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Coming Events, February 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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New Cruisers

Brian and Jana Hester and their 2006 Black-on-Black-on-Black Convertible

Bob Murosky and his 2003 Silver Z06

Joel and Maria Patterson and their 2007 Monterey Red Coupe

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

*See pictures of the Hesters' and Bob Murosky's cars on page 10. The Pattersons' car will be pictured in the next issue.

SCC Birthdays!



March

Mike Cassel - 4th
Dorothy Durby - 6th
Gary Gash - 16th
Bob Findsen - 21st

April

Ann Hollander - 3rd
Chuck Weschler - 4th
Gerry Goepfert - 13th
Janet Goepfert - 19th
Carol Brandwein - 20th
Jane Runyon - 24th
Sandi Weschler - 30th



Coming Events!

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March 14th - Club Dinner Meeting

March 16th-18th - The Follies, Palm Springs

March 21st - Vette Vixens Dinner

March 28th - Board Meeting

March 31st - Ethnic Epicurean Dinner at Tawook
Mediterranean Cuisine in Scottsdale

April 11th - Club Dinner Meeting

April 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner

April 21st - Colossal Cavern, Tucson

April 25th - Board Meeting

May 9th - Club Dinner Meeting

May 16th - Vette Vixens Dinner

May 18th - 20th - Trip to Grand Canyon and Sedona

May 23rd - 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.



From the Driver's Seat...

John Runyon

Hard to believe how time flies! Just seems like a few weeks ago that I was writing the

last newsletter article. Well, a lot has happened in the past two months. As previously discussed, we were going to try some new things and see what the results were. From the membership feedback so far, it appears that we may be on a good course.

Let's recap what has happened and what's in store in the immediate future for your enjoyment. First, we had a slight change to the general membership meeting format which seemed to go without hitch and the comments from the membership were positive. Thanks to Dorothy Durby and her work with the staff at Jilly's, we had a relatively smooth meeting environment where our members were able to have more time for socializing and our speakers had the attention of the audience. Thanks to all who attended and helped in making this transition.

Next, as was previously mentioned, each issue of the bi-monthly Newsletter would focus on a particular subject that the SCC wanted to highlight and accompanying that would be a human interest article for everyone's enjoyment. There's something intriguing

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about learning personal items about someone who you know but in reality don't know that well. Dorinne's first attempt at this with the interview of Chuck Mullins and emphasis on the subsequent February membership meeting at Van's hit a home run. The article providing insight on Chuck's personal life, his career and the evolution of Van's was very interesting. Coupling that with the February meeting being held at the showroom, really was great. Plus, we had over 50 members attend which was a terrific turnout in support of our sponsor!

Judging from the numerous positive comments that I received about having the SCC sponsored membership meeting and the chance to meet and chat with Chuck and his staff in such an informal forum, maybe we should make this an annual event. Everyone appeared to enjoy the environment and the refreshments were outstanding. Many thanks again to Kathy Bales and Dawn Siprut for organizing the event for us. Further, it's nice to see members get involved in helping to organize our activities, which is a nice prelude to our Newsletter



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emphasis this issue.

It takes an awful lot of time and energy to organize the Activity Calendar for the SCC every year. We trust that the membership appreciates the effort that Walter and the Board expends to provide a variety of activities that we believe will appeal to the majority, allow us to socialize and stress our objective of having fun. With those important goals to achieve, we are fortunate to have someone of Walter's organizational skills, enthusiasm, energy and dedication to details handling our activities. Next time you see Walter be sure to extend a word of **thanks** for all that he does.

Further, let me touch upon getting involved with Club activities. This is an excellent way to meet fellow Club members and have a say on what you would like the Club to be doing in the future. I know from personal experience that Jane and I have enjoyed the Club much more because of getting involved. Your personal involvement is encouraged and I sincerely believe that if you try it, you'll like it!



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Finally, on the activity front, we have a new extra-curricular one added to our Calendar. It's the tongue twister that's guaranteed to tongue tie Walter every time he tries to say it. Our first, "Ethnic Epicurean Experience" on March 31st at the Tawook Middle Eastern Restaurant should really be a lot of fun, especially since Walter has organized the belly dancing for our enjoyment! Again, the purpose of the extra events is to provide additional opportunities to socialize with your fellow members in an informal setting. Hopefully, we'll see you there.

In closing, I look forward to serving your interests and if you have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along.

See you soon!

John

New Cruisers and Their Cars



Brian and Jana Hester and their 2006 Convertible



Bob Murosky and his 2003 Z06



John Parker emailed us on March 4th to say that Norma is home from the hospital. She has some short-term memory loss, but her long-term memory seems to be pretty good.

She will have a full-time care giver during the day until she finishes with her therapy. John did not know when therapy was going to start at that point, but he anticipates she will have therapy three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 3:00. If you would like to send a card to Norma, wishing her a speedy recovery, I'm sure she would love to hear from you.





Editor's Corner

The aim of the March-April Newsletter is to put the spotlight on Walter Juessen, our talented and astute Activities Director, and to whet your appetites for all the exciting and interesting activities he has planned for SCC for 2007. By the time you read this, we will already have discovered the secret of the Mystery Trip in January and enjoyed our fine dining experience at Roy's at the Scottsdale Seville with desserts at Walter and Michele's for the February progressive dinner. But these two events are just the beginning of all the fun we can anticipate this year.

Look for the previews of upcoming events during the year that are interspersed throughout this Newsletter.

You will be pleased to see in this issue contributions from several of our members. Dick Gutherless not only wrote a great article on his flight in a World War II B-17, but he included pictures as well. Several people at the February meeting at Van Chevrolet mentioned the Memory Lane column, and when I said I had had no responses except for Lloyd Benner's excellent tale in the last issue, they said they would write up something for me. What a pleasure it was to receive Gerry Goepfert's interesting memory, and Dick Gutherless again came through with a story about the first trip down the Coronado Trail and some pictures of that trip! We also received a nice piece from Mary Turley. Many of

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you do not know Mary and Terry Turley, but they are charter members of SCC back when we were a very small club. You car guys should all enjoy Mark Bales' article on some of the features proposed for future Corvettes. Sue Kulczycki came through with a nice article on the Mystery Trip. Last, but not least, Jim Dobson's tech article came about after a visit to one his clients to do some accounting work. You never know where you will find inspiration for an article for the Newsletter. I hope you will all keep your eyes and ears open, and remember to write an article about things of interest to all us Corvette lovers!

Though I promised last issue to make this month's Newsletter less voluminous, you will note that I have failed in this endeavor. I guess my promise to you should be that so long as there is interesting stuff to report and depict, I will do my best to bring it all to you.

Dorinne



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PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS MARCH 2007

Walter has done a lot of hard work in planning this trip! By the time you receive this newsletter, reservations will already be closed for this trip. Here's what you're missing out on:



Two nights at the Comfort Inn in the heart of downtown Palm Springs (room rate \$109, regularly \$169), including a deluxe continental breakfast. Dinner on Friday night will be at Le Vallauris, within walking distance of the hotel, where we will dine on Mediterranean California French cuisine in a restored historical landmark. Visit www.lavallauris.com to see menus and information including pictures of the restaurant.

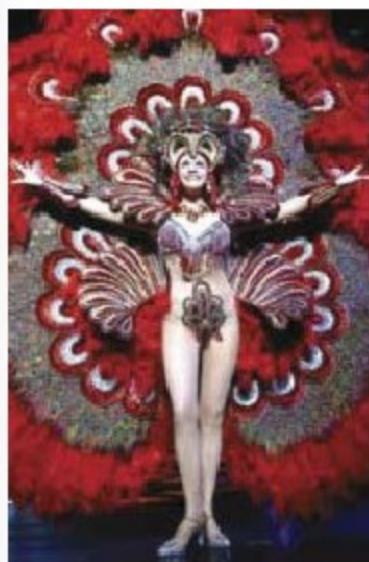


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On Saturday everyone is free to do their own thing, whether you want to stroll around downtown Palm Springs, drive to Cabazon to the factory outlets, take the tram to the top of the mountain just west of Palm Springs, visit the Spa Casino in downtown Palm Springs, or veg out at the hotel. Saturday evening we will have an early dinner, on our own, in order to be at the Palm Springs Follies by 6:40 p.m., twenty minutes before the curtain rises. The Follies is within walking distance of the hotel. Due to Walter's excellent negotiating abilities, we are getting our Follies' tickets for \$45 each (regularly \$75)!

Sunday we will return to the Valley on our own, so we can sleep in and leave late, or rise early and take off for home.



AN INTERVIEW WITH WALTER AND MICHELE JUESSEN

On Wednesday evening, February 7th, Jim and I went to Walter and Michele Juessen's home. It was a balmy winter day in Phoenix, and we sat comfortably on the Juessens' patio, asking questions of Walter and Michele for this article.

As most of you know, Walter and Michele are an international couple - Walter was born and grew up in Romania and Hungary, which were socialist states in Eastern Europe, and Michele was born and raised in Switzerland. Walter was in hotel management and traveled extensively throughout the world, when he met Michele and her family in Switzerland. Walter went to work in Michele's family's sporting goods busi-



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ness, and Michele's father jokingly said Walter had gone "from hotel executive to shoe salesman." He and Michele have been married for thirty-two years.

In the 1970's while the Cold War was still going on, Walter's mother became interested in investing in other countries so that the family would have a place to live if the need arose. In 1979 as they were traveling from Hong Kong to Mexico, they decided to stop in Las Vegas for a short visit. They stayed for two weeks, and loved the weather and the small town atmosphere of Las Vegas at that time. They came back a few months later and bought a home, where they lived four or five months a year. Walter's brother lived in Scottsdale, and they visited him often, and Michele and Walter came to live in Scottsdale in 1988 and divided their time between Gstaad,



An Interview with Walter and Michele



Switzerland, and Scottsdale, while running the business in Gstaad. In 1995 they decided that ultimately they wanted to live full time in the U.S., and began to explore ways

to divest themselves of their business in Gstaad with a view to retirement in Scottsdale. At the present time, they are in the final stages of achieving this goal.

I asked Walter how he found out about the Scottsdale Corvette Club, and he said he saw something in the newspaper about the Club and the meetings were at the Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch, which was just around the corner from his home. He and Michele had been looking for a social organization, came to a meeting, and found that they hit it off with the group. Walter is in his second year as Activities Director of the Club, and is enthusiastic about the planning and implementation of events and activities for the Club members.

When asked whether they had explored Arizona before becoming involved with SCC, Walter said they had not to any great extent. He has gone rafting down the Colorado River three times (Michele declined to participate) and loved the experience.

As far as hobbies and other personal interests, Walter says he likes to work around the house, bicycle, watch basketball and other sports, travel, and work on the computer. Right now he is preoccupied with getting his business settled in Switzerland. Michele loves to do old fashioned knitting, crocheting and sewing, and especially likes to alter clothing.

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Walter and Michele owned a Corvette in the 1980's when they lived in Las Vegas. They bought their 2002 white convertible "for the fun of it." Walter says he would like a new one, but he is waiting for the really fast one, the 2008 Z06. The only hitch is he wants a convertible Z06!



An Interview with Walter and Michele

Walter loves Formula One Racing and attended the first Formula One Race in Las Vegas, back when they were held in the parking lot at Caesar's Palace.

When we asked him if he had thought of trading his two-wheeled pedal bike for a Harley, Walter said he was not seriously thinking of doing so.

Walter is very dedicated to his job as Activities Director. He has organized his files and has already done extensive work on planning the activities for 2007. Throughout this newsletter you will find more details and highlights on all the regularly scheduled events on the calendar for this year.

Dorinne Dobson



Click on Walter to See the Power Behind the Man!

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And you wondered why Walter has such a clean car?



Michele Relaxing

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MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

On March 31st we can all treat ourselves to a unique dining experience with SCC's first impromptu outing. We'll be going to Tawook Mediterranean Cuisine in Scottsdale. Howard Seftel reviewed this restaurant in November in *The Arizona Republic*. You can read all about it, as well as look at the menu, at www.tawook.com. The prices are moderate, and according to Mr. Seftel, the food is very good. The entertainment should be interesting as well, as Walter has promised belly dancers will be performing that evening.

Let's have a really good turn-out for this interesting first time event.



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CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND WEB SITES

By Jim Dobson

Well, I am still working on and waiting to get the technical updates that I discussed last issue. I have not given up and will keep working on it until it happens.

One of our members, Robert Avondo, had an experience with his rear differential that was interesting. He was getting a clanking in the rear end at low speeds. His first complaint was greeted with the response "that's normal." On his second visit with a different service writer, he was asked if he had time to wait while they corrected the problem. The problem written on the service order was "c/s hearing a loud grinding/clanking at times 'Mooing' noises from rear of vehicle when making slow sharper turns."

The repair required was changing the rear differential lubricant and adding an oil additive. In reviewing this I found that the Corvette uses both limited slip technology as well as positraction. The limited slip is active in the active handling mode whereas the positraction engages when slip is detected at one of the rear wheels.

This problem was quite prevalent with early model Corvettes. I had not seen or heard of this since the C-3 models. However, the fix is still the same as it was back then.

Corvette Technical Information and Web Sites

I am including some pictures and a quiz in this issue. The first person to answer the questions will be honored with an undisclosed prize. Good luck to all.

Beginning on the next page are some pictures that you should be able to identify. Some of you may find these interesting as I did. There are some interesting features in these pictures when you take a minute to study them. Click on picture #3 to get help in identification. The first one to get all of the pictures identified correctly will get special recognition. We will also recognize all others who enter.

Email your answers to me not later than April 6th: Jim Dobson gjd007@cox.net.

Answers

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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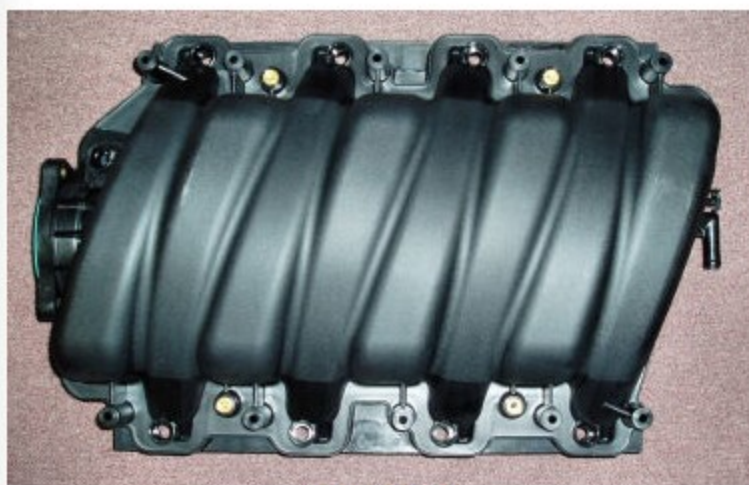
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Interesting Web Sites

Corvette Action Center <http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/>
 Corvette site listing <http://www.netcorvettes.com/>
 Corvette Forums <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/zeromain>
 Detailing hints <http://autopia.org/>
 Corvette Information <http://www.digitalcorvettes.com/>
 Local Car shows and events <http://www.stillruns.com/index.php>
 Corvette Museum <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/>
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 Discount Tire Company <http://www.discounttire.com/dtcs/home.do>



MYSTERY TRIP

Saturday, January 20th

By Sue Kulczycki



On an unusual Arizona Saturday morning (cold and rainy), eight SCC cars met for our outing of the month...a "mystery" ride and Poker Run. Walter Juessen and John Runyon teamed up in the lead car, as Michele and Jane were both out of the country! We first headed East on Shea out to Fountain Hills where we made a stop in the park near the Fountain. We then headed south on the Beeline Highway through Mesa, and then West through South Phoenix, still not knowing where we were really heading. Along the way, we decided Michele has a much nicer navigating voice than John does (just kidding, John)!



Off to a rainy start

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After 45 minutes of heading south, west, and going down some back streets, we finally found out why this was called a "Mystery" tour!



We were at a home in the South Phoenix area backing up to South Mountain called the "Mystery Castle." Some of our SCC members visited this site on a previous ride several years ago, but there were a number of us on this trip that had not been on that prior outing.

Tours are offered most days so you can learn the history of the "Mystery Castle." In 1929 a man named Boyce Gulley from the Northwest learned he had TB, and did not have long to live. He did

Mystery Trip

not want to experience a long illness with his family, so he decided to leave his wife and toddler daughter and move to Phoenix. He purchased a mining claim of 80 acres, and started building a home made of natural materials and abandoned items. He was into "recycling" long before it was fashionable! He lived many years, adding many rooms on to this house, always with odd items. His daughter and wife came to the house years later, in 1945, and his daughter still lives there. It is quite an interesting story, and has been written about in numerous magazine articles. We found the house to be quite cold on such a dismal day, though it had many fireplaces that were not lit while we were there.



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The Mystery Castle Witch



All the Modern Conveniences in the Kitchen



The Patio



A View of Downtown Phoenix through a Portal



Mother-in-Law Stairs



Mother-in-Law Sign

After our tour, we headed south on I-10 and went to the Sivlik Grill at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass resort. It was on the golf course, and had beautiful mountain views. We had a very nice lunch at the Grill, and then we all headed home on our own. It turned out to be a VERY nice way to spend a dreary January day with good friends! Many thanks again to Walter for this enjoyable trip!



Vettes in Castle Parking Lot



The Group (click on picture to enlarge)

Editor's Note: The Poker Run was won by John and Walter - John with the high hand and Walter with the low hand - both in the same car! Thanks to Mark and Kathy Bales for running the poker game and to Mark for taking all the pictures of this event!



Ready for Poker



**Mystery
Solved!**

February Membership Meeting at Van Chevrolet

I think we'd all have to agree that our February membership meeting was a "whopping success"! Sixty people (yes, I said "sixty") gathered in the conference room in the new sales building at Van Chevrolet about 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, February 13th. Most of the people we deal with at Van were there - Chuck Mullins, the general manager, Rick Webb, the service manager, Steve Nichols and his wife, Betty, and Shawn McEniery, the service writ-



Click on picture to get a little closer view

February Meeting at Van

ers, Bruce Novak, one of the long-time skilled technicians at Van that we don't see but who works on our cars, Jack Macrino and Bob Ostapovich, salesmen specializing in Corvettes, Trina McEniery, Chuck's assistant, and Annette Latall who handles the inventory for the dealership. In addition, we had seven prospective members (not counting Bob Ostapovich mentioned above) in attendance.



Steve and Betty



Sean and Trina



Trina and Annette

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We had a delicious Italian dinner catered by Pasta Pomodoro, as well as wine, beer, sodas and bottled water - all furnished by the Club. And a birthday cake (decorated with two racing Corvettes) in honor of Chuck Mullins' birthday on February 10th and Jim Dobson's birthday that night (the 13th).

One of the highlights of the short business meeting was Mark Bales' technical presentation on some of the features of the 2008 Corvette, with a couple of added comments by Jack Macrino from Van. Chuck Mullins then spoke to the group and fielded some questions from the floor.



Steve Bidwell & Jack Macrino



Steve Nichols Wins the Raffle!

February Meeting at Van

Thanks to Kathy Bales and Dawn Siprut for arranging with the caterers and handling all the details of the dinner. Thanks also to Walter Juessen for procuring and setting up the beverages - sans corkscrew! There were a few anxious minutes while we searched out a corkscrew for the wine.



Dawn, Jane, Kathy and Michele



Judi and Kathy



**ANYONE NOT
DRIVING A VETTE**



**SHOULD NOT
BE DRIVING**



Ann and Steve

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All in all, it was a great meeting, and a great opportunity for everyone to chat with friends and get better acquainted with our friends and sponsors from Van Chevrolet.

Dorinne Dobson



John and Walter

What's New For Corvette? 2008 and Beyond

by Mark Bales

By now you have probably read about the two special edition 2007 Corvettes. The Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06, and the Special Edition Indy Pace Car, will be available this spring. Both are cosmetic only, with no performance upgrades. Production will be limited to 500 Pace Cars, and 300 Ron Fellows Z06s. Some of both will be destined for Europe. But wait... There's more!

General Motors plans to release information on the 2008 Corvette during the National Corvette Museum's annual C5/C6 Bash, April 26th - 28th. However, the wonders of the Internet have provided us a sneak peak. Here's what (we think!) we know:

The Coupe, Convertible and Z06 will have two new interior choices, Sienna Custom Leather Wrap and Linen Custom Leather Wrap.

There will be two new exterior colors. The names may change, but right now they are code 85U, Bluestream, and code 89U, Crystal (Claret?). Cancelled after 2007 are Monterey Red and LeMans Blue. Actually, I read that these colors may be cancelled before the end of the 2007 model run.



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The QX3 chrome wheels may not be available on the Coupe and Convertible, but Q76, the Z06 chrome wheel appears to remain. The Coupe and Convertible may get QG6 as the Split Spoke standard wheel, optional QX1 Split Spoke Competition Grey, and optional QG7 Forged Polished. There is some speculation the new Split Wheel will first appear on the Special Edition Indy Pace Car, this spring.



The 4LT package will be added to the Coupe and Convertible, but no info on what it is. The Z06 picks up a new 3LZ, but again no content known. In addition, the automatic may get GU2 as a 2.73 performance axle.

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS APRIL 2007



On Saturday, April 21, Walter has planned a spectacular trip to Tucson to visit the Colossal Cave Mountain Park, where we will be treated to a 45-minute tour of the cave and the park. Lunch is planned at El Charro Café, which was established in 1922 and is the Nation's oldest Mexican restaurant under continuous operation by the same family.



You can check out the restaurant by going to www.elcharrocafe.com, and learn some of the history of the restaurant and see a menu and other details about the restaurant. Also Walter has incorporated an eight-mile drive down the the Cactus Forest Drive in the Saguaro National Park, which is part of the Old Spanish Trail, as part of our day in Tucson. You can find out more about the Colossal Cave Park, and even take a virtual tour, by going to www.colossalcave.com.

This promises to be a fun and interesting day going to places many of us have not yet visited.

What's New for Corvette?

The big news is that the 6.2L LS3 engine is a go for 2008! Rumors and speculation run rampant on the forums. Anywhere from a 5 hp increase (ala, the LS1 change in the C5) to 25 hp, but 35 if the Z51 performance package is ordered. Chevy has a 6.2L "displacement on demand" V-8 in its truck lineup, but it is doubtful Corvette would receive this technology. Hey, it's a sports car!

Another rumor floating around, and I would treat this as a rumor only, is that the Z51 performance package would become, almost, a new model positioned between the base C6 and the Z06. Along with the usual Z51 goodies, the exhausts would be replaced by the Z06 units. This and other changes would kick the horsepower above the base car. A 2% increase over the base car ain't much of a kick, so I wouldn't hold my breath on this one. Interesting speculation.

Other BIG NEWS is the time-line for the introduction of the next generation C7 Corvette. Supposedly, the C7 will begin production in the summer of 2010, as a 2011 model. If true, it should pop up at the Detroit auto show in January of 2010. That also means spy photos should hit the internet the fall of 2009.

And finally, during the recent Chicago Auto Show, Bob Lutz confirmed there will be a Super Vette. It will be introduced in 2009. Although Mr. Lutz mentioned 600 hp, there is speculation the output may be 650 hp. This would top the new Viper's 600 hp. The price will likely be in the six figures. Looking back at mark-up on the Z06, expect to pay considerably more.

It's going to be an exciting couple years in the Corvette world. Stay tuned!



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On a beautiful Sunday evening in February, we met at Roy's at the Scottsdale Seville for the first three courses of our annual progressive dinner. Our private room was a little too confining to allow for mingling and kibitzing over our cocktails, as the huge table took up almost the entire room. So as we came into the room we all sat down at the table and the party progressed from there. New members,

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Jana and Brian Hester, joined us for their first outing with SCC.



Brian and Jana

Appetizers were served on huge platters scattered around the table - lobster potstickers, shrimp skewers and smoky, flavorful Szechuan style baby back ribs. We wasted no time in consuming these tidbits. Mark wandered around taking pictures. The



Dick, Sue and Manny

Progressive Dinner

salad was served - mixed greens with a delicious creamy herb dressing. We did some more chatting and sipping. We were offered a choice of four entrees - first out of the kitchen was the macadamia nut encrusted mahi mahi, then came the slow-braised charbroiled short ribs of beef, the Teppan Yaki seared shrimp, and finally the hibachi-style grilled Atlantic salmon.



Mark and Connie



Carol and Bob

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Christine and Steve



Michael and Alice



That Connie Really Gets Around!

Progressive Dinner



Lloyd



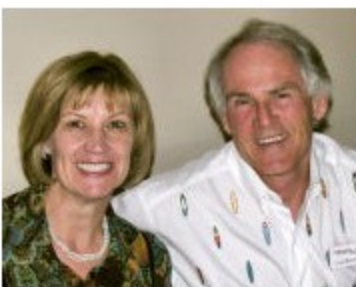
John and Jane



Sandi and Chuck



Walter



Jane and Lloyd



Jim and Dorinne

Progressive Dinner

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We didn't linger long after everyone had finished dinner. We all headed for Walter and Michele's to enjoy desserts and coffee. We had quite a variety



of wonderful desserts, but I think the star of them all was Jana's production of crème brulee (see photo at left). She brought her torch and cooked the sugar topping as she put them on the table - very impressive! We also had mini pecan tarts, tiramisu, key lime bars, lemon bars, brownies, fruit, cookies, and macaroons,

all of which were wonderful! Not to mention the dessert wines that Lloyd Benner brought for sampling - they were delicious!

The evening was balmy, and we sat outside on the Juessens' spacious patio. Another fun evening of good food and good friends!



Manny, Jana, Brian and Walter
Enjoying Dessert!

Thanks to Walter for arranging the dinner at Roy's and to Michele and Walter for opening their home to us all once again. We all wished Walter "bon voyage" as he was off to Switzerland the next day on a business trip.



Alice, Jane and Sandi



Dawn



Discussing World Problems?



Chuck

John

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS MAY 2007



May 18th-20th - Though the 2007 calendar lists this trip as a train trip from Williams to the Grand Canyon, due to the cost and reports from some who have taken the train ride, the decision was made to drive to the Grand Canyon. We'll have lunch in Williams on the way to the Canyon. We will be staying at the Maswik Lodge in Grand Canyon Village, where Walter has already reserved some rooms at \$129 per night. The Lodge is within walking distance of El Tovar, the historic hotel at the Canyon, where we will have dinner on Friday night.

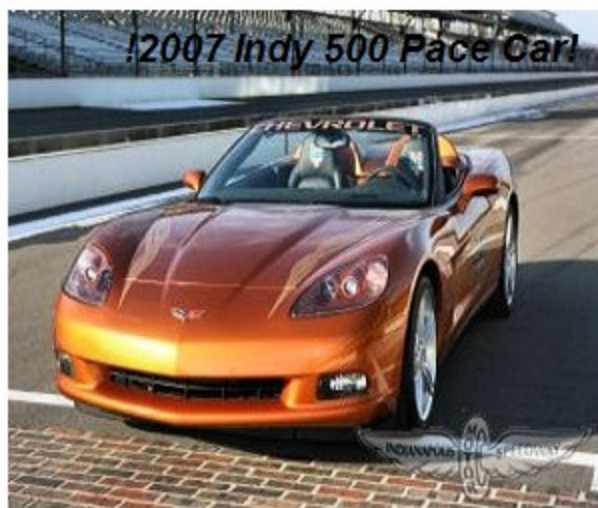


Preview of May 2007 Activity

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Saturday we will drive to outlook points on the Canyon, and then return through Oak Creek Canyon to spend Saturday night at the Arroyo Roble Resort on the banks of Oak Creek in Sedona. Room rates at the Arroyo Roble will be \$170 per night. We'll have dinner at the Café Bella Terra at the Shops at the Hyatt Pinon Pointe, again, within walking distance of the Resort. Sunday we can look around Sedona, shop, or return home at our leisure.





2007 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car Corvette Convertible in Atomic Orange. Production replicas based on the pace car will go on sale in the spring.



Click on the Vette to see the Seat Badging

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PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS JUNE AND JULY 2007

June 9th - Private Party at Jim and Dorinne Dobson's home in Wickenburg. We'll have a barbecue, beginning about 4:00 p.m., with the meat and drinks furnished by SCC and a pot luck for salads, sides and desserts.



July 15th-18th - We'll be driving to Ruidoso, New Mexico, which is in the mountains northeast of El Paso. It's a ski area, so it should be beautiful, green and cool in July. You can check out all the attractions in the area on www.ruidoso.com. Dick and Sue Kulczycki know the area and will be helping Walter with the best places to stay, eat and see while we're there. Here's a picture of Sierra Blanca Mountain near Ruidoso.





Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06

To: Chevrolet Corvette Dealers

From: The Corvette Marketing Team

Re: Introduction of the Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Champion Edition Z06

Date: February 2, 2007

Corvette enthusiasts in search of a unique ride will be excited by the introduction of the "Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Champion Edition Z06". Ron Fellows is a part of Chevrolet's racing heritage, and he has been instrumental in the remarkable success of the Corvette Racing team. This special signature-series Z06 model that bears Ron's name will forever link him to one of the greatest eras in factory racing, which has produced six consecutive ALMS GT1 Manufacturers Championships, and still counting.

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This special Corvette Z06 is the first signed special edition in Corvette's 54-year history. Only 399 vehicles will be built for worldwide distribution and all will be produced within a separate three week production run. Approximately 300 will be available in the United States.

The exclusive nature of this Special Edition (option code Z33) will dictate access to a limited number of Corvette dealerships. Z33 allocation is included within previously communicated March 2007 Z06 estimated shipments and will be displayed as a constraint during DOSP cycles beginning February 22, 2007. Z33 constraints not utilized by the originally assigned dealer will be made available to other dealers with Z06 allocation. Orders may be placed beginning next week.



Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06

Special content is as follows:

- Arctic White exterior paint
- Ebony w/Red accent seating
- 2LZ option package
- Q76 Chrome Wheels
- Z33 Package Exclusives
 - Red console / lower door & ip panels
 - Red leather armrest with crossed flags - individually signed and numbered by Ron Fellows
 - Tech pattern (carbon fibre appearance) center trim plate
 - Body colored door handles
 - Full Width body colored racing spoiler
 - Fender graphics
 - Windshield banner
 - Z33 authenticity certificate
 - Available options
 - U3U Navigation system
 - UE1 OnStar

MSRP of the Z33 package is \$2,020 with a total vehicle MSRP at \$77,500 exclusive of the U3U and/or UE1 additional options



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PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2007



August 18th and 19th - The trip up to Flagstaff will be through Payson and across to Flagstaff on the forest service roads. It will be a cool respite from the Valley's heat, and Walter will be planning some interesting things to do while we're there. More details to come!

September 16th-19th - What could be more perfect than a trip to the California coast in September? The trip to Santa Barbara, California, will be a four-day trip on Sunday, September 16th, returning home on Wednesday, September 19. Walter is working on the details now, so be looking for more information on this fun trip in the near future.



Scottsdale Corvette Club Charitable Efforts for 2007 By Manny Siprut

As most of you know, one of our SCC objectives is to "give back to the community" through our charitable efforts. In 2005, several members participated in the decorating of one of the apartment suites at the local Ronald McDonald House, which has a total of forty-five apartments. Since then our Corvette-themed suite has been one of their most popular apartments. These apartments are used by children and their parents at minimal expense to the parents while the child is being treated at the local hospital. At the time of our initial donation, we agreed to "maintain the apartment" going forward as it needs "refreshing." This year they needed new bedding (sheets/mattress covers/etc.) for the three beds in the unit. Those were donated to the R M House in February by our SCC at a cost of about \$250. (At the time of our recent donation, the apartment was occupied by a young boy and his family while he was undergoing a bone marrow transplant, and it is anticipated that they will be occupying the unit for seven months.)

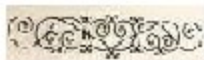
Another of our efforts is our annual "Toy Run" in December in conjunction with our club sponsor, Van Chevrolet. This has been a highly successful way to use our members' resources to help the children in our community.

Despite these efforts, there are a number of us in the club who believe that we can do even more for our community.

Charitable Endeavors

We have discussed this at several Board meetings and are now looking for additional input from our membership as to how our Club and its members can make further contributions to our community. Optimally, we think the ideal organization/project would be one that many of our members can be involved with so that it won't just be "writing a check," but an activity-driven effort so that it can also be another opportunity for our members to socialize with each other as well as others in the community.

So how about some ideas? One for example, might be a car show at a local VA Hospital or for a veterans group. We are convinced that together we will come up with some great ideas for 2007 and beyond. Please email them to mannysep@aol.com or bring your ideas to our next meeting.



Car Show at Julio G's

At Corvette Club of Arizona's car show at Julio G's in Scottsdale on Saturday, March 3rd, Mark Bales (our fabulous photographer) snapped a couple of pictures. One of Club member Mark Shaw's 1972 coupe which was entered in the show, and one of Club member Dick Kulczycki walking by and checking out the cars in the show. Click on the hood of Mark's Vette to get a better view of his credentials on the windshield.

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Mark Shaw's 1972 War Bonnet Yellow Stingray Coupe!



That's Dick Kulczycki Walking in Front of the Red Vette



Sentimental Journey

A Flight From The Past

By Dick Gutherless

For Christmas my wonderful bride, Linda, gave me a most amazing present - a gift certificate for a ride on the World War II B-17, *Sentimental Journey*, restored by the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative (formerly Confederate) Air Force.

On Sunday, January 7th, I took the ride. We had about an hour's briefing and then it was out to the tarmac at Falcon Field where the plane was waiting. We boarded very carefully as there is not much room. I was assigned the nose for takeoff where you had to crawl on hands and knees to enter. As we 6 passengers and 4 crew settled in, the engines turned slowly and then roared to life one by one until all 4 props were whirling. The sound was deafening, as the plane has no insulation. (They provide earplugs for the wimps, but I didn't use them!)

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We taxied and rolled down the runway. Linda was watching and thought it would never get off the ground, but at only 92mph it started to rise and we were airborne! What a thrill! I was a lad during WWII, but still have vivid memories of the B-17's and the B29's stationed at the local air base in Portland, Oregon, and after the war the B-17 they made into a gas station. (Which many years later contributed the top turret to *Sentimental Journey*.)



Dick - Ready for Adventure!

We slowly climbed out over the Oxbow Golf Course and down the lower Salt River. We rose to about 1500 feet and 120mph, the normal cruising speed (300 is the top rated speed). As we turned a sweeping left we were signaled (you couldn't be heard) to switch positions. I crawled back to the cockpit area and stood in the radioman's position behind the



In the Cockpit



Inside the B-17

pilot and co-pilot. We continued in a loop over Fountain Hills and then I moved to the rear of the plane, through the bomb bay. This was an exciting experience as the plane pitched from a bit of turbulence. You cross the bomb bay on a catwalk about 8 inches wide. There are chains along the side and a structural member in the middle to grab, but you couldn't help but remember the briefing warning that the bomb bay doors were designed to open at 100 pounds, so don't fall and don't worry about losing something. (I did - my cell phone holder, but not the phone!!)

We descended and soon were on the ground. Rolling what seemed like forever, but finally the hangar appeared through the window. We came to a stop and the pilots ran up the en-



A Flight from the Past

gines to unload the oil. We disembarked and got our land legs back, having once again cheated death!

The flight was about 25 minutes, which was plenty for me, as they are not passenger seats. I can't imagine the brave young souls who spent 8 hours on bombing missions back in the forties. Thanks to my wife, Linda, I had a childhood dream come true!

For more info on how you too can fly in a vintage warplane, the histories of the planes or just to visit the museum, go to www.arizonawingcafe.com.



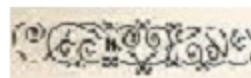
View from a B-17

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Back on the Ground



PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2007

October 13th - OktoberFest at Dick and Sue Kulczycki's home with brats, beer and fellowship. You won't want to miss this party! More details to come!



November 16th-18th - Trip to Tombstone-Bisbee area including a stop at the Kartchner Caverns. Walter will be working on the arrangements for this trip. So watch for more information to come!

December 2nd - Our annual Holiday Party at Grayhawk Golf Club!

December 8th - Our annual Toy Run to Van Chevrolet, with a private party to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!

Ladies: The third Wednesday of every month is Girls' Night Out for the Vette Vixens. Dorothy Durby will soon be emailing us all with the time and place for the March dinner. It's fun to get together with "just us girls," so plan to attend the next one on Wednesday, March 21st!



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

*Mark Bales
Jim Dobson
Gerry Goepfert
Dick Gutherless
Brian Hester*

*Sue Kulczycki
Bob Murosky
John Runyon
Manny Siprut
Mary Turley*

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

Here are some upcoming events in the Roadrunner Region. In light of the feedback received from members on the Professional AutoSports driving school offered on March 2nd and 3rd, I thought it would be appropriate to include the upcoming autocross events, as well as the car shows and rallies, in case the "graduates" want to hone their newly acquired driving skills. If you are interested in any of these events, Alice Pfeffer, our Governor, can email you the fliers and in some cases the registration sheets to go with them, or you can obtain more information from the contacts listed for each event.

March 10th

Xtreme Corvettes

"Corvettes for Arizona Kids Count"

People's Choice Car Show CANCELED but cars will be on display (see www.arizonakidscount.org)

Firebird Raceway, East Track 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Laurie "Tex" Schwab 602-808-9352

March 17th & 18th

Arizona Competition Corvettes

1st Annual "Big Boys & Their Toys" Corvette Autocross

Low Speed Autocross

West World, Scottsdale

Contact: Dale McKeeman 480-203-0613

April 1st

Type III Rallies

Verde Valley Vettes

Cottonwood, Arizona

Contact: Larry McCarty 928-634-5745

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April 14th & 15th

Thunder Vette Set

Low Speed Autocross

Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, Sierra Vista, AZ

Contact: Jack Williams 520-459-3475

April 21st

Tucson Corvette Club

Two Low Speed Autocrosses

SW International Raceway, Tucson

Contact: Jim Gray 520-296-8893

April 22nd

Corvette Club of Arizona

Low Speed Autocross

SW International Raceway, Tucson

Contact: Bruce Munday 480-820-5475





MEMORY LANE

REMEMBER WHEN....

*Down Memory Lane -
Better Yet - Up the Coronado Trail
By Dick Gutherless*

In 2003 the Club made its first excursion on the Coronado Trail. For the uninitiated, it is Highway 191 between Clifton and Alpine. In less than 100 miles you encounter 500 Corvette turns as you climb from 3500 feet to almost 9000 feet. No wonder it is called the "twistiest Highway in the US." It is also the least traveled road in at least Arizona.

We traveled to Safford on Friday and stayed overnight. I remember a great dinner feast at Brick's Steak House, a short

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drive from the motel. In the morning, all refreshed we started out on the short drive to Clifton and Morenci, home of the Phelps-Dodge open pit copper mine.



The Bumble Bee at Hannigan's Meadow





Then the fun began, and for Linda and me our most memorable SCC moment began. Somehow (by luck I guess) Linda and I ended up right behind the tour leaders, Chuck and Sandi Weschler. Chuck, I noticed was taking some optimal



lines through the corners, and I followed closely, although at times taking different lines. We never were more than 10 feet apart the entire way to Hannigan's Meadow.

Luckily we did not encounter any traffic to slow us down. A couple of times we got so far ahead of the following group we even lost radio contact and stopped for them to catch up. We never broke loose or even squealed the tires, just drove smooth and steady. It was a blast! Chuck is a great driver and leader - I'll follow him anytime. At lunch we found out that Chuck, like I, had road racing in our backgrounds.

The rest of the trip was great, but could never match the euphoria of the climb up the Coronado Trail. If you have never tried it - DO!



REMEMBER WHEN... By Gerry Goepfert

I'm sure it was planned to be a typical monthly club meeting at the Hyatt, hosted by our Club president Hugh. As the meeting progressed, Hugh graciously reviewed and introduced the various board members to speak. Afterwards, the traditional member birthday announcements followed by introducing some new guests who were planning on joining the Club. In particular, there was a young couple John and Carol. John stood and spoke briefly about his recently acquired black 1996 convertible given to him as a wed-

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ding gift by his wife Carol. At that point everyone applauded, John returned to his seat and we all were about to move on to the next subject. Well almost everyone, except for one young Club member who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask John a question about his Vette. As the room quieted, this young Club member asked a rather unique question which I'm sure was on the minds of many at the meeting. In a soft low-keyed voice, John was asked not about his Corvette, but to tell us "how did he find such a wonderful woman who could show her love in such a magnificent way?" Before John had a chance to answer, the young Club member insisted that he (John) take as much time as needed to tell us the whole story.

It didn't matter what John said at this point, laughter broke the silence and filled the room. It did turn out to be a beautiful story that everyone enjoyed. The moral to this memory is: it doesn't matter where we gather, we have fun, memories are there to take.



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REMEMBER WHEN... By Mary Turley

Early memories of The Scottsdale Corvette Club.....

If we go waaaaaaaaaaaaay back, it would have to be the twice monthly meetings at Sam's Cafe run by an extremely enthusiastic Jeff Thomas. No real meeting format but LOTS of handouts.

Then, in the summer of 1999, there was the time we came home to find a grocery bag filled with miscellaneous handouts and a note from Jeff saying he was on his way to San Diego to start a new business venture. That took us by surprise!

The next scheduled meeting was attended by a very small group of people, most of whom were willing to do what it took to keep the club going. Jim Dobson assumed the role of president, Scott McPherson became vice-president, Mary Turley was treasurer and in charge of membership, Terry Turley took on the job of organizing road trips and John Kretz was our communications director. And thus began the Scottsdale Corvette Club as we know it today.

Those are our earliest memories of the Club.

MEMBERS WITH NEW CARS



Dick and Sue and their 2007 Black Coupe



Mark and Kathy and their 2006 Yellow Convertible

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Dawn and Manny and their 2006 Z06

As a bonus, Mark Bales snapped a couple of pictures of the Sivruts' new Z06 and one of the Kulczyckis' new coupe at the Progressive Dinner. Here they are below and on the following page.



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Another View of the Sipruts' Z06



Dick and Sue's 2007 Coupe

Thanks, Mark, for more great pictures!



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