POLISH FOOD - OUR MARCH ETHNIC EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE!



Walter has found a good Polish restaurant - THE WHITE EAGLE DELI AND RESTAURANT. He's been looking for awhile, and he and John Runyon have tried it out to assure that the food is good. What better recommendation can we ask for?

The cost for the fixed price menu is \$30 per person plus gratuity; there is a cash bar available; and live Polish music. The deadline for notifying Walter if you want to participate is March 19. Make your reservations today by emailing Walter at JUESSEN@AOL.COM.



Having acquired a 2009 Corvette, Aaron Berkowitz has some items he bought for his 2003 Vette that he would like to dispose of or sell. Here is a list of items that are for sale.

If you are interested in any of these items, please email Aaron at abberk2@gmail.com or telephone him at 602-404-5707.

Steering wheel cover - FREE

Floor mats in Torch red - clean - FREE

2 Key chains - one new - \$5.00

Extended rear license plate - chrome - cover extends over the back-up lights - \$20.00

3-volume maintenance manuals for 2003 C5 - \$90.00

Inside door bezels in black - FREE

Heat-resistant red caliper paint - \$6.00

2 C5 hats with logo - worn twice (white) - \$10.00

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Torch red leather dye for interior - 3 cannisters: dye, clear coat, and primer - \$10.00

Pouch that goes between front seats - leather in black with red top - will hold tapes, glasses, misc. - \$25.00

Passport 8500 x50 radar detector - \$125.00./

Hooks for back hatch for ventilation when cruising, never used - \$35.00

Curtain to hide misc. in back w/C5 logo - \$30.00

Vinyl cover for top storage - \$25.00

2 Oil filters: 1 K&N, 1 Mobil 1 and Fram air filter - all 3 for \$25.00

OR TAKE ALL FOR \$325.00 - RADAR DETECTOR ALONE WAS \$300





Editor's Corner

Wow! Have we got a lot of new members! Nine new members on the New Cruisers page

in this newsletter! I think that's a record for the number of new members in a two-month period.

Thanks to Aaron Berkowitz for suggesting the February trip to the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum at Falcon Field in Mesa. We had a large group and a very fun day. As you will see, Aaron wrote the article accompanied by Mark Bales' great photographs to commemorate this day trip for us.

Thanks also to Michael Bulfer for contributing his remarks on his first visit to the Barrett-Jackson auction, along with some photographs, and to Mark Bales for his excellent photographs of some of the merchandise at the auction. This newsletter would be very boring without all these fine contributions from our members.

Editor's Corner

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Thanks to Walter and Michele for an excellent Mystery Trip in January. Walter had us all guessing all the way out to the University of Phoenix Stadium.

The cover for this issue didn't turn out the way I originally envisioned it. John Parker sent me a number of photographs, but none of them were high enough resolution to enlarge for the full-page cover photo. I thought I would get by John's house to shoot a photo, but never made it. So the collage that comprises the cover is the result of our efforts. Thank you, John, for contributing the photographs of your beautiful Vette for the cover.

Dorinne



JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND TRIP TO LAKE HAVASU ON MARCH 11- 13TH , 2011



WE WILL MEET IN FRONT OF ALBERTSON'S ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CAREFREE HIGHWAY AND I-17 AT 9:00 AM AND WILL LEAVE AT 9.15 AM VIA KINGMAN AND OATMAN TO LAKE HAVASU CITY. WE WILL STAY AT THE LONDON BRIDGE RESORT. THE ROOM RATE IS \$ 119.00 PLUS TAX. I ALREADY MADE THE RESERVATIONS SO YOU JUST HAVE TO LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WILL JOIN US. THE CANCELLATION POLICY IS 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE. DINNERS WILL BE AT NEARBY RESTAURANTS: CHABONES AND SHUGRUE'S. ON SATURDAY THERE ARE SEVERAL EVENTS TO ATTEND. ALSO WE HAVE A 2.5-HOUR JET BOAT TOUR PLANNED.

ON SUNDAY WE LEISURELY DRIVE BACK HOME VIA PARKER AND WICKENBURG. 500 MILES ROUND TRIP. **RSVP BY MARCH 5TH AT THE LATEST** TO WALTER JUESSEN: JUESSEN@AOL.COM OR PHONE 480 483 7886.

WALTER

THE MYSTERY TOUR - January 15, 2011

MYSTERY SOLVED!

Photos by Mark Bales
and John Parker

Story by Dorinne Dobson



Mystery Tour

We gathered at the Starbucks parking lot at the Scottsdale Pavillions on Saturday morning, January 15th. There were 21 cars in this caravan - mostly Corvettes, with one obstreperous green Porsche driven by Hugh Anderson. He tried to masquerade as a Corvette by hanging paper signs on the front and back of the vehicle, but we were NOT fooled!



We may have set some kind of record on this January morning - 21 cars at an SCC driving event is almost unheard of. And we didn't even know where we were going!

We set off on time, heading through the reservation to get on the Loop 101 via a less con-

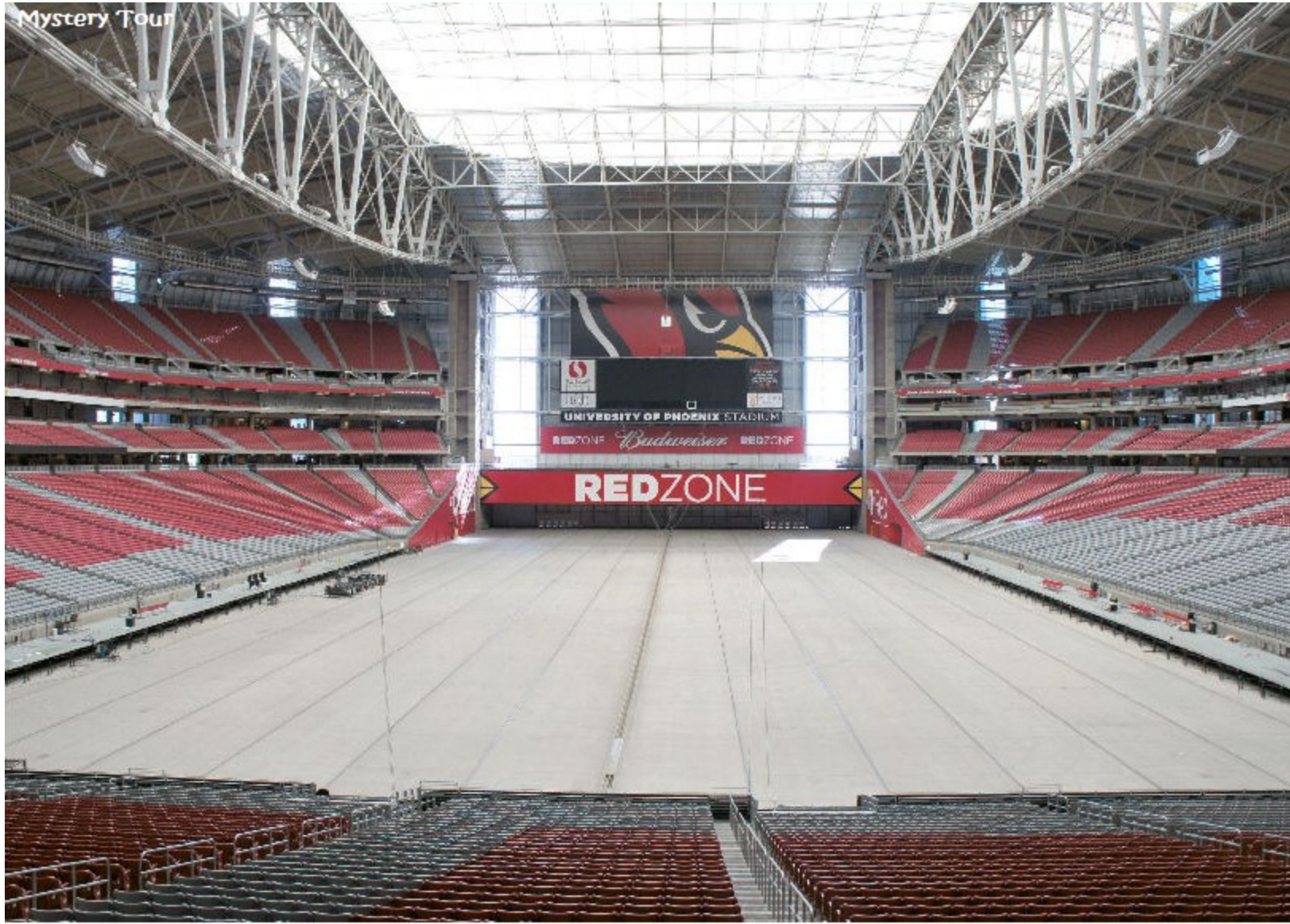
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gested entrance ramp. We were driving west on the 101 wondering what would happen next. When asked, Walter said we'd be on the 101 for about a half hour. I am wondering: Where can we be going? What's a half hour away on the 101? I'm thinking we might get as far as the I-10. Could we be going to PIR? There's a wild life zoo out near the White Tank Mountains - are we going there?



Imagine our surprise when we pulled up in front of the University of Phoenix Stadium, where the tour guides were waiting for us to take us on our scheduled tour of the stadium facilities. We split into two groups, and spent a couple of hours learning all about the stadium, its design features and how it operates.



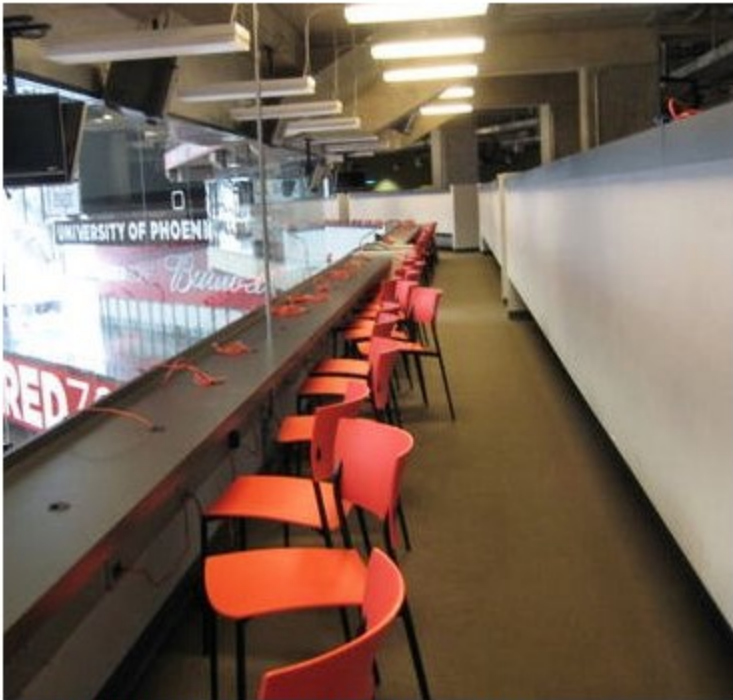


We learned more about the University of Phoenix Stadium than we ever thought we'd know and saw more of it than we ever thought we'd see.

We learned about the structure, the operation of the roof, the color and design of the interior, and many more interesting facts. We saw the giant tray of grass that comprises the football field and is kept outdoors in the sunshine.



We got to see the visiting team's locker room, but were not allowed to go into the Cardinals' locker room, which our guide told us was much more elaborately furnished and outfitted.

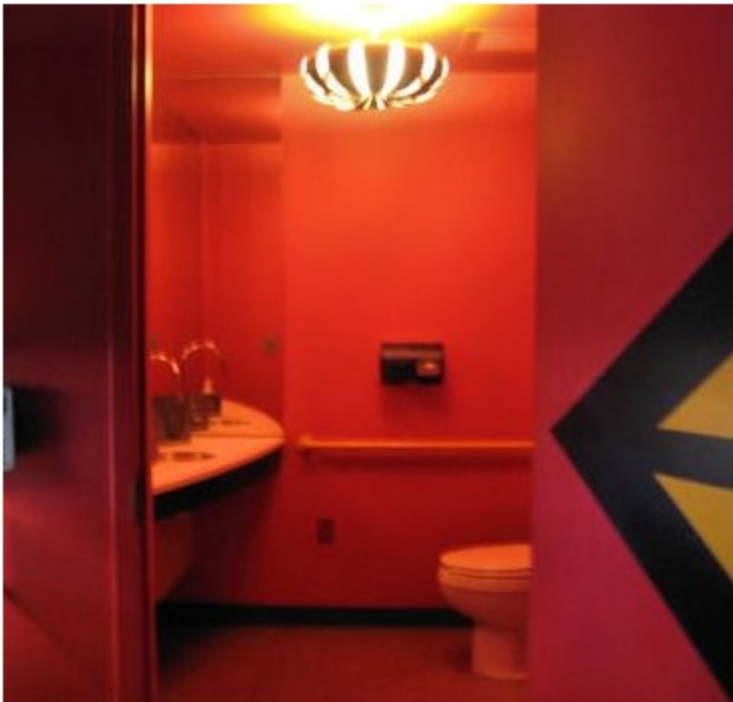


Manny living it up in one of the luxury lofts.

This is the view inside the press box.

Our guide told us that the Cardinals brands are Budweiser and Coca Cola, and those products are sold exclusively in the stadium. Except when the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl happen to be played there - then the NFL's brands must be sold - i.e., Coors and Pepsi - and all evidence of the Budweiser and Coca Cola advertising or products must be removed.





Each of the luxury lofts has a red bathroom with a chandelier.

The names of legendary players are displayed around the stadium seating areas, along with advertising and art work. Pat Tillman was one of the most famous of the Cardinal players.



After we completed the tour of the stadium, we exited through the gift shop where all sorts of Cardinal-themed merchandise is for sale.

Once outside, we headed for lunch at the Saddle Ranch Chop House which is just a couple of blocks away in Westgate City Center, an outdoor pedestrian mall with lots of restaurants and shops.



The lunch menu at the Saddle Ranch was extensive. It was fun getting to chat with everyone. Mark announced that the Patricola's (pictured on the left in the photo at the bottom left and on the right in the above photo) had given him

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him their check and application and were the newest members of Scottsdale Corvette Club! We all cheered and welcomed Steve and Terry as members.

Here's a look at the whole group, taken by Mark from the balcony. What a great group of friends! Many thanks to Walter and Michele for planning and producing another outstanding SCC event! And for keeping us all in suspense on this Mystery Tour!



CORVETTE TECH

DETAILING TIP - DIRTY TIRES

By Mark Bales

Living on a dirt road, dirty tires are more of an issue for me than most. My tires turn brown after a few trips to and from the paved road. In addition, the GS and Z06 generate tons of brake dust. I've tried dozens of cleaners with little to some success. I have shied away from strong cleaners fearing they would drip and run down my wheels, potentially harming the metal surface.

Enter a product I stumbled across cleaning out my Dad's garage. **CRC Hydro Force Foaming Citrus All Purpose Cleaner**. It was in a kit the dealer gave him when he bought his last new Ford. So, decided to bring it home and give it a try.

The key word in the name is "Foaming." You can spray it on the tire and let it sit. It doesn't run off. Checking the manufacturer's web site I found that if you do overspray some on the wheel, it shouldn't hurt

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the metal. Having said that, I would not recommend you use it to clean the wheel. Better to be safe than sorry.



Corvette Tech - Dirty Tires

I first wet the tire. I then spray the Hydro Force around the tire and let it sit. After a few minutes you can see the foam begin to turn brown soaking up the dirt and brake dust. Using a tire brush (any stiff bristled brush would do) I scrub around the tire and rinse off.

Unfortunately the included photos don't do the product justice. The results are noticeable. I'm now thinking this product might also be used cleaning around the engine and bay. Haven't tried that yet, but will let you know when I do.

You can find CRC Hydro Force at Wal-Mart and possibly Target, around \$7 a can. I also found it online, but pricey unless you buy a case. Note, look for "Foaming Citrus." CRC makes other cleaning products under the Hydro Force banner.

Have a detailing tip or unique detailing product? If you do, and would like to share with the club, email to wmarkbales@gorvw.net.

Mark Bales



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MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

Aaron and Jackie Berkowitz joined SCC last year with a 2003 White 50th Anniversary Coupe. When Aaron told me they had traded it in for a 2009 Jet Stream Blue Convertible, loaded, with only 3200 miles on it, I told him I would need a photo of the car for the newsletter. We decided to go to Aaron's house to get the photo and see his hot rod as well. Little did we know that Aaron has a garage that is to die for! My first comment was: We should have a garage tour and your garage could be on it! The guys would LOVE your garage!

Aaron has flown for years, and has all the flight ratings except airline transport rating. He also has a hot air balloon license, and there's a photograph on the wall in the garage showing his balloon in the air with the Goodyear blimp. Aaron said the day that photo was taken, the blimp was flying circles around his balloon. He landed the balloon and had his flying partner take it back up so that he could shoot the photograph.



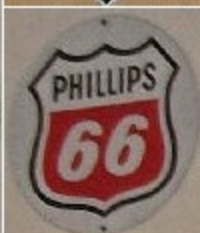
Aaron Berkowitz in his 2009 Jet Stream Blue Convertible
Click on the rearview mirror for a larger, clearer photo



Members with New Cars

Aaron also had the pleasure of flying the Goodyear blimp. He said the seats in the blimp are wicker and have no lap belts. Aaron has owned and flown numerous planes, including a World War I Fokker Tri-plane Fighter. He says he was the Red Baron of Arizona when he flew it.

He's also a car guy, having owned at least 70 different cars over the years. He's had three Corvettes: his first was a 2001 Magnetic Red, that he traded for a Cadillac Allante. Then he got





Aaron's Vette and Rod in his Neat-as-a-Pin Garage

Members with New Cars

the 2003 mentioned above, and now is driving this very spiffy 2009.

As you can see from the pictures on pages 40 and 41, the walls of Aaron's garage are covered with memorabilia. All his car cleaning supplies are organized in a cart that he wheels over to whichever vehicle he is working on. There are at least a half dozen airplane models hanging from the garage ceiling. He says he tries to build an airplane model every summer.

Well, I decided Aaron is a dyed-in-the-wool "Car Guy" because he was telling me about all the cars he's had in his life. He says, "I'm really a Ford guy." He loved the Lincoln Marks and had several of them. Then later, he said, "Well, I'm really a Porsche guy," and went on to tell me about the three 911's and the 928 he had back when. He had an Auburn boattail speedster, several Mercedes, a Ferrari. He says he wishes he still had some of the cars he's owned as they'd probably be worth a bit of money by now.

I asked Aaron how he became involved with the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. He said he always liked airplanes, and a friend of his put together a mailing list and set up a meeting to explain what needed to be done to start the Arizona Wing. Initially the Wing had 100 members. There is a camaraderie among pilots; they love to talk about airplanes and flying. You can find

Members with New Cars

out more about the Arizona Wing and our trip there in February in Aaron's article and see Mark's photographs starting on page 69 of this newsletter.

Aaron has a million stories to tell about his flying experiences, his airplanes, his cars, and his adventures in life. Jackie is a native Phoenician, and Aaron has lived in Phoenix since he was a toddler, so they both have many long-time acquaintances in the area.

I hope you all enjoyed this little feature on Aaron and his cars and planes as much as Jim and I enjoyed visiting with him.

Dorinne



Aaron and Jackie

OBSERVATIONS OF A FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT AT THE BARRETT-JACKSON AUCTION

Article and Photographs
by Michael Bulfer



Beautiful Blue Cobra Replica

Being a new Arizona resident, this was my first experience at Barrett-Jackson. We went on Wednesday, January 19th, around 1:00 p.m. What a big parking lot, and dusty! I would not recommend taking your Corvette to the auction.

The event has many big tents. We entered through the first tent which is filled with some custom cars, some cool new cars with retro bodies, such as a new corvette with 1963 body styling. My guest was the minister from our church. He is 75 and likes cars, drives a BMW convertible. As we moved through the first tent, we came to an area where jewelry, leather coats and memorabilia of many kinds were being sold. My guest pulled me aside and told me to buy Bonnie some nice diamonds and a coat before I went in and bought a car at the auction. He said it would smooth things out at home.

Exiting the tent, we saw some very cool concept cars, and customs, all in the \$200,000 range. Also there was a big open area where Corvettes and some other Chevy cars were being driven fast by Bondurant instructors. You could ride with them, plus you could also drive. It was cool. I would think the Corvettes would need new tires every few hours with the amount of rubber they were burning. We had been there several hours, so we stopped for some NY Pizza and a Pepsi; you know looking at cars builds an appetite.

Next we walked right into the parade of cars going into the big auction tent - all sorts of cars, big, little,

Observations at Barrett-Jackson

soup to nuts. They were being driven and pushed, three across, by the Barrett-Jackson personnel into the spotlight of the auction block.



Beautiful 1957 Thunderbird - sold for almost \$40,000

We saw some other open tents filled with cars, so we walked over and took look. These cars were being auctioned the next day. There were some really nice restorations of classics, some odd rare cars, and nice muscle cars. There were some cars that looked like they were not restored or cleaned, so you had a bunch of choices. We talked to a guy from Canada that bought a nice Lincoln convertible. It was a big

car and he was a big guy. He said he was now looking to buy a car for his wife. He bought the car before it went to auction, which I guess you can do. Not sure about the commissions, but on auction, I think it's 8% for the seller and 10% for the buyer, that goes to Barrett-Jackson.



Nice red Lincoln

Next we went over to the big enclosed auction tent which was really exciting. We saw some of the cars auctioned that we had seen earlier. A nice white 91 zr1 (700 miles) sold for \$40,000. The room was filled with electricity as bidders vied for that special car.

Observations at Barrett-Jackson



Nice Black & Red Hot Rod

The auctioneers add to the excitement by shouting out the amounts of the bids, plus they show the cars and current bids on jumbo screens on the back of the auction ramp. We watched several more cars being auctioned and decided to head home. We had spent about five hours, and Mike had had enough.

If you have never experienced Barrett-Jackson, I highly recommend going. You will see some fascinating cars in all shapes, sizes and ages.

Overall, it was a great experience, and my thanks to SCC for obtaining the tickets.

Michael Bulfer

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Bugattis on display - front and rear views



Observations at Barrett-Jackson



This 1957 BMC Isetta 300 Convertible sold for \$40,000. Michael wasn't kidding when he said the cars came in big and small sizes!



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***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 MARCH DINNER***

MORE VIEWS OF THE AUCTION INVENTORY OF CORVETTES (AND A FEW OTHER UNMENTIONABLE VEHICLES) AT THE 2011 BARRETT-JACKSON

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES



Grand Sport with LS9 Zoom



C2 with 427 Big Block



C2 Styling on a C6 Vette



Rollie, Mike & Steve taking in the sights



Mike sitting in a Cadillac CTS-V Coupe



Nice red interior in a C1



Bright red C2



1960 Vette with Chopper

Bondurant Vette on the fast track at
Barrett-Jackson - upper right

Cool hot rod - lower right



WANNA RACE?

That would be Michael Bulfer's question to you. He's found the track at Firebird Lake and the ProAutoSports - American Speed Association's track events. He's taking his Corvette out every month and taking it around the track. The next event is March 11-12. Mark your calendars and go watch Michael race his Vette! Or better yet, take your Vette out and get the thrill of taking it around the track yourself!

Go to <http://www.proautosports.com/> to check out the schedule for 2011 and get other information.



DON'T FORGET THE MEMBER'S DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS!

BEN WALKER WON \$25 AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING! YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE \$25 CASH PRIZE AT THE MARCH MEETING!



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

AARON'S HOT ROD AUTOMOBILE!

SCC Member Aaron Berkowitz emailed me some photos one day, saying "This is our other car - a 1934 Plymouth - I thought you might get a kick out of it." Well, you know your editor by now: I thought YOU all might get a kick out of seeing Aaron's "other car."



Aaron says this rod has a Mustang ii front end, a 327 small block engine that was used as the Corvette engine in the 60's. It has a 2-speed auto- matic and a GM rear end. Disk brakes up front and drums in the back. 14-inch wheels in front and 15-inch in rear. No heater, no power steering, no power brakes and no radio, but it corners tighter than a Corvette and stops quicker too. Turn the page to see a couple more photos.

Aaron's Hot Rod Automobile



ATTENTION ALL SCC MEMBERS!

WEAR YOUR SCC NAME BADGES!

We have quite a few new members, and several of them have requested that we all wear our Club name badges when we are together. It makes it so much easier for everyone to get acquainted and remember names.

MICHAEL'S AT THE RACES AGAIN!

Michael Bulfer had another day at the races on Friday, February 18. If you would like to see Michael's car on the race track at Firebird Lake, there are two photographs available on the website. Here are the links to two photos of Michael tearing around the track:

web.me.com/tomandlizsanders/sandersracephotos/February_118_20_2011_A.html#26

and

web.me.com/tomandlizsanders/sandersracephotos/February_118_20_2011_A.html#27

If you click on these links, the photos of Michael's car will come up.





**TOUR OF THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE MUSEUM
FALCON FIELD, MESA, ARIZONA
February 19, 2011**

**Story by Aaron Berkowitz
Photos by Mark Bales & Dorinne Dobson**





The museum is a non-profit organization, dedicated to restoring and flying as many World War II aircraft as possible, covering the years 1939-1945. They are now displaying some jets and helicopters. We old guys still want a propeller upfront.

The Arizona Wing of the CAF is one of the largest, if not the largest, and most active Wings of the CAF. There are Wings in foreign countries, too. It all started in Harlingen, Texas, with one P-51 Mustang fighter plane. The 'star' of the Arizona Wing is the B-17 bomber, "Sentimental Journey", with 1940's movie star Betty Grable, a top 'pin-up' girl during the war. Her famous pose is painted on the nose.



Arizona Wing of CAF

At the time the plane was acquired, it was a borate bomber, used to fight forest fires for many years. It took quite a few years to get it in the fine condition that you saw on the tour. Because I am one of many sponsors, I have had the privilege of piloting it from the left seat on two occasions en route to air shows. It is a joy to pilot. The controls are cables to the rudder, elevators and the wing controls. If you are not using the auto pilot, your arm muscles can get very tired. It is noisy and cold at high altitude. Those 1,000 HP engines use a lot of oil, too. Each oil tank holds 35 gallons.

There are many interesting displays to be seen. The maintenance hanger is working to restore a Russian MIG-17 from the Korean War.

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Chuck examining motor



Mike and the MIG



Mike and Ben with helicopter

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The bomb bay in the B-17



Mustang with bi-plane hanging from ceiling



Richard Taylor, side gunner



Aaron and Jackie



Bob and Manny



Sandi, Connie and Kathy



Mini Plane - watch for this later....



From Aaron's Garage



Group



Christine in the little airplane

Everyone seemed to enjoy touring the B-17 and seeing all the historic artifacts. If any of you who missed the tour and are interested, we can get a few, two or more, as an unofficial club tour. I will be happy to lead it and act as the docent. Without the big group, the price is \$9.00 per person.

If anyone would like more information about the CAF, I will be happy to answer questions and if I don't know the answer, I will get it for you. As one of the original members who started the Arizona Wing, I am very proud of what has been accomplished here over the years.

Aaron Berkowitz

A Few Scenes from the Parking Lot



Mark and Steve



Jean, Herb (Dawn's Parents) and Dawn



Jackie and Christine



Chuck, Walter, Hugh and Bob



Lonnie and son-in-law Tim



Richard and JoAnn

And Now to Lunch - at Anzio Landing





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MAY EVENT **Bryce Canyon and Las Vegas**

SAVE THE DATE! A four-day weekend - May 19-22nd - Trip to Bryce Canyon, Utah and Las Vegas.

Watch your email for more information from Walter on this exciting trip!



BOOK REVIEW

By Dorinne Dobson

Lunch in Paris
A Love Story, with Recipes
By Elizabeth Bard

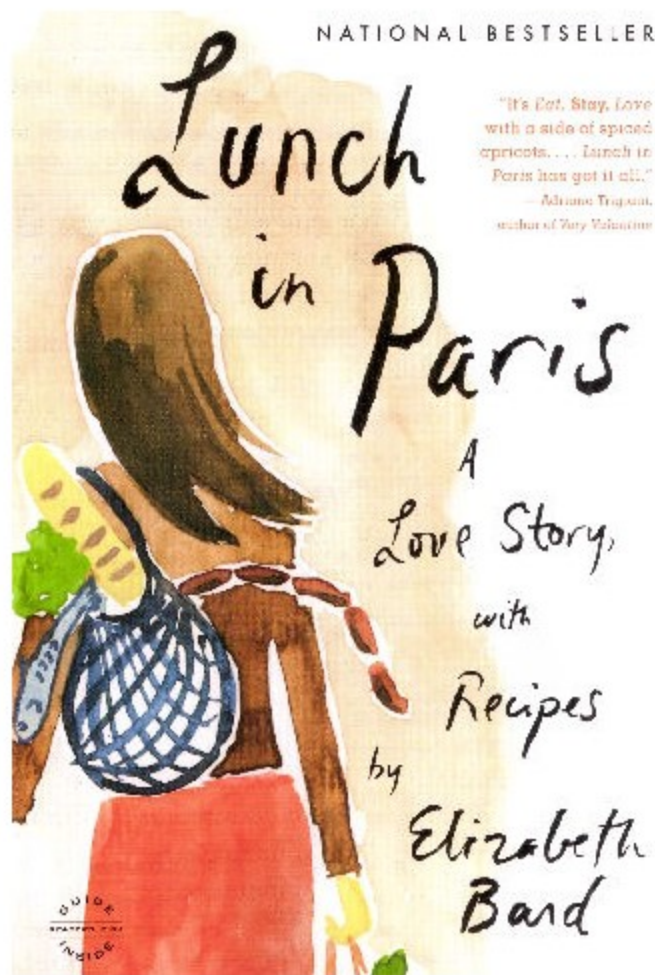
Here's book I loved! I know this column is more for the gals than the guys, and this book is definitely a "chick's" delight. Ladies, if you like to cook and you love Paris, then this is the book for you!

This is a memoir by an American expatriot who falls in love with Paris, then falls in love with a Frenchman, and her adventures in learning the language and how to navigate her way through French recipes and the French markets. There are two or three recipes at the end of each chapter, and they all sound interesting and down-to-earth. I'm planning to make some of them myself, such as "Better than French" Onion Soup, Gwendal's Quick & Dirty Chocolate Souffle Cake, and Summer Ratatouille.

When Elizabeth and Gwendal finally decide to marry (she has a hard time making up her mind whether she should really live her dream and spend the rest of her life in France), the meeting of the two sets of parents - one French and one American - makes up one of the funniest parts of the book.

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I found this story charming and the book hard to put down. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.



EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

April 3

Arizona Competition Corvettes
Three Low-Speed Autocrosses
Tempe Diablo Stadium Parking Lot
Contact Paul Hamersly LT4CE@YAHOO.COM
Check website for more info: AZCOMPVETTES.ORG

April 23

Thunder Vette Set
Low Speed Autocross
Sierra Vista Airport
Contact Nicholas Farkas at farkas@cox.net

May 27-30

Tucson Corvette Club
Super Bash 2011
Check the link for details: http://www.tucsoncorvetteclub.com/Superbash_2011.html



WORDS FROM THE GOV

By Chuck Weschler

The Roadrunner Region's Governors' meeting was held at Chapman Chevrolet in conjunction with their annual Chevy Car Show. It was an interesting event with over 75 cars registered and at least 60% of them Corvettes. Eight clubs were represented. Since many of the other clubs in our Region are involved in racing and car shows, much time was devoted to discussing competition events and awarding points for the same. It was mentioned that the NCCC was concerned about declining membership and escalating expenses. It seems that demographically Corvette owners are not getting any younger, and the younger generation is more interested in a Honda Civic than a \$50,000 Corvette. There were rumors about combining regions to cut down on the number of regional executives thus saving some reimbursed travel expenses.

One topic covered was whether or not NCCC members would be interested in being able to buy patches or decals with NCCC club logos, etc. If there is any interest from the membership, then they will pursue this in more detail.

After the meeting we had a chance to view the great display of Chevy's from past memories.



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:

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