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**THREE GENERATIONS OF TORCH RED, OR,
IN OTHER WORDS, ALL CORVETTES ARE RED!**



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New members Dennis & Sheryl Brink and their Cyber Gray C7



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Meetings:

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

Meetings are held at:
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Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

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

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

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

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SCC Birthdays!

May

Mike Lipsky - May 18
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Ken Barry - May 31



June

Kathy Ronquist - June 1
Sue Kulczycki - June 13
Joel Patterson - June 16
Cheri Benner - June 27
Norma Parker - June 30



Coming Events!

May 14 - Club Dinner Meeting
 May 15-18 - Trip to Capitol Reef National Park, Utah
 May 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
 May 28 - Board Meeting

June 11 - Club Dinner Meeting
 June 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
 June 25 - Board Meeting
 June 28 - Quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Experience
 6/30 - 7/2 - "Racing Las Vegas" - LV Driving Experience
THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!

JULY - NO MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES!

Aug. 3-9 - Colorado Springs: Pike's Peak/USAF Academy
 Aug. 13 - Club Dinner Meeting
 Aug. 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
 Aug. 27 - 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2014!
A Red-Letter Day for
SCC!

IT'S OUR
15TH ANNIVERSARY!

BE SURE TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS!

YOU WON'T WANT TO
MISS THE BIG
CELEBRATION!



New Cruisers

Two more new members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club!

Please welcome:

Dennis and Sheryl Brink and their 2014 2LT Cyber Gray Stingray Coupe

*Dennis and Sheryl are pictured below, and their Vette is featured
on the second cover page in this issue.*



WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Steve Patricola

Hello again. It's hard to believe that I am writing this and April is almost over. I guess one positive thing is that the damn tax man is gone for another year, at least for some of us anyway.

Our March Club meeting was attended by 55 people with two guests: Jim Jackson and our speaker, Bruce A. Dickson. Speaking of Bruce, he is the owner of Corvette Performance Arizona, which hosts the Corvettes &



Terry and Steve

Caffeine the first Saturday of each month and has been attended by various members of the Club.

Briefly, Bruce has been in the Corvette business since 1969. He has owned 223 Corvettes and sold another 120-130 for other companies and individuals. Had Corvette shops in 2 countries and 3 different states and is now one of the largest Corvette parts suppliers in the southwestern U.S. Bruce gave a 15-minute overview of the store and expansion plans, and provided some gifts which were raffled off later.

The Vette Vixens' dinner was attended by 16 women and was held at the Blue Adobe Santa Fe Grill. Poker was attended by 11 men, some of whom were suckers but we will not mention any names - present writer excluded - although Walter probably would disagree.

From the Driver's Seat

Speaking of activities, the Club traveled to Bisbee/Ft. Huachuca on March 14-16th. It was a fun time with 10 cars and 21 members attending. Some members stayed at Shady Dell which is a collection of Airstream trailers, a bus (converted into a Tiki motif), a 25-foot cabin cruiser (which BTW captain Walter managed to run afoul of the cemetery located directly behind the bamboo sticks) - all pretty nice accommodations. Four couples who were less adventurous stayed at the Copper Queen Hotel in downtown Bisbee.

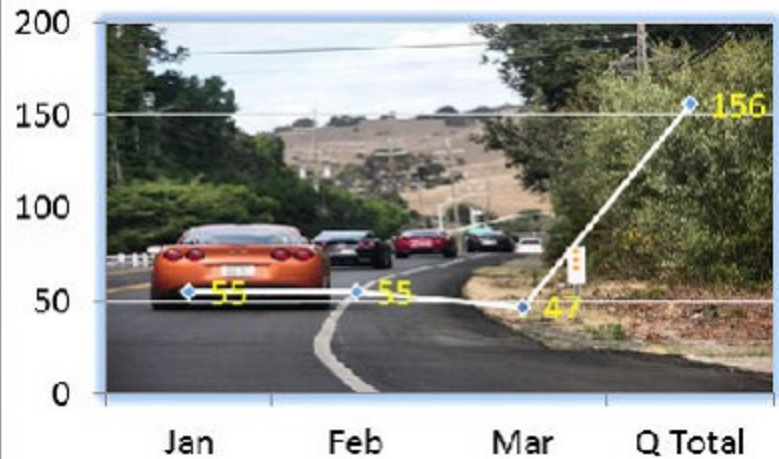
On Saturday morning we went to Ft. Huachuca and were given an overview of the facility by a museum curator. The Fort is the training facility for all military intelligence - now if that isn't an oxymoron (just kidding Dick and other Veterans) - for all branches of the military. We also learned that all the drones that fly all over the world are flown out of the Tucson Airport.

Saturday afternoon we returned to Bisbee, which has an eclectic collection of shops.

The other event was the special dinner held at Le Chalet which served cheese and chocolate fondue, assorted cold cuts sampler, etc. The service was good and the food excellent.

The April Club meeting was held at Gainey and, unfortunately, the planned speaker from Russo and Steele left the company which I didn't find out about until few days before our meeting. I tried to get a replacement but the replacement person was unable to change his schedule but did offer to come later this year. We had two guests, Dennis and Sheryl Brink, who became our latest members. This brings the total membership to 110, I believe the highest total to date. There were also 17 members with birthdays in April, all of whom were 39 or younger, at least that is what Sandi Weschler told me.

SCC Meeting Participation



- Average SCC Meeting turnout was 52
- There were 6 "No Shows" that RSVP'd
- Trip participation 41 cars, 78 members which, considering past years, is outstanding.

Speaking of trips, I think in the next publication we should republish the rules of the road, which are our guidelines for travelling with the Club.

As always it is my pleasure serving as your president. Take care.

Steve

From the Driver's Seat

Thirteen cars attended the annual Copper State 1000. The cars, of course, were great to see and, as usual, you could approach the driver and talk to them. So all in all it was a good time for all. Personally, I was disappointed that the free coffee and doughnuts are now a thing of the past and the replacement food trucks left a lot to be desired.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate with our planned picnic at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum on Apr 26th, and Walter wisely canceled the trip. I am sure we can reschedule this in the future.

I thought you might be interested in some Club stats:



Editor's Corner

By Dorinne Dobson



It's time for another newsletter, and this one promises to be interesting, at least from the editor's point of view, because we again had so many great contributors for this issue. You will see not one, not two, but **THREE** articles on the Bisbee-Fort Huachuca trip. That's what I call classy coverage of one event. Thanks to Linda Beyerle and Patrick Dennis for the "Reflections on Bisbee" article and photos beginning on page 35, Mark Bales for the article and photos entitled "SCC Trailer Trash" on page 51, and John Walch for "Birds of Feather," the article and photos beginning on page 67 describing the trip home the C7 owners took together. I especially loved the photo on the cover that Mark took of the three generations of Vettes at Bisbee.

Phil D'Alessandro shares his experiences at Corvettes at Carlisle, as well as information on this year's event, on page 87. If you've ever had an urge to go to this gigantic car show, this article will be of interest to you.

Van Chevrolet's new logo appears on the back cover. Also please note we have a new service advisor at Van, Chris Davis, who replaced James Black (see page 112)

Until next time, save the wave!

Dorinne

The Original American Idol.



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



**SOI 4
BANGKOK EATERY**

JUNE 28TH

*The second quarter ethnic epicurean
experience will be Thai food!*

*Here's the web site: [http://
soifour.com/scottsdale/](http://soifour.com/scottsdale/).*

Check out the menu!

Watch your email for more details.



**THE MEMBERS' DRAWING AT THE
MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS IS
GROWING! BEV VOICE WAS NOT
PRESENT AT THE APRIL MEETING...**

**THE DRAWING WILL BE \$150
AT THE MAY MEETING!
BE THERE!**



SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW CORVETTES!



*Krysha & Larry Sorce and their 2011 Torch Red Coupe, recently purchased from Larry & Cheryl Bloom -
see the reason why on the next page*



*Cheryl & Larry Bloom and their 2014 Torch Red Stingray Coupe
Turn the page to read Larry's story*

A LITTLE STORY

By Larry Bloom

On October 3, 1963, for my birthday (which is really the 4th) I ordered a new 1964 white Stingray roadster with a black top and interior. I was 23 years old at the order date. Was I excited!! The car arrived a week before Thanksgiving. Had a 327/300 with a 4 speed.

On October 3, 2013, for my birthday (which is still the 4th) I ordered a new 2014 Stingray coupe. You can do the math. I was 73 years old at the order date. Was I excited!! As it turns out, the dealer's allocation was very limited, and I waited almost three months with nothing coming. In bemoaning my fate to Father Ken Harder, he suggested I contact Chuck Mullins at Van Chevrolet. Chuck was great, took the order on January 20, 2014. The

base Torch Red 2LT, with a black interior, automatic, chrome wheels, NPP exhaust, Z51 spoiler, and premium carpet mats arrived on March 18th.

At 73 I am more excited about a new Stingray than I was 50 years ago!!

Larry



**MAY 15-18TH
TRIP TO CAPITOL
REEF NATIONAL PARK
BOULDER, UTAH**

Overnight trip with hotel accommodations in Brian Head. Walter says happy hour the first night will be on a boat! This sounds like a trip not to be missed.

LAST CORVETTE OUT OF THE SINK HOLE!

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Photo from Phil D'Alessandro. See Rollie Trayte's comments on page 74.



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

January 25

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



February 22

Lunch & Trip to Mystery Castle

March 14-16

Trip to Bisbee & Fort Huachuca



April 26

Picnic at Boyce Thompson Arboretum

May 16-19

Trip to Capitol Reef National Park, Utah



June 30 - July 2

Drive Exotic Cars @ Red Rock Canyon or NASCARs @ Las Vegas Speedway

CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!

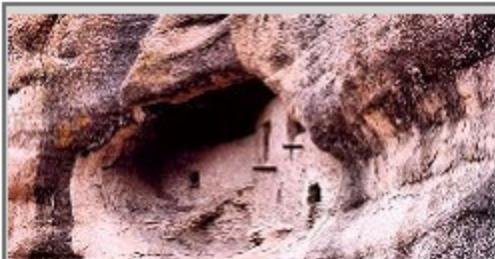


August 3-9

Trip to Pike's Peak, USAF Academy & Colorado Springs

September 11-14

Trip to Monument Valley, Moab, Canyonlands & Arches



October 9-12

Trip to Gila Hot Springs, New Mexico

November 15

Trip to Sabino Canyon, Tucson



December 6

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet and Holiday Party



Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

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

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

Check out the site! Along with Men's and Women's apparel, you will find accessories ranging from blankets to duffel bags. All available with the club logo. In addition you will find a Racing Legends Store, Track Store and Books and DVD's. (logo not available)

When you order, you will be asked to register. It is safe, secure and spam free. **Note: there is a box for membership number, but you can leave it blank.** Keep in mind that Firefox does not inventory our apparel, it's all made to order. The time from order to ship will be longer than the usual web clothing suppliers. Expect 10 work days, give or take.

We are offering the store as a service to our members. The prices are set as low as possible. The Club doesn't make a profit from the sale of products with the SCC logo. The benefits are the ability to offer a wider range in product and pricing opportunities, ability for club members to order whenever they want, and the savings for the club by eliminating the need to inventory apparel. So, check it out!

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

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3 at

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SAVE THE DATE!

FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!

*Scottsdale Motorsports Gathering
at the Shops at Gainey Ranch
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*All kinds of exotic cars in the
parking lot for a free
drive-up car show.*

*In the summer the cars arrive
fairly early in the morning - 7:00.
In the cooler months at 8:00.*

SEE YOU THERE ON MAY 3?



REFLECTIONS ON BISBEE

Story and Photographs

By Linda Beyerle and Patrick Dennis



Gathering in the Parking Lot Prior to Departure for Bisbee

Reflections on Bisbee

Friday morning started with some clouds and dark sky but spirits were good when we met at Starbucks. There were ten cars...most of them red! Participants included Walter and Michele, Mark and Kathy, Terry and Steve, Mike and Connie, Dick and Sue, John and Gurmit, Frank and Lisa, Jerry and Pam, Dorothy and us (Linda and Patrick). A few of us decided to get coffee before we started and had an interesting experience when a customer went over the entire menu before ordering a tall coffee because she had a coupon.



At left, Connie, Gurmit, Michele, Pam & Dorothy;
Center, John, Mike & Jerry; At right, Gurmit rushing to catch up

We left a few minutes late and headed down the 101. Traffic was heavy for a Friday morning and continued to be so after we were on I-10 but we managed to stay close and had a pleasant drive to Picacho Peak where we stopped for a rest break. I learned that this was the site of the Western-most battle of the Civil War.

We had lunch in Tucson at El Charro. The food was good and plentiful; we sat outside on the patio.



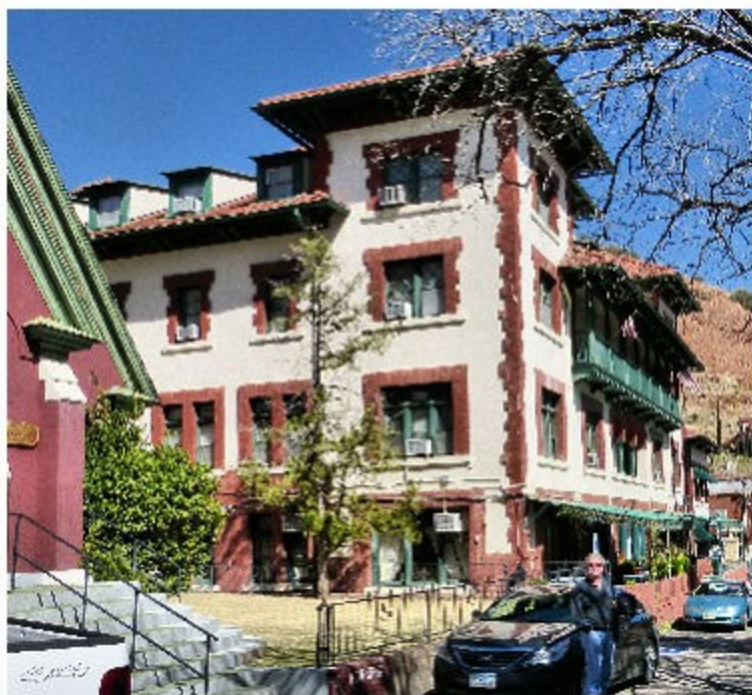
Reflections on Bisbee

We stopped again outside of Tombstone and the group split up there. Walter had an errand to run; some of the members decided to go to the museum in Tombstone, and some of us headed on to Bisbee.

Patrick, Linda, John, Gurmit, Jerry and Pam headed for the Hotel. When we arrived at the Copper Queen Hotel, we drove up the narrow street and stopped in front to unload. It was obvious that parking was going to be scattered as it is up and down hill and only public city parking was available.

We all unloaded and checked in, and the men parked the cars in a lot at the top of the hill. We were lucky to all find parking places close by.

Linda and Patrick had one of the "special" rooms, and it was quite unique. In tribute to the room, John Walch and Linda Beyerle sang a short version of "Counting Flowers on the Wall" at dinner. It was easy to imagine



The Copper Queen Hotel

that you were in the Wild West when walking around the Hotel.

Friday night we all met for dinner at Café Roca and enjoyed a four course meal. We were on the third floor of the restaurant and the staircases were steep and narrow. We were our usual boisterous group! The

Reflections on Bisbee

food was good and the soup course was the smallest dish of soup I have ever seen. Patrick said it was a "suggestion of soup." After dinner, we walked back to the hotel and decided to spend some time on Saturday looking in the antique shops. We were confronted both on the way to the restaurant and back by street people asking for money for beer. At least they were honest, but they were quite insistent...we declined.

Saturday morning some of us at the Hotel met for Bloody Marys (compliments of Jerry) and then headed out to meet the group for the trip to Ft. Huachuca. Navigating through the narrow streets of Bisbee in a caravan was a little difficult, but soon we were on the road to Sierra Vista. There was lots of traffic and traffic lights and we had to make one quick stop to regroup, but soon we were at the gate. It was necessary to show a driver's license to



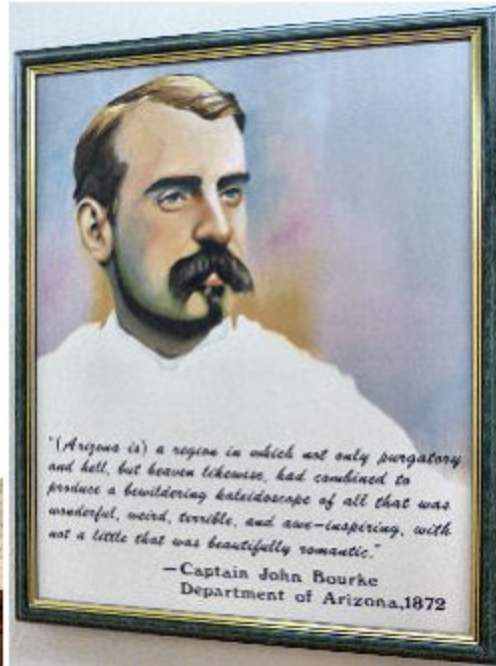
check in at the base, and we drove up to the museum and parked.

There was a small museum that we toured and then walked up to the larger museum and met our tour guide. He gave us some of the history of the post and the area.



Reflections on Bisbee

Upper right, Portrait of Captain John Bourke (Click on the printed words to see his quote about Arizona); lower right, Dick is checking out a display; below, Dorothy and the "lady in red"



It was very windy but beautiful. The view from the museum was a panoramic vista, and it was understandable why they Army decided to settle there. The Buffalo Soldiers were stationed at Ft. Huachuca and were quite prominently documented in the museum. There was also a model of how a junior officer's base home would have looked in the early days.

Today Ft. Huachuca is an active army base, and it is the intelligence and communications training center for the U. S. Army.

After the tour we drove to a small German restau-





rant for lunch. It was rumored that the food was good; unfortunately Patrick and I never got ours as the restaurant seemed overwhelmed by our group. The bread and salad were tasty, and we headed back to Bisbee to look around town.

We stopped for coffee and ran into several other members of the group. It was a nice afternoon and there were some interesting shops to look through.

Saturday night we met at the hotel for dinner. The food was good and the service was excellent.

Sunday morning everyone was on their own to make plans to return home. We saw several of the group in the hotel; wished everyone a safe journey and headed for home.

Reflections on Bisbee

We enjoyed spending time with our Scottsdale Corvette Club friends. This was my first trip to Bisbee, and I learned a lot about the history of the area. The trip was a good mixture of time driving, interesting places to eat, time looking around and learning history of the area.

We didn't see any of the ghosts that are rumored to be at the hotel...maybe next time.

Linda and Patrick



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH THE VETTE VIXENS
MEET
FOR COCKTAILS AND DINNER
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR
DETAILS ON THE NEXT
OUTING ON MAY 21!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

SCC TRAILER TRASH

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARK BALES



The Shady Dell in Bisbee

I had heard about the Shady Dell for years. All the way from local media to national Car buff magazines like AutoWeek. I wanted to check it out, but never got around to it. Apparently Walter had been thinking the same thing, so he booked the place for our trip to Bisbee.

SCC Trailer Trash

The history of Shady Dell goes back eighty-seven years, to 1927. The park provided trailer and camping spaces to travelers on Highway 80, which stretched from Savannah, GA to San Diego. Move forward to 2007, when Justin and Jen reopened Shady Dell with various aluminum trailers from the late 40's to late 50's, the Tiki Bus, and the 33-ft. Chris Craft yacht.

Of the nineteen SCC members making the Bisbee trip, eleven decided to stay at Shady Dell. Dick and Sue in a '59 Boles Aero, Mike and Connie in a '51 Royal Mansion, Kath and I in a '57 Airfloat, Dorothy in a '50 Spartenette, Steve and Terry in a '47 Tiki Bus, and Walter and Michele on the 33-ft. Chris Craft yacht.

All of the accommodations were clean, well preserved, and "interesting." The trailers all had aluminum exteriors and wood interiors. They included old phonographs with

a collection of 78 rpm records. All had working toilets and sinks. However, with two exceptions, none had showers. Shady Dell provides clean public showers for the ladies and gents, separately of course. Dick, Sue, Kath and I were thrilled to discover we had showers! Well... Sort of. We discovered the hot water heaters didn't work, or we couldn't figure out how to make them work. One cold shower for Mark, and next morning off to the public facilities.

The grounds around the trailers were also fun and nostalgic. There is a mini-outdoor movie theater, which includes a screen, lawn chairs and a small projection building. Dot's Diner was a hit with Dorothy. The diner is authentic, but currently not operating. A nice example of the aluminum prefab diners popular in the 40's and 50's. Find a lot, order from the diner, and the company delivered on a flat-bed trailer.

SCC Trailer Trash



Inside Dorothy's trailer

The most fun accommodations were the Patricolas' Tiki Bus and the Juessens' Yacht. The Tiki Bus is a '47 Fixible (yes, that's how you spell it) bus converted to a Tiki-themed RV. Along with the fun interior, it included a Tiki bar with a thatched roof. Hard to describe how fun it was, so check the photos.



The Tiki Bus



Steve and his Tiki bar



Inside the Tiki Bus

Now to the Juessen's yacht. With the rear deck, and "moored" to a large "dock," the yacht became party central. Like the trailers, the boat was clean and well preserved. If you are familiar with Chris Craft, then you know about the beautiful woods and fine attention to detail. As hard as Walter and Michele work on these trips, they are certainly entitled to go for the better accommodations. This time, Walter out-smarted himself! Great place to party, but with the triangular shaped mattress in the bow, sleep-



Walter and Crew

SCC Trailer Trash



Captain Walter on the Yacht

ing was a Challenge. Walter's attempts to trade fell on deaf ears after we saw the bed.

Downside was being separated from our Copper Queen buds. We managed to drown our sorrows with cocktails every evening on the yacht, and night Caps following dinner.

Overall, the stay at the Shady Dell was a blast. Glad we did it, and a check-mark on the bucket list. Would we do it again?

Nooo! I can't remember which member said it, but "a once in a lifetime experience." Fun experience, but only once!

Mark



Sue & Dick steal bamboo from Walter's yacht



The ride to dinner in a Van each night



Top, what guys do
when women shop...

Bottom, St. Elmo's,
the best bar in Bisbee



Mark & Kathy's Trailer

[Click on the photo to see a Clearer View](#)





Pretty Impressive! Photo by John Walch of the Vettes on the Bisbee Trip

BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

Story & Photos by John Walch

During our last dinner as a group, Walter made his usual speech about making your own plans for the trip home. Hoping to stretch our enjoyable weekend in Bisbee to the max, the three couples driving C7's decided to travel home together.

With the intention of seeing more of the picturesque landscapes southern Arizona had to offer, we selected the route back through Patagonia. Also being a Drive and Dine Club as well as trying to keep up with Walter's cornucopia of feasting exploits thus far, Jerry and Pam suggested stopping for lunch at the Velvet Elvis.

With a name like that you know the food had better be good and there has to also be a story behind the name. Being familiar with

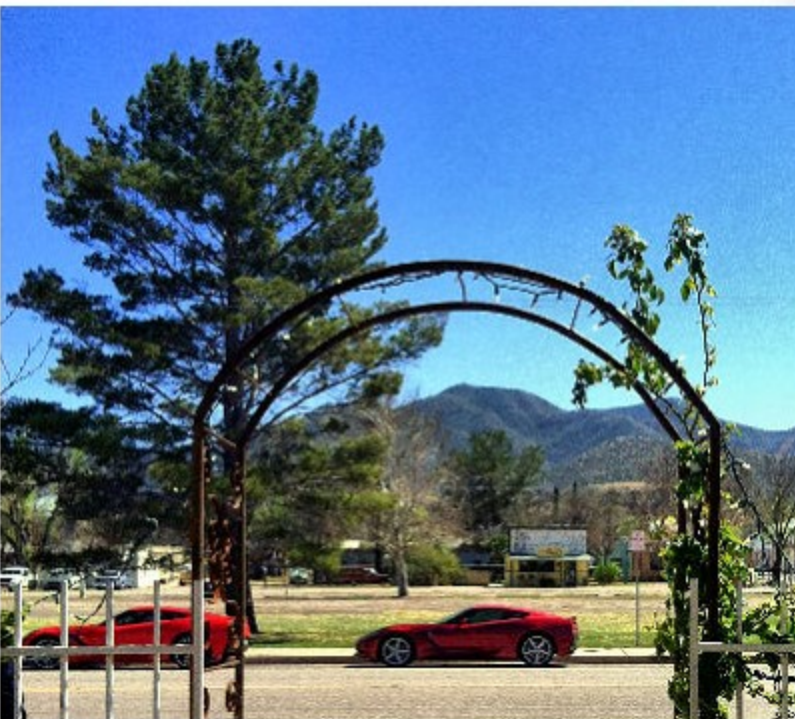


the quality of the food, Jerry and Pam had no second thoughts suggesting it. The dough used in making the pizza, bread and calzone as well as the sauce are made from authentic old world recipes. Only the freshest ingredients were used in the



*What a colorful setting, inside the Velvet Elvis!
From left, John, Lisa, Frank, Gurmit, Pam & Jerry*

Birds of a Feather...



vet portrait of the King and in an "aha" moment decided "Velvet Elvis" was the prefect name for her upcoming eatery. The painting hangs proudly on the wall and like the King, this place also created good memories.

John

even the ice cream was handmade, a perfect ending to an already great culinary weekend.

So where did the name come from? When the owner was renovating the old bakery in Patagonia into what would become her restaurant, she paused to look at the black vel-

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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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Recovery of the Last of the "Sinkhole Corvettes"

By Rollie Trayte

The last of the "sinkhole" Corvettes was recovered today (April 9, 2014) from the giant sinkhole that opened up beneath the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky last month.

The 2001 highly customized red Mallet Z06 was retrieved Wednesday afternoon, April 9th, by crane from beneath tons of rocks and debris. Initially, workers had no idea where the car was under the pile of rubble. It evidently was located using a combination of radar and long steel rods forced down into the bottom of the hole. The Mallet, which was on loan to the museum from a private collector, is probably the most severely damaged of the 8 Corvettes retrieved from the sinkhole and, apart from a chromed Z06 rear wheel and a splinter of torch red rear fender, is hardly recognizable as the pristine example of Corvette power.



Photos show the Mallet Z06 "before" and "after"

The "sinkhole Corvettes" will remain on display in their current damaged state at the NCM until early August when they will be taken to a GM facility and restored - in the Mallet's case, hard to imagine.

Rollie



FIRST QUARTER 2014 ETHNIC EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE AT



A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY BY MARK BALES



Joann's sister, Joann, Dorothy & Phil



Lloyd, Kathy, Michele, Walter & Cheri

Ethnic Dinner at Le Chalet



John and Gloria



Sue and Dick



Norma and Kay



Lonnie and John



Chuck and Sandi



Terry and Manny



Fran and Ken



Dawn and Steve



Brian, Mike and Dana



Dave, Carol and Deb

THE FOOD!



Raclette, molten cheese with potatoes and bread. Looks and sounds delicious!



Fondue - both cheese and meat



Ken and Manny had this interesting looking dish



Carlisle! **Are You Kidding?** **CARLISLE!?!**

Story & Photos by Phil D'Alessandro

As a Corvette owner, you just might have heard of Carlisle or more correctly, Corvettes at Carlisle, located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Carlisle itself may be known to some of you as Carlisle Barracks, The United States Training and Doctrine Command and site of the U.S. Army War College, which happens to be the second-oldest active military base in the U.S.

A short drive from the Barracks (of course depending upon the day you travel, this short drive could take hours) is located Carlisle Fairgrounds, home of Corvettes at Carlisle, the yearly event taking place in late August, just before Labor Day. Carlisle Events, which produces the show, has the following additional events to entice you to visit:

Spring Carlisle - a collector and classic car swap meet, car corral and auction

Fall Carlisle - same as Spring, just colder.

Sport and Outdoor - hunting, fishing, etc.

Truck Nationals

Chrysler Nationals - they make cars?

GM Nationals - Yes, GM makes something besides Corvettes in case you need a daily driver

Ford Nationals - found on the road dead or fix or repair daily event

Import & Kit Nationals

And

Performance & Style

Think they have all the bases covered with the exception of military firepower show but you get the idea, something for everyone during the year.

But, let's get back to the main event, Corvettes at Carlisle. This year, August 21-24, 2014 are the dates, which is sandwiched between the National Solid Axle Corvette meeting in

Corvettes at Carlisle

Lancaster, PA (August 18-20) and the 2014 Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green and the National Corvette Museum.

Why might you want to attend? Why not? Just go for the best chocolate chip cookies on the planet (my reason). I have been attending for the past ten years as a member of the Natural Glass Corvette Association, the New Jersey Club I am a member of. We have fifty to sixty members attend each year and make it a points-event for members, plus having a great time.

Carlisle is one of the largest if not **the** largest gathering of Corvettes, most years, more than 5,000 Corvettes of every generation. But it is not just cars; the event hosts a huge swap meet, car corral for any budget, educational sessions, performance parts installations in the manufacturers midway, NCCC Judged Competition and for 2014, Summit Point HPDE/Touring Event. Additionally, a large number of employees from GM and Bowling Green

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Green participate, including Chief Engineer, Marketing Director, QA personnel plus many more. During the 2013 event, prior to the C7 being released, GM brought 20 C7s and just parked them all over the fairgrounds. You would be walking an aisle and wedged between a C6 and a C2 would be a C7, like this Lime Rock Green metallic unit.



GM was nice enough to provide one to Kerbeck Corvette, the largest Corvette dealer in the US for the past 19 years but none of the

Corvettes at Carlisle

other dealers had one to display.



During the event, GM did a complete "walk around" with both a coupe and convertible (one of only two that existed at the time). Get the idea the Carlisle is important to GM. Here is a photo of the uninterested crowd during the walk around (GM did this several times).



So are the GM representatives aloof and elite? Well, they let me get in and try out this nice looking set of wheels.



Corvettes at Carlisle

Whether it was Harlan Charles, Corvette Marketing Manager, or Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter, they were more than willing to discuss anything Corvette. Of course in 2012 they were very tight lipped concerning the C7. My, what a difference a year makes.

Tadge drove a Z51 over from Bowling Green and achieved 38 miles per gallon. Who needs a Prius!

Okay, back to reality. Carlisle gets busy and hotels fill up quickly. This is not a major city, and some of the hotels are 20 miles away in Harrisburg or Mine Hill. Our group, due to a long history of attending, has a deal with Days Inn and we are located just 3 miles away from the gate. Quite spoiled. We arrive on Thursday afternoon, go over to the fairgrounds to check in and get our "goody bags" and then have somewhat of a group dinner. After- wards we call it quits (after a prolonged Happy Hour) and get ready for Friday action.

Gates open early, 6:30 or 7:00 AM. If you have a Corvette, you drive into Gate 3. Please note: ONLY Corvettes are allowed to park within the fairgrounds, unless you are a vendor. Once in, parking is where you park, unless you are a member of a particular organization such as Solid Axle and they all try to park together. In 2012, I drove my 1962 and joined the Solid Axle contingent. Also won Celebrity Judge Award that year.

In 2013, the 50th Anniversary of the 1963, Carlisle had 63 1963 examples of the original American Idol.



Saturday of Carlisle is most likely the busiest day. Many "day trippers" drive in and if the weather is great, the place is packed. Satur-

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day evening, downtown Carlisle (there is a real city of Carlisle) hosts a Corvette parade. Participants need to sign up for it (and pay). There is a maximum number of participants and it usually fills up. It is quite a sight. The C7's led the parade last year, and the streets were lined with spectators in the thousands. This is a city that turns out for the Corvette.

So, it is worth the trip. Hey, if you're a Corvette enthusiast, it should be on the "bucket list" for at least one visit. Looking for parts? Hundreds of vendors have just about everything. Just be careful and know what you are buying, as there are cheats everywhere. One tried to sell me "an original air cleaner stud for a 67, for just \$250." A rusted stud that could not be proven to be original nor worth it. Found another for \$3.00. But, that hardtop or trailing arm is there.

Visit carlisleevents.com for more complete information and registration.

Phil



August 22-24



CLUB MEMBERSHIP SURVEY SUMMARY

By Manny and Dawn Siprut

The Board would like to again thank the members (approx. 50) who participated in our recent annual Club satisfaction survey. Our Club has hosted the survey over the past five years and the ratings continue 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 years. In addition many members provided valuable comments to help guide the Board as it continues to develop content and activities (just too many to publish).

You will notice that the ratings have not varied much over the past years, other than the "food category" which reflects some improvement. The Board will continue to work with the management staff at Gainey Ranch to reach high 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 established 10 basic criteria for 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 25 to 65 guests

SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB

MEMBER SURVEY SUMMARY

{1 - 5 scale with 5 as top score}

	03/10	02/11	04/12	4/14
Monthly Dinner Meetings (overall rating)	3.98	4.36	4.41	4.33
• Content	3.83	4.47	4.45	4.39
• Social	4.52	4.72	4.74	4.58
• Location/Facility		4.31	4.43	4.45
• Food	3.48	3.47	3.45	3.90
• Value	3.69	3.59	3.59	3.92
Activities (overall rating)	4.26	4.57	4.64	4.65
• Quantity/Variety	4.23	4.56	4.67	4.69
• Day	4.30	4.74	4.65	4.57
• Weekend	4.12	4.44	4.69	4.59
• Dinners	4.40	4.43	4.70	4.62
• Value	4.26	4.54	4.63	4.48
Membership Enjoyment	4.42	4.72	4.65	4.68
Leadership	4.56	4.78	4.81	4.78
Value	4.50	4.64	4.69	4.62
SCC Newsletter				
Overall Quality				4.92
Articles of Interest				4.72

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Member Survey Summary

We have not been able to come close to replicating the benefits of using the Gainey Ranch Country Club. Getting a private room, timely service, separate checks, efficient payment system, and satisfactory food (yet not outstanding), and at a reasonable price has worked extremely well.

Based on multiple comments about our monthly dinner meetings, the Board has decided to modify the meeting schedule to begin at 6:00 p.m. (instead of 6:30), to allow those members who wish to enjoy a full hour for cocktails and visiting prior to our 7:00 p.m. dinner.

Although "house parties" are popular with our members, we haven't had enough volunteers to host. So if anyone has an interest in hosting, please let a Board member know!

The Board will continue to review and incorporate other members' ideas whenever possible.

Manny and Dawn

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

May 17 - Verde Valley Vettes

8th Annual All Chevy Show
Larry Miller Chevrolet in Cottonwood
Get flier at
www.verdevalleyvettes.com/calendar/may/2014ChevyShow.pdf

May 23-25 - Tucson Corvette Club

Superbash 2014 - Return of the Stingray
Info at: http://media.wix.com/ugd/1eb256_6521bd1c77f543d4b167888cd132ddc7.pdf

June 1 - Desert Corvette Association

Photo Rally and Poker Rallye
Flier: <http://vette.org/photorallye.6.14.pdf>



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Photographic Essay by Mark Bales



The Scene at Phoenix Muni Stadium



SCC Corvettes at the Cruise-In



Top left, the New and the Old
Bottom left, Kathi, Foster, Terry, Jerry,
Pam, Gurmit & Connie
Above, Jerry & Pam





Above left, Dave & Dana
Above right, Mike & Connie
At right, Gurmit & John
Below, DPS Motorcycles





Some of the exotic cars in the Rally
Upper left, a rare colored gull-wing
Mercedes

Upper right, a 1959 Devin SS
Lower left, a rare 1952 Cunningham
Lower right, a 1967 Corvette roadster

Corvette Service Advisors Move UP

By Jim Dobson

Good news, bad news. The good news is that our former recommended Assistant Service Manager, James Black has moved up in the Van Tuyl dealership chain to the Service Manager position at one of their East Valley dealerships. Not only is it a promotion for James, but it puts him closer to where he lives. The bad news is that we will miss him and the attention that he paid to our Corvettes.

However, all is not lost as we will have Chris Davis, Assistant Service Manager, to step up and provide the same great service that we experienced from James. Be sure to ask for Chris Davis and welcome him to his new position of providing exceptional service for the fine cars that we all enjoy. It's a good sign when our designated Service Advisors are promoted from within as it tells us we are getting the cream of the crop. I wish the best for Chris, but hope he stays around long enough to become acquainted with our members and continue to provide fine service. You can reach Chris at 480-683-3909.

Copperstate 1000

Mark said he counted twelve member cars and eighteen members at this event, which would be a Club record for this event.

As a postscript, John Walch snapped this photograph as the cars were leaving on the rally:



John wrote: Sad start for this Porsche driver who was in a minor (no one hurt but the vehicles) fender-bender with a white pickup truck as he left the stadium to begin the 1,000-mile journey.

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