



NEWSLETTER  
May-June 2012

*Lon's Vette  
Takes  
A Hit in  
Spring  
Snowstorm  
at Mund's  
Park!*



May/June 2012 A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts 91 Members

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Pahrump and Las Vegas,  
NV, Pink Jeep Tour,  
Ethnic Dinner, Corvette  
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Remember When,  
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!



### May

Michael Lipsky - May 18  
Sue Loveridge - May 19  
Dick Kulczycki - May 25  
Christine Pallister - May 25  
JoAnn Taylor Rice - May 26  
Michele Juessen - May 30  
Maria Patterson - May 30  
Ken Barry - May 31

### June

Ken Hopkins - June 9  
Sue Kulczycki - June 13  
Joel Patterson - June 16  
Pamela Poplin - June 19  
Richard Taylor - June 28  
Norma Parker - June 30



## **Coming Events!**

May 9 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 May 16 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
 May 18-20 - Trip on Coronado Trail to Greer  
 May 23 - Board Meeting

June 13 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 June 16 - Trip to Jerome for Lunch  
 June 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
 June 27 - Board Meeting

July - **NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS**

August 8 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 August 15 - **NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER OR POKER NIGHT**  
 August 16-21 - Trip to Monterey, California  
 August 25 - Board Meeting

Sept. 12 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 Sept. 15 - Trip to Walnut Canyon National Monument  
 Sept. 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner/Men's Poker Night  
 Sept. 26 - Board Meeting  
 Sept. 29 - Private Party at Steve & Terry Patricola's Home (*This is a change from the Ethnic Epicurean Dinner formerly 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.



## ***Photos of New Members & Their Cars***



*Ken Barry and Sharon Quigley  
 and their two Vettes - a 1967 Maroon Convertible and  
 a 1967 Lyndale Blue Convertible*



## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

The past two months had a wide variety of Activities, and the next two months should be equally exciting.

In March, we had five cars travel to Death Valley/Spring Mountain Driving School and an overnight stay in Las Vegas. For those of you who missed our April General Meeting, Mike Cassel provided a hilarious verbal account of some of the more notable moments for this trip (see accompanying article to get the full story!!!). In late March, we also had 30 members attend the Special Dinner event at Au Petit Four in downtown Scottsdale. The food was French (but not the portions!), and a good time appeared to be had by all. In April, we had 16 members go to the Copperstate 1000 event at Tempe Diablo Stadium with a lunch afterwards at the Village Tavern. This event is not an official event of the Club, but one we encourage members to attend each year in support of our Club members who have been and who are still involved in coordinating this event. At our General Meeting in April, we had Gene Siefert,

President of the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Board of Directors and Nancy Roach, Executive Director speak to us about the history and current operations of the RMH here in Phoenix. As many of you know, the Club has sponsored a two-bedroom apartment in Phoenix since 2005 with many members donating their time, money and household items in decorating, furnishing and updating the apartment for those in need of a "home away from home" while they visit local hospitals for necessary medical care. This year we are replacing old carpeting in the apartment with new tile, and Gene and Nancy thanked the Club and its members for our ongoing support. And last but not least, on April 21, we had



Ken and Fran Harder



## From the Driver's Seat

11 cars drive to Sedona for a great lunch and Pink Jeep Tour up Schnebly Hill over rugged terrain best covered by their four-wheel-drive vehicles. We reached the top of the mountain at 6200 feet, and the views of Sedona and surrounding countryside were spectacular. See the accompanying article for some great photos and more details.

In May, Walter has a great trip planned to the Coronado Trail. You can choose to take a leisurely drive and enjoy the scenery OR challenge your driving skills and your Vette's performance with speed on the over 450 switchbacks on the Trail!!! Should be great fun and I'm sure there will be many stories and memories surrounding this event. And in June, Walter has us going to Jerome for lunch but the route will be via back roads filled with great scenery and other surprises.

Vette Vixens dinners have been well attended with different restaurants all over the Valley. Poker Night continues to be a fun event with now 2 tables required for each get together. Win or lose, it is a night with lots of laughs.

Our membership remains at 91 as we have had no additions or losses over the past two months. If you know someone who has a Vette and would like to

join our Club, please let Mark Bales or any Board member know or simply invite them to join us at our next General Meeting!

Lastly, I'd like to thank those of you who responded to our Annual Member Survey. We had 43 members respond (almost 50%), and we thank you for your comments and input. The Board has reviewed the results and will try to make improvements wherever possible. Please see a summary of the results in this Newsletter.

Thanks to the Board and Dorinne for all their hard work and remember.....we just want to have fun!

Ken







**WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 18-20, 2012? CAN YOU PICTURE YOURSELF DRIVING YOUR VETTE ON THE CURVY ROADS ON THE CORONADO TRAIL IN EASTERN ARIZONA, TAKING IN THE SCENERY AND ENJOYING THE FRESH SPRING MOUNTAIN AIR?**

**READ ABOUT THE CLUB'S TRIP ON THE CORONADO TRAIL IN MAY 2005 ON PAGE 115 OF THIS NEWSLETTER, AND THEN QUICK! SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR'S TRIP, BECAUSE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS UNIQUE DRIVING EXPERIENCE!**



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

**MANNY SIPROT WON \$50 AT THE APRIL MEETING. YOU MIGHT BE THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE \$25 PRIZE AT THE MAY MEETING! REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

## Editor's Corner

It's May and another issue of the Newsletter is due. What an issue it is! It must be the largest to

date! And the reason is that so many of you contributed ideas, photos, and articles. I just hope you are all able to download this behemoth on your computers!

I hope you can guess the answers to the little "Two Richards" quiz on page 75. If you can't, I guess you'll have to ask me, as the answer is not printed in this newsletter....

We have so many features this time that I had to give what I feel is rather short shrift to the coverage of the Copperstate 1000. Since this is not an official SCC event, and since the newsletter had gotten so large, I only published photos of Corvettes (with one exception because both Evelyn and Mark submitted photographs of the two T'birds). So the pictorial doesn't really give you a flavor of the show or the rally cars, which I do regret. As many of you know, SCC member Mark

Shaw heads up The Field of Dreams Cruise In car show for the event.

Also, having had requests for the recipe for the Jambalaya that Kathy Bales made for the Mardi Gras party at the Blooms' home in February, you will find the recipe on page 129. Thanks to Kathy for sharing the recipe with us all. If you have difficulty printing out the recipe, please let me know and I can email you a copy.

We hope you enjoy the "Remember When" feature starting on page 115. I would welcome suggestions or memories of Club happenings that any of you would care to share for this feature. If we can generate the necessary support (i.e., ideas, photos, memories from YOU), we would like to continue "Remember When" as a regular feature in future issues.

We hope you have a wonderful summer! Enjoy driving your Corvettes and remember to SAVE THE WAVE!

Dorinne





## CLUB MEMBERSHIP SURVEY SUMMARY

**By Manny Siprut**

The Board would like to again thank the members (43) who participated in our recent annual Club satisfaction survey. This is the third year that that our Club has hosted the survey and the ratings continues to reflect a high rate of satisfaction from our members. Below you will find a full summary of the ratings on the individual survey questions over the past three years. In addition many members provided additional comments to help guide the Board as it continues to develop content and activities. However, the majority of the comments communicated a message of "don't change what we are doing because it is working just fine." And the Board will keep that in mind!

You will note that the ratings on the "food" and "value" at our Monthly Dinner Meetings continue to be the lowest scoring items. Not that they scored poorly, just well below all other items. We all want "top notch food" but also want reasonable pricing. The Board will continue to work with the management staff at Gainey Ranch to reach higher levels of satisfaction. It is worth repeating that the Club has spent many years exploring and experimenting with various venues for our Dinner Meetings. And, to date, Gainey Ranch continues to be our most desirable choice, based on our criteria.

The Board has established 10 basic criteria it looks for in a monthly meeting venue:

1. Reasonably nice facility and amenities
2. Good parking where our members are comfortable with the safety of their cars
3. Central Scottsdale location
4. Private room without competing noise or distractions
5. Separate checks
6. Reasonable pricing
7. Reasonable quality of food
8. Satisfactory service from management and staff
9. Efficient ordering and payment processes
10. Facility must be able to accommodate varying guest attendance from 20 to 50 guests

In addition, to help reduce to the cost to members, currently at about \$18 per person, the Club provides a small subsidy for each attendee (paid directly to the facility).

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

**Survey Question 4:** Please provide examples of additional activities you would like to see the Club provide, and those you would prefer to see changed or eliminated.

**Answer 1:** I would like to be more active

**Answer 2:** I can't comment on food etc because haven't been able to attend

**Answer 3:** Multi day trips other than on weekends. Since most members are retired it would make sense to travel on days where crowds and traffic are lighter

## Club Member Survey Results

**Answer 4:** No problem with activities that club has.

**Answer 5:** Like the current mix but the house parties are really fun

**Answer 6:** Local day trips with dining and shopping. For example, drive to Carefree, have lunch and ladies can shop while the guys admire their cars.

**Answer 7:** N/A

**Answer 8:** The Van tech presentation was great - more info on the mechanics and individual issues. Perhaps presentations on each of the generations and their new features.

**Answer 9:** I would not change a thing. Certainly enough trips, shows and dinners.

**Answer 10:** None perfectly happy with the club direction

**Answer 11:** great selection of activities

**Answer 12:** na

**Answer 13:** charity event

**Answer 14:** More private parties

**Answer 15:** Can't think of anything. Current selection and variety very good. Love the house parties.

**Survey Question 5:** Please provide feedback on the quantity of events you would like to see the Club provide. That is, more or less than one monthly general meeting; more or less trips, dinners, etc.

**Answer 1:** Enjoy the guest speakers at the dinner meetings

**Answer 2:** Would not change the quantity of events. Maybe more multiday trips.

**Answer 3:** Monthly meeting content is fine but would like to see meetings moved to different location.

**Answer 4:** Gainey Ranch Club is rather expensive. Is there another alternative?

**Answer 5:** Ok with current calendar; good variety means people can attend what may be of interest to them

**Answer 6:** There seems to be a great variety.

**Answer 7:** N/A

**Answer 8:** Just the right amount

**Answer 9:** same as above

**Answer 10:** quantity is perfect

**Survey Question 6:** Please provide information on how the Club can make its activities more enjoyable for you.

**Answer 1:** the club could but me a new Corvette

**Answer 2:** For the monthly meeting, the food offerings should be reviewed. The restaurant should provide a menu of the items available at our pricee and this should be presented to the membership for discussion and action. Too many hamburgers over the past years. How about individual entree salads as an option? I remember when I first joined the club it was commonly referred to as the Chicken CaesarClub as that was a very good offering.

**Answer 3:** Generally satisfied.

**Answer 4:** Doing a great job as is.

**Answer 5:** This survey is good; the current Board seems open to suggestions

**Answer 6:** The leadership is outstanding! Thanks for making it a fun and informative experience.

**Answer 7:** Food at monthly meetings is just ok. I would love to see quesadillas every month and plus one varied item. Could be just hamburgers, vegetable burgers, turkey burgers. Their fish is ok too. Food seems over heated too.

**Answer 8:** All have been enjoyable

**Answer 9:** na

**Answer 10:** Have made great friends, enjoy the social atmosphere with people of similar interests

**Answer 11:** Fine as is.







## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

### January 21

Trip to Biosphere 2 and  
Sabino Canyon near Tucson



### February 25

Mardi Gras Party at Larry and  
Cheryl Bloom's Home

### March 23-26

Trip to Death Valley &  
Spring Mountain Racing  
School at Pahrump, NV



### May 18-20

Trip on the Scenic "Corvette  
Road" - the Coronado Trail -  
overnighting in Greer



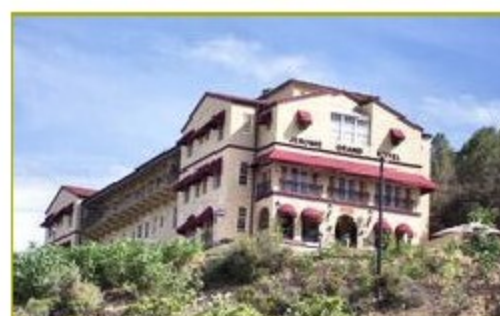
### April 21

Trip to Sedona for Pink  
Jeep Tour and Lunch



### June 16

Trip to Jerome via  
Yarnell Hill and Lunch at  
the Asylum



## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 - Continued

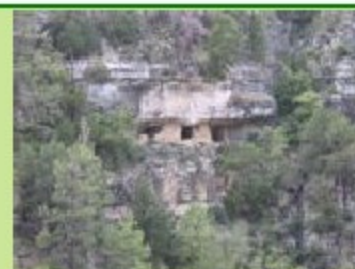
July

NO ACTIVITIES!



August 16-21

Trip to Monterey, CA for  
Autoweek including Concours  
and Other Motorsports Events



September 15

Trip to Walnut Canyon  
National Monument

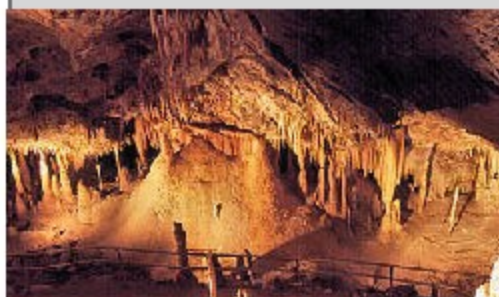


October 11-14

Trip to Temecula vineyards and  
San Diego, including dinner  
cruise in San Diego Harbor

November 10-11

Trip to Kartchner Caverns



December 8

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet  
and Holiday Party





## Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

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

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

### Check 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!

If you have any questions, or feedback, please let Mark Bales know.

## CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHEVY SMALL BLOCK ENGINE

By Steve Patricola

As Chevrolet celebrates its 100th anniversary, I wanted to talk about the venerable Chev small-block and its evolution. On November 29, 2011 GM built the 100 millionth small-block V8. Think about that. 100 million! Wow!

It all started when GM recognized that its product lines, specifically the "stovebolt" 216-cubic-inch inline 6 was, well, antiquated. In the 1954 Corvette the engine was upgraded to 235 cubic inches with aluminum pistons and was referred to as the "Blue Flame 6." The V8 got its start after World War II, and GM produced an overhead-valve 331-cubic-inch engine for Cadillac in 1949 under Ed Cole's direction. Mr. Cole was transferred to Chevrolet, and he wanted to "stretch" development, meaning to be more compact, lighter and easier to manufacture.

In 1955 Chevrolet produced the 265-cubic-inch (3.75 inch bore + 3.00 inch stroke) displacement at 195 HP, and it was 50 pounds lighter and more powerful than the "stovebolt" six. Thereafter, the engine was referred to as the "small block." The real magic of this engine was its design, steel rocker arms that were hollow pushrods, sin-

gle piece intake, etc. Things that seem by today's standards to be "dated," were revolutionary 60 years ago.

#### Highlights:

- In 1957 the engine grew to 283 cubic inches with Rochester fuel injection.
- 1962 saw the engine again grow to 327 cubic inches and through the '60's had rated horsepower at 250, 200, 350 (these engines had hydraulic lifters), 365 (solid lifter Holly 850 cmf carb) and 375 (Fuelie).
- In 1969 the engine grew to 350 cubic inches and was used for about three decades in various GM products.
- Through the 70's the engine was detuned to as low as 165 HP (1975) and was the bane of many Corvette enthusiasts.
- 1986 saw the engine get revised to allow aluminum heads and one-piece crank shaft seal. It was called the "L98."
- In 1992 the GEN II or LT1 was born and rated at 300 HP and was offered in the '92 Corvette.
- In 1996 the LT4 version cranked out 330 HP and changed the cooling features from bottom up to top down (heads cooled first, then block).
- 1997 previewed the GEN III LS1 5.7 liter or 346 cubic inches instead of 350. The first time for aluminum block manufacturing and many changes in block structure and head design. This allowed



## The Evolution of the Chevy Small Block Engine

greater HP output in 1999 with the 385 HP Z06 and eventual 405 respectively, eclipsing the previous small-block benchmark of the 327 375 HP 65 I84 fuel-injected engine.

- 2005 saw the Gen IV 6.0 liter or 364 (CID) LS2. This engine had larger bores and different cam shaft positions. The LS7 version 427 CID yielded 505 HP.
- 2008 saw revisions to port sizes and dimensions between 376 CID LS3 and LS7.
- 2009 saw the pinnacle of small-block performance reached: 638 HP supercharged 6.2-liter engine in the ZR1.

The engine has been criticized as being low tech when compared to some of the more exotic engines. Well, the ZR1 kicks a lot of asses on the track at about half the price of the more pricey performance cars.

So for me, give me the low-tech, small-block V8 HP output and low-end torque anytime - especially when I punch it and hear the roar of the engine and G forces...

### Mark Bales' comments:

*The LS2 and LS3 engines are very popular with hot rodders/customs. Ford and Chevy share that popularity, but if you notice, in recent years, lots of customs/hot rods, use the LS2 or LS3.*

*A small volume of exotics have used the Chevy small block over the decades. One I remember is the mid '60's Iso Grifo, see link: <http://rickdebruhl.com/?p=320>. I knew a guy in northwestern Indiana who owned one. Beautiful car, but the overall quality, over time, was lacking... Sucked. However, the one thing he never had a problem with was the motor: A small block Chevy Corvette.*



## 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 JUNE 2?**

***The Chevrolet Corvette was born in 1952 as the EX-122 concept***





## ***Chevy Celebrating 60 Years Of The Corvette At Goodwood FOS***

*While the first Corvette wasn't introduced to the public until 1953, when it was unveiled at the GM Motorama in New York City as the EX-122 concept, the original concept was born one year earlier so 2012 actually marks 60 years of the Corvette... Check it out in the article in the following link:*

[www.motorauthority.com/news/1074082\\_chevy-celebrating-60-years-of-the-corvette-at-goodwood-fos](http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1074082_chevy-celebrating-60-years-of-the-corvette-at-goodwood-fos)

*If you're going to be in Great Britain this summer, the Goodwood Festival of Speed takes place from June 28-July 1, and the Chevrolet brand will be making an appearance. Here's the link for more information:*

[www.goodwood.co.uk/home.aspx](http://www.goodwood.co.uk/home.aspx)



The biggest celebration of motorsport in the world.  
28 June - 1 July 2012.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH! SAVE THE DATE!**

**WE'RE GOING TO JEROME, VIA  
YARNELL HILL!  
AND WE'RE HAVING LUNCH AT**

**THE ASYLUM.  
a rESTAURANT ON THE FRINGE**

**IT'S IN THE GRAND HOTEL, WHICH IS  
PURPORTED TO BE HAUNTED....**



**BUT FROM THE PATIO AT THE  
ASYLUM, THERE'S A FANTASTIC VIEW  
OF THE VERDE VALLEY, ALL THE WAY  
TO SEDONA AND THE RED ROCKS**

**DON'T MISS THIS TRIP!**

# TRIP TO DEATH VALLEY, SPRING MOUNTAIN DRIVING SCHOOL & LAS VEGAS MARCH 23-26, 2012



Story by Mike Cassel; Rest of Story by Ken Harder  
Photographs by Fran Harder, Mike Cassel  
and Joe Cheesebrough



Four cars departed the Albertson's parking lot on a journey to Death Valley (National Park) that would be filled with "unique experiences." A fifth car caught up with the pack later in Kingman, AZ. Day one of our trip took us through Wickenburg and Kingman to Laughlin, NV where we had some great Mexican Food at Casa Serrano.



Lunch at Casa Serrano

From Laughlin our trip took us through Searchlight and Baker, California, and finally into Death Valley. It was in Wickenburg that Walter adopted the new nickname, at least for this trip, of "The Cable Guy" (ask Walter).

Our first stop in Death Valley was Badwater Basin which is the lowest elevation in the United States at 282 feet below sea level. It is quite dramatic to look up very high on the side of a cliff and see the sea level marker.





## Death Valley, Pahrump & Las Vegas

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Click on the photo at left to read the little white sign - you can barely see it at the top of the photo, just to the left of center. The group is standing at the lowest point in the U.S., 282 feet below sea level.



Vettes at the cabins at Furnace Creek

Since this stop was encroaching on happy hour we moved on quickly to Furnace Creek where we spent the night in very quaint duplex cabins. Furnace Creek is a very small "community" with a post office, museum, steak house, café, general store, and bar. What else do you need!!





The Artist's Palette found on the Artist Drive in Death Valley



Arriving at Scotty's Castle



The ladies holding court at Furnace Creek Inn



Manny on the Sand Dunes





On day two we drove to Scotty's Castle about 53 miles from Furnace Creek. We took the guided tour of this amazing mansion that was built between 1922-1931 by Albert Johnson, a civil engineer who designed it to be a vacation getaway home for him and his wife. Scotty (Walter Scott) never really owned the mansion he just convinced a lot of people that he did. Actually, Scotty was somewhat of a con man who befriended Albert Johnson and even had his own room in the castle. Johnson enjoyed Scotty's company and never really squelched the no-



One of the rooms inside Scotty's Castle





At the Entrance to Scotty's Castle





An Overview of Scotty's Castle

tion that it was Scotty's Castle. It was really called Death Valley Ranch. The castle is a fascinating place and well worth the tour if you ever get the chance.

The roads in Death Valley are very good; winding with dips and long stretches where you can see for quite a distance. The speed limit is 55.....do you know where I'm going with this? After leaving Scotty's Castle, we headed to Stovepipe Wells for lunch and perhaps gasoline. We found ourselves going "slightly" over the speed limit, and when we stopped for everyone to regroup, we were joined by a park ranger who informed us we were, in fact, driving a little too

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fast. He took all of our licenses, registrations, etc. and I think we were very fortunate in that we all (except for one) received a warning, and the fine received by the one was very modest compared to what it could have been. We dodged a bullet here!

how much gas the rest of us had. Based on the estimated distance (115 miles) to next gas stop, no one else fueled up....mistake! One car (Cassel) had a range of about 150 miles while two other cars had about 190-200 mile range. Well, about 145 miles down the road at some little "wide place" in the road with no gas station in sight and Cassel's car literally running on fumes, Walter was able to negotiate the purchase of about 2-3 gallons of gas from a guy in a pickup pulling an RV camper. Even though this gas look-



See the Park Ranger's Truck in the rearview mirror?

At Stovepipe Wells we had lunch and one car purchased about a half tank of fuel. A discussion ensued on how far to next gas station and



Self-Serve Gas in the Nevada Desert



# Death Valley, Pahrump & Las Vegas

ed like kerosene it was a life saver and the car ran fine to the next stop at Pahrump, NV and real gas! Three of the five cars were extremely low in fuel by then and we were very lucky no one ran out of gas.



Out of Gas!



The Famous Armagosa Hotel and Opera House, near where the gas Crisis occurred



## Death Valley, Pahrump & Las Vegas

In Pahrump we stayed at the Spring Mountain Driving School which is a Ron Fellows school much like Bondurant. The rooms and the overall "environment" at the track were fantastic. Heading to dinner that night we had to turn around several times (a new record) and make numerous adjustments before we finally called an employee of the restaurant who had to come get us. Hey, it was dark and road markings were very hard to see but the journey was worth it.

The next morning the driving school was having a track day for street bikes but we were able to see the garage full of Corvettes, most of which were Z06's. Most of our group also took a tour of the track facilities before heading on to Las Vegas where they stayed the night and attended a Rod Stewart concert. According to reports from this group, Rod Stewart put on a fantastic show that was thoroughly enjoyed by our group. Since we (Cassels) did not stay in Vegas, we don't know what else transpired, there but you know the saying..."What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas"!!



Entrance to Spring Mountain Driving School





Garage Full of Vettes at the Racing School

Many thanks to "The Cable Guy" and Michele for planning and leading such a great trip. The weather was beautiful, the driving spirited and the experience fun and unique.

Mike

## THE REST OF THE STORY

By Ken Harder

On Sunday, Mike and Connie returned to Scottsdale, but the rest of the group spent part of the morning watching motorcycles race round

the Spring Mountain race track. The track is over 3 miles in length with lots of turns and straight aways, and the course can be set-up so that multiple practice sessions can be held simultaneously. We saw cars, including Corvettes, racing around another part of the track and Walter was salivating as he will soon return to Spring Mountain to test his driving skills and see how his new ZR-1 performs on this track.



Motorcycles Racing on Spring Mountain track





Cars for Racing at the Racing School

After the obligatory picture taking at the track, we decided on a wine tasting and lunch at The Winery in Pahrump. This winery, which also has a well appointed and highly regarded restaurant, has been in operation for many years and remains a popular place for local, as well as folks visiting Las Vegas who want to take a day trip and enjoy lunch or dinner away from the neon lights of Las Vegas.





Wine tasting and lunch at the Pahrump Valley Winery

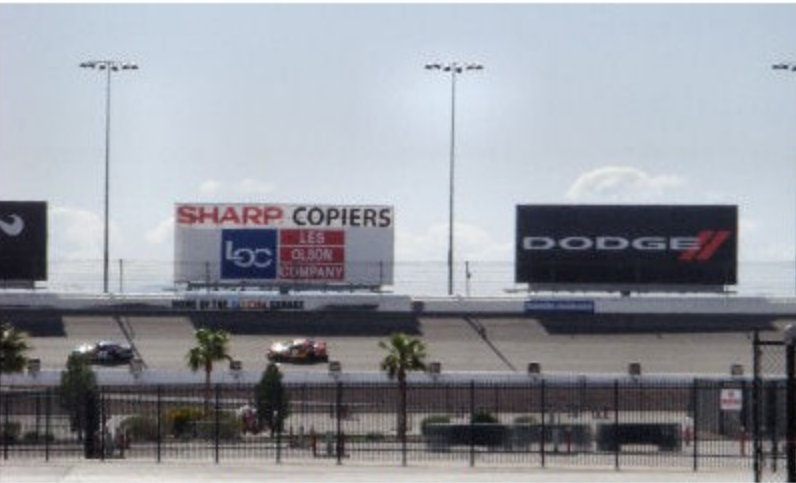
After lunch, the remaining four cars drove to Las Vegas and arrived early afternoon.



The sign said "Dip"

Not having enough of car/motorcycle racing, we arrived at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway hoping for a tour of their numerous tracks. Unfortunately, we just missed the tour, but (even better) were given access to the Motor Speedway infield where we could watch one of the Nascar driving schools race around the steeply banked racing oval. The ladies were very kind to allow us to spend some time watching the Nascar vehicles hit high speeds, but after a while





Cars doing laps at Las Vegas Speedway



Cars on the track in Las Vegas



Dawn and Manny enjoying the races



Las Vegas race track infield



Death Valley, Pahrump & Las Vegas



Peggy and Joe enjoying the races

tired of the constant 'left turns' and announced in unison that they needed some time to relax (and shop!) before the evening's activities. So, we checked in at the Monte Carlo shortly thereafter. That evening, Joe and Peggy decided to party hard on the Strip, while the Sipurts, Juessens' and Harder's attended the Rod Stewart concert at Caesar's Palace. Rod played



The ladies are picking out their new rides!



Running practice laps



The tunnel to exit the track at the Las Vegas Speedway



The fellas have made it to the Winner's Circle!  
(Check out the photo on the cover of this article to see them in the Winner's Circle with their Vettes!)

many of his greatest hits and put on a marvelous concert with a dozen or so other musicians and singers, including his longstanding accompanying band who will soon be inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. Later that evening, the group relaxed over cocktails at the High Roller Bar at





At the Rod Stewart Concert

the Monte Carlo. Just for the record, we did not think we were High Rollers, it was simply the closest and most easily accessible bar which served large glasses of alcohol (enough said).

The next morning, Joe and Peggy left early for Scottsdale; Walter (not a breakfast person) and Michelle decided to sleep in, so the Siprut's and the Harder's decided to go the world famous Hash House for breakfast. This place has some of the most spectacular food entree's ever concocted on the planet, and the picture of one of our entrees says it all. Please note, this entree was shared by two people!!!



Fran and Ken had a whoppin' big breakfast at the Hash House

The drive home was uneventful, but the trip will be talked about for many years!

Ken





## ***GOODGUYS CAR SHOW SCOTTSDALE WEST WORLD MARCH 9-11, 2012***

***By Steve Patricola***

*The Goodguys Giant Car Show in Scottsdale in March! All vehicles 1972 and older were offered the opportunity to participate in and display at the show with a "Show & Shine Registration," good for all three days of the event.*

*I attended on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and was disappointed in the crowd turnout, vendor participation and judging which frankly displayed "no" objective judging criteria at all, just extremely subjective. Indeed, on Sunday some of the GG personnel were just walking up to people and saying go to winner's circle. As I said, disappointing.*

*Here are some photos of different cars at the show.*









**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 MAY DINNER.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## 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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Mike Cassel  
Joe Cheesebrough  
Jim Dobson  
Lon Durby  
Fran and Ken Harder  
Walter Juessen  
Evelyn Nightingale  
John Parker  
Steve and Terry Patricola  
Dawn and Manny Siprut  
Richard Taylor*



## TWO GUYS NAMED RICHARD - CAN YOU NAME THEM?



Okay, the guy on the right: you feel like you know him personally. He's been around for years, and he just died at the age of 82. The guy on the left is a little more obscure, but you know him personally quite well. He's a fellow SCC member! There's another photo of him below - perhaps even more unrecognizable? Or click on the smile on the left-hand Richard's face and see a picture of the whole band, including the two Richards. Perhaps that will give you a hint....



Here's another hint: they used to call him "Smokey."

Have you got the answer yet? Email me...

# Copperstate 1000 Field of Dreams Cruise In

Photographs by Evelyn Nightingale,  
Mark Bales and Terry Patricola



Lipskys and Patricolas





Joel and Evelyn



Carol and Michael



A Pair of Birds





**More Corvettes - in the Parking Lot  
show and in the Rally**





SCC Corvettes at the Cruise In



A C2 in the Rally



Evelyn's Favorite - Baby Blue 1958 Vette Convertible





Lunch at the Village Tavern:

Top left, JoAnn & Richard

Top right, Fran & Ken

Bottom left, Michele &  
Walter

Bottom right, Manny & Dawn



## Quarterly Epicurean Dinner Viva La France!



### Story and Photos by Mark Bales

As most of you know, my primary food fare is a good burger, so I can't claim to be much of a restaurant critic, but let's give it a try. Saturday, March 31st, twenty-eight Scottsdale Corvette Club members met at Au Petit Four French Café and Bakery for another great Epicurean Dinner. Newly relocated to Old-town Scottsdale, Au Petit Four has received several awards, including "Best of the Valley," by Phoenix Magazine and the Arizona Republic.



One of our group tables for the  
Epicurean Dinner

Owners Catherine and Pierre Berraud-Dufour did not disappoint. The food was wonderful, and contrary to many French restaurants, plentiful. Catherine and Pierre prepared a special menu for the SCC, including a choice of Beef Bourguignon, Vol Au Vent, or Homemade Salmon Lasagna as entrees. I tried the Beef Bourguignon, which is braised beef cubes, simmered in a red wine sauce with mushrooms, carrots, and onions. Rich, tender and tasty!



Three more tables of participants at the March Epicurean Dinner

Known as much for their bakery as their entrees, the desserts were outstanding. Your choice of raspberry mousse on chocolate sponge cake, coffee and chocolate mousse on almond sponge cake, or lychee raspberry rose mousse on coconut sponge cake.. All to die for.

Another great Epicurean Dinner. Thanks to Walter and Michele for picking a great restaurant.



Epicurean Dinner



Christine and Michele



Aaron and Jackie



The Boys (above); Kathy and Mark (below)







Terry and Steve



Ken and Fran



Sherry and Dave



Connie and Mike





Dawn and Manny (above); Brian and Deb (below)



Richard and JoAnn



Steve and Christine





Carol and Mike (above); Peggy and Joe (below)



From Aaron Berkowitz:  
Here's a web site featuring the original factory brochures for nearly every American car you have ever owned or heard of. Pick the manufacturer, the year and the model. Enjoy!  
<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>.



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# LUNCH AND PINK JEEP TOUR IN SEDONA APRIL 21, 2012





## Lunch and Pink Jeep Tour in Sedona April 2012

**Story by Dawn Siprut**  
**Photos Courtesy of Mark Bales,  
John Parker & Terry Patricola**

Eleven cars departed from the Albertson's parking lot at I-17 and the Carefree Highway at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 to head to Sedona. It was an unusually warm and sunny spring day, and we were all looking forward to some cooler weather in the higher country up North. The drivers and their passengers included Mark & Kathy Bales, Ken Barry & Sharon Quigley, Joe Cheesebrough & Peggy Siebert, Dorothy Durby, Jack & Jan Gustin, Ken & Fran Harder, Walter & Michelle Juessen, Dick & Sue Kulczycki, Steve & Terry Patricola, John & Norma Parker, and Manny & Dawn Siprut.

The drive to Sedona offered a few challenges on I-17 with the slowing trucks trying to climb the hills and the passing lane filling up and also slowing down. Other than that, it was smooth sailing as we all caravanned to Sedona where we arrived around 11:30. The town was absolutely packed with tourists, and the best way to get around was on foot so we parked the cars and headed to the Open Range Restaurant. We sat in the dining room overlooking the beautiful red rock Sedona scenery while we enjoyed our lunch.



Lunch at the Open Range Restaurant



Pink Jeep Tour



Group enjoying lunch



After lunch, we had about an hour before our Jeep tour started so many of us walked around visiting the various shops and galleries while others sat and did some people watching. When it was time, we met in front of the Pink Jeep Office where we all piled into three Jeeps for our outback adventure!



Sharon and Ken



Waiting for the Pink Jeeps



**Pink Jeep Tour**

We spent approximately two hours in the Jeep which was driven by a very knowledgeable guide who provided us with lots of information about the geology and history of Sedona and the surrounding trails. We had amazing views of the red rock terrain from the Jeep and also got to eat some dust along the way but it was well worth it. I've been to Sedona several times and each time I am awestruck by its beauty.



Ken and Joe hanging on



The other two Jeeps



Second Jeep

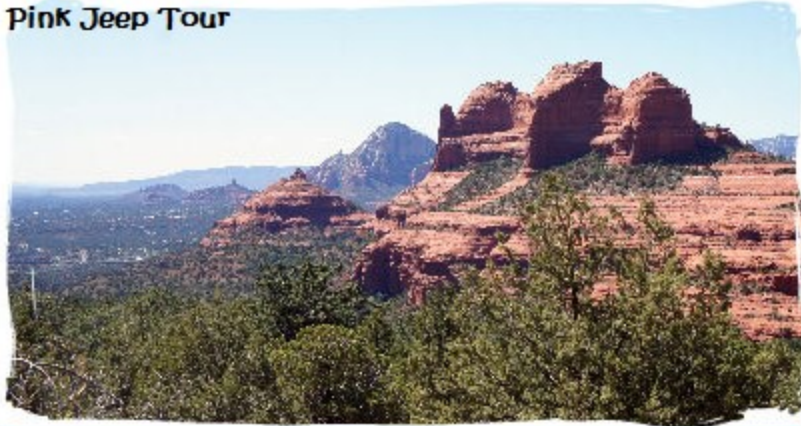




The Group in front of a Jeep



## Pink Jeep Tour



Some of the beautiful Red Rock scenery, including Dorothy and Walter's beautiful Vettes

After the tour, several of us went to a local watering hole and had a drink while taking in more views of the amazing red rocks. Then it was time to hit the road and head back to the Valley. It was a great trip and great way to spend a Saturday! Thanks to Walter Juessen for organizing another outstanding outing!





Manny and his Z in Sedona



Michele, Joe and Peggy



Manny, Dawn and Dorothy

## 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.



### SCC MEN! SAVE THE DATE!

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



DID YOU GET THE WORD?  
THE WORD IS "PARTY"!

INSTEAD OF THE QUARTERLY  
ETHNIC DINNER IN SEPTEMBER,  
THERE'S GOING TO BE A PRIVATE  
PARTY AT THE PATRICOLAS' HOME!  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THAT!  
WATCH YOUR EMAIL AROUND  
AUGUST OR SO FOR MORE DETAILS.





*(Seven years ago...)*

**The Coronado Trail  
May 13-15th, 2005**

**Written (and edited) by Mark Bales**

Many of us have been waiting two years for a chance to return to the Coronado Trail. Located in Eastern Arizona, the Trail is a sport car enthusiasts dream come true. Miles and miles of curves, good pavement, little traffic and beautiful views.

On May 14, that dream came true for 27 SCC members and 14 Corvettes. Would we be up to the challenge?

Our trip began on Friday, gathering at the Split Window Diner. Some members enjoyed lunch before heading for our first stop, Reed's Lodge, in Springerville. After checking in, unloading the gear and sipping refreshments, the group headed across the street for dinner.

On Saturday morning it was time to "hit the Trail. After breakfast the group readied for departure to Hannagan Meadow for lunch. From there we would make our run down the Coronado Trail.



Here we are in Springerville



## Remember When...

Before departure, Mike Cassel considers an alternative, avoiding a reoccurrence of an unpleasant incident that happened the day before. You had to be there! (Note: Mike had a problem parking his then new Z06!)



Inspecting the damage to the front end of Mike's Z06

The drive from Springerville to Hannagan Meadow was gorgeous. But the real Coronado Trail, for us gear heads, begins at Hannagan Meadow. Here we enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch, before heading down the mountain to Morenci, the end of the Trail.

From Hannagan Meadow, the Coronado Trail Highway 191 runs 62 miles to Morenci and a huge Phelps Dodge mine. Along those 62 miles are several hundred curves. Several hundred... Like maybe 400!



Highway 191, formerly known as the "Devil's Highway," Route 666, is the least traveled Federal highway in the nation. Traffic averages one vehicle every 20 minutes. Even if you run up on another vehicle, most are kind enough to pull over. This is particularly true when their rear view mirror shows a thunderous herd of Corvettes fast approaching!

The Corvette is a wonderful touring car, and a pavement pounding monster. This year we decided to divide the group into the Touring Class and the Performance Class. The Touring Class wanted to



## Remember When...



Hannagan Meadows Kick-Off



What's Jim Doing?

drive the Trail aggressively, but also enjoy the beautiful scenery. The Performance Class had one motive... Get to the bottom as quickly as possible. (Adhering to the speed limits, of course!)

The Performance Class left Hannagan Meadows first. Cars were spaced at 30 second intervals. The Touring Class left after the last Performance Class Corvette. The challenge of the Trail ended at Phelps Dodge mine overlook, in Morenci. Here the two groups rejoined for a leisurely trip to Safford and our last night's stay before returning to the Valley.



Weschlers on the Road - Remember when they had this green C4?





Lined Up and Ready to Go!



Remember When...



Bernie and Lon on the Road



Jim has brake fade!  
(Ed. Note: That was one scary ride with NO brakes!)

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They were looking for Walter....



Faces from the Past: John & Beverly Seeger (left) and Barb Gerhart (right, a founding member) with Kay Schaffroth



John Runyon, Mike & Connie Cassel and Mike Reagan  
(remember him?)





Sandi and Chuck Weschler and Lonnie Schaffroth



Two faces from the past, Donna Reagan, on the left, and Debbie Usery, on the right, with Hugh and Jane Anderson

Was the trail challenged by the Scottsdale Corvette Club? You bet! It didn't matter which group you were in. All had tales to tell about smooth turns, adrenaline pumping acceleration, beautiful scenery and of course, a great time with fellow members. Our thanks to Carolyn and Chuck Van Santen for providing a roller-coaster thrill of an event. By the way, we'll be back in two years... Going UP the mountain.

*(Note: It took the Club three years, and that's another great story...)*

**Editor's Note:** Thanks to Mark Bales and the SCC Board of Directors for suggesting that we resurrect the "Memory Lane - Remember When" column for the newsletter. Of course, special thanks go to Mark for ferreting out the photographs and the story for this initial endeavor. Please look for future "Remember When" features in the newsletter, and PLEASE, if you have any memories you'd like to share with the rest of us, let me know as I'd love to incorporate them in what I hope will become an "every issue" feature.

## **Chicken, Sausage and Shrimp Jambalaya**

**As Served at the Mardi Gras Party at the Blooms' in  
February  
Recipe Courtesy of Kathy Bales**

Makes enough to serve 6 to 8 people with leftovers

2 lbs. (or more) boneless chicken breasts  
2 lbs. sausage (or more) (I use half and half sweet  
Italian and mild Italian)  
2 lbs. extra large raw shrimp (or more)  
6 cans Hunts tomato sauce  
2 cups (or more) finely chopped onion  
2 big green peppers finely chopped  
1 cup finely chopped celery  
5 cups chicken stock (I use low sodium)  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp ground thyme  
½ tsp ground oregano  
½ tsp ground red pepper  
4 cloves fresh garlic finely chopped

Add olive oil to large stock pan. Throw all the veggies into the pan and sauté them. Once they are done, add the tomato sauce, the chicken stock and spices.

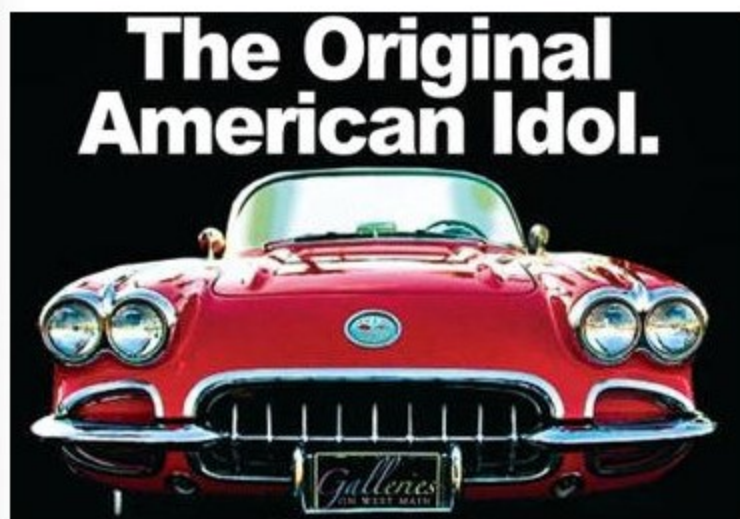
Simmer for a few hours. If it appears runny, add some corn starch to thicken.

Brown the chicken and sausage. I use my Calphalon grill with removable plates in lieu of pan browning. If you don't have a grill, then add olive oil to large frying pan. Once the pan is hot, lightly brown the chicken breasts. Then add more olive oil and lightly brown the sausage. Cut both into nice sized chunks once brown and dump into the sauce.

Before serving, simmer for another 2 to 3 hours, stirring occasionally, until meat is thoroughly done.

Add raw shrimp for about the last hour or until shrimp is fully cooked.

Serve with rice.





**EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE  
ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC**

**May 19**

Verde Valley Vettes  
People's Choice Car Show  
Larry Green Chevrolet in Cottonwood  
Contact Larry McCarty at 928-634-5745

**May 25-28**

Tucson Corvette Club  
29th Annual Superbash - Memorial Day Weekend  
Golf, Autocross, Drags, Car Show, Rallye, Parties  
Contact: superbash@tucsoncorvetteclub.com

**June 9-10**

Corvette Club of Arizona & Porsche Club of America  
5 Low Speed Autocrosses in Taylor (near Snowflake)  
Contact Mike Terrey 602/284-1766  
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