



MAY-JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER



**Suzy Poulter's beautiful blue Vette parked in front of the fountain
at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club on April 11th
ready for SCC's annual Corvette show in the parking lot
prior to the April dinner meeting**

See more of our beautiful Corvettes inside this issue!



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A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts
130 Members

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Meetings:

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

Meetings are held at:
Gainey Ranch Golf Club, Ballroom C
7600 Gainey Club Drive
Scottsdale, Arizona



In this issue...

Coming Events, New Guidelines for "Out of Cycle" Activities, Roasting Walter & Michele, Cars, Coffee & More Cars, Cocktail Party at Rabins, April Car Show at Gainey Ranch Golf Club, Ethnic Epicurean Dinners at Garlic & Basil, Verizon Indy Car Series at PIR, Mary Colter's Dream, and Much More...

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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!



Ed Lenzi	May 5		
David Nelson	May 5		
Jan Kellogg	May 7		
Linda McClelland	May 15		
Mike Lipsky	May 18		
Brenda Brandt	May 21		
Dick Kulczycki	May 25		
Marie Camacho	May 28		
Michele Juessen	May 30		
Maria Patterson	May 30		
Ken Barry	May 31		
Tammy Schroden	May 31		
		Kathy Ronquist	June 1
		Sal Ricotta	June 10
		Sue Kulczycki	June 13
		Frank Perno	June 13
		Steve Rabin	June 14
		Joel Patterson	June 16
		Cheri Benner	June 27
		Laura Becker	June 28
		Norma Parker	June 30

COMING EVENTS!

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Party at Larry & Charlene Capek's Home

May 9 - Club Dinner Meeting

May 16 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

May 18-20 - Coronado Trail Trip

May 23 - Board Meeting

June 9 - Tour of the Riordan Mansion in Flagstaff

June 13 - Club Dinner Meeting

June 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

July - NO ACTIVITIES

August 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

August 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

August 18-19 - "Cabins & Cuisine" at Orchard Canyon in Oak Creek Canyon

August 22 - Board Meeting

We have included the Board meeting dates in case you have a topic you would like the Board to discuss. Just let a Board member know prior to any of the Board meetings.



The SCC Store utilizes Lands'End because of its reputation for customer service and the quality of their merchandise. The feedback from our membership has been very positive, and we plan to continue to use this site as our Club store.

For new members only, you'll need to create an account. You can do that by clicking on the following url:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub>

Once there, go to the top of the page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit it, and that will be it - and here's the best part: You can immediately start to shop. Should you have any issues, please contact Lands'End @ 1.800.587.15417 and they are available weekdays 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CDT.



New Cruisers



Wayne Leland and Joy Randle and their 2001 Red Convertible

AND

*Dean and Maura Perna and their 2015 Crystal Red Metallic Corvette
(We hope to have a photo of Dean and Maura
and their Vette for the next issue.)*

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!



A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed articles, photographs and/or other items of interest or information to this issue of the Newsletter! Those who contributed to this issue are:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Kathy Bales | Wayne Leland |
| Mark Bales | John McClelland |
| Jeff Becker | Bill Ng |
| Laura Becker | Suzy Poulter |
| Marie Camacho | Steve Rabin |
| Jim Dobson | David Sacks |
| Jim Gargano | Krysha Sorce |
| Fran Harder | Rollie Trayte |
| Ken Harder | Jim Voice |
| Charlene Lenzi | Sandi Weschler |

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder



Hope everyone is enjoying Spring even with a difficult year for allergies! We had 67 members/guests attend our March Salute to the Juessens and our April car show. Thanks again to Walter and Michele for their many years of service and dedication to our Club, and thanks to Manny Siprut for pinch-hitting for me in April while Fran and I were away.

Our Activities continue to be both varied and extremely well attended, with 18 members attending the Cars, Coffee and More Cars on March 17 (thanks to Ng/Camacho and the McClellands); 41 members attended the rescheduled Rabin cocktail party on March 24; 13 people (6 cars) attended the Indy Car Event on April 7 (Tasnadi); 33 members attended the Mary Colter's Dream La Posada Overnight (McClellands); and we had two Basil & Garlic dinners on April 7 and April 14 (Ng/Camacho) with 27 members attending each event. Thanks to all of our "leads" and the Rabins for making these events so enjoyable.

Upcoming events include the Cinco de Mayo House party at the Capeks' on May 5th, with 53 members signed up, and 14 cars are registered for the Coronado Trail experience (Juessen) on May 18-20 with 5 cars on the waiting list. The Riordan Mansion day trip and the Cabins and Cuisine event will be coming up next. The May monthly dinner meeting will be held on May 9, with car lover and founder of the Martin Auto Museum, Mel Miller, as our featured speaker.

I would also like to welcome new members Wayne Leland and Joy Randle, and Dean and Maura Perna. Please make sure you say hello to Wayne, Joy, Dean and Maura at our next event.

In Board news, Rick Cartell had to resign for personal reasons, and long-time Board member Manny Siprut has said it is time to roll off the Board (he has been trying to do this for some time!) and has announced that he will retire from the Board on May 31. Bill Ng will come on the Board effective May 1, and we look forward to his addition to the Board. Thanks to Rick for his service, and a special thanks to both Manny and Dawn for their long and valuable service to our Club. Manny first joined the Board in March, 2006, served as President in 2010 and 2011, and has worked tirelessly in every aspect of our Club's governance and activities for over twelve years. Dawn has participated and had leadership roles in the Vette Vixens, and has been instrumental in collecting and organizing the data from the six Member Surveys that have been conducted by the Club beginning in 2010. They have attended numerous events over the years and are responsible for returning the 2018 Holiday Party back to Grayhawk, which will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Lastly, at the January 31 Board meeting, the Board approved a new Board position to assist with the Website and Online Registration/Payment System. After our call for people interested in helping out in this area, we received several offers. We plan to move forward in filling this new position soon.

I also want to thank those members who took the time to respond to our Membership survey. We had 67 responses (more than a 50% response rate!), and the Board will carefully review every comment so that we can make any necessary adjustments to what we do and how we do it in hopes of improving your club experience. We will report back to members at our June monthly meeting and have a written summary for the July/August Newsletter. Again, thank you for your input---we take it very seriously. Hope to see you all very soon.

Ken



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



**SAVE THE DATE - FIRST
SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!**

**SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS
GATHERING**

At 7000 East Mayo Boulevard.
All kinds of exotic cars in the parking lot
for a free drive-up car show.
In the summer the cars arrive fairly early
in the morning - 7:00; 8:00 when it's
cooler. This is change of venue, so here's
a link to show you the layout of this event:
<https://www.scuderiasouthwest.com/smg>

**WILL WE SEE YOU THERE ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND?**

Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!
With so many new members,
it helps us all get better acquainted!



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**THE NEXT DINNER WILL BE ON
MAY 16TH!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE PRIZE MONEY
STARTS OUT AT \$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00 EACH
MONTH IF THERE IS NO WINNER. GARY RONQUIST'S
NAME WAS DRAWN IN MARCH, AND HE WAS ABSENT.
THERE WAS NO DRAWING IN APRIL. THE PRIZE AT THE
MAY MEETING WILL BE \$75.00. BE SURE TO BE THERE!**



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

Wow! What a fantastic array of events we have to report about in this newsletter! March and April were absolutely crammed with events - more than I ever remember experiencing in a two-month period since the Club was formed back in 1999. You will see photos galore of the "roast" in recognition of Walter and Michele's service to the Club at the March dinner meeting, the "Cars, Coffee & More Cars" event in March, the cocktail party at the Rabins' home in March, plus in April: the two successive ethnic dinners at Basil & Garlic, the Indy Car race at PIR, the Corvette show in the parking lot at Gainey before the April dinner meeting, and the "Mary Colter's Dream" trip to Winslow. I can only think that the Scottsdale Corvette Club must be doing something right to generate all these events with so many members participating and then contributing excellent photographs and articles in a timely manner so we can present them in this newsletter. My sincerest thanks to every one of you: those who planned and produced the events, those who participated and those who contributed photos, articles or information, even if it was just a name of someone in a photo! You all are what makes the Scottsdale Corvette Club such a joy to belong to, not to mention that you make my life as editor such a breeze!

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne

Entire Collection of Indy 500 Corvette Pace Cars Headed to Auction



What is purportedly the only complete set of Corvette Pace Car Edition cars privately owned, 16 vehicles in all, will be sold starting on May 15, 2018, during the Mecum Collector Car Auction in Indianapolis, Indiana. The collection is expected to sell for around \$2 million, or approximately \$125,000 per car.

For more photos and information, here's the link:

<http://www.thedrive.com/news/20354/entire-collection-of-indy-500-corvette-pace-cars-headed-to-auction>



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CLUB ACTIVITY?

By John McClelland
SCC Activities Director

We all know there is a flurry of activity towards the end of each year to come up with the SCC Annual Calendar of Events. Last year I sent out a "Call for Proposals" to Membership to gather ideas for the coming year and your willingness to help lead them, adding to the core effort. It culminates with a rollout in November to our Membership and has all the Day/Overnight/Multi-night Trips, Parties and Special Dinners the Club sponsors for the following year. But what about ideas Members have throughout the year that are not part of this initial "Baseline" planning cycle? We call these "Out of Cycle" Activities.

I have encouraged "Out of Cycle" Activities on many occasions with the support of the Board. While we have added some new Activities on an ad hoc basis, Members have told me it wasn't always clear what the process was to get it done. This note is meant to provide you with the information you need to get your idea out to the Club so Members may participate in an expanded set of new Activities, especially if you are willing to help put it together.

The Board approved new Guidelines for "Out of Cycle" Activities at the March 28, 2018 Board meeting. These Guidelines lay out how the Club would respond to new Activities with varying levels of support from the Club. It acknowledged both the fact that our resources to support Activities is limited and already stretched out, and that our Club is growing and there is a desire to provide more opportunities for all of our Members to participate in Club Activities.

A secondary advantage is that we get more people acquainted with leading an Activity and hopefully those people also get involved in future "Baseline" and "Out of Cycle" planning, providing a more diverse slate of activities for our Members to participate in and enjoy.

For this to succeed, it is necessary for Members to assume more responsibility for these new Activities. The response thus far has been very good, with Members agreeing to lead their proposed event and the Club supplying core support for Online Registration and Announcements and help for new leaders.

Not every idea can be turned into a Club Activity. We look at things like availability of the Club's resources to support the activity, relevance to SCC, what the expected interest of Membership might be, and does it conflict with an existing approved SCC Activity? How much responsibility/effort can the proposer offer? Does it fall within the terms of our NCCC Insurance? Club-Sponsored Activities still need to be approved by the Board. The new classification of Activities offers several options to move forward. We will certainly work with people to help them through the process and pick the right approach.

**It all starts with a note to the Activities Director
(JohnMcCSCC@gmail.com) to get things rolling.**

In the simplest terms, there are 4 types of Activities that the Club deals with in the new scheme:

Baseline Activities - Those Activities on the official SCC Calendar of Events rolled out in November of each year for the following year's Activities. These require most of the Club's available resources to support.

Out of Cycle Activities - Those Activities that come up during the year after the SCC Calendar of Events is published. These include the follow types of events:

- **Club-Sponsored Activities w/Full Support** - Approved by the Board with normal support from the Club and covered by NCCC Insurance. Available resources preclude too many of these types of Activities to be approved. Club-wide Announcements go out for these, as well as full Online Registration and Payments. An example of this was Bill Ng's second Basil & Garlic Dinner. Brenda and I provided full Online Registration/Payment support, and the Board approved the second dinner given the long Waiting List from the first dinner.
- **Club-Sponsored Activities w/Lite Support** - Approved by the Board with limited support from the Club, but still covered by NCCC Insurance. More of these are possible with the Proposer taking on more of the responsibilities to run the activity. An example of this was the Indy Car Event led by Frank Tasnadi. The Club provided a Club-wide Announcement and a Registration-Only Online Signup (no payments or Waiting List). Frank took on the lion's share of the work to collect all the payments and handle the logistics.
- **Non-Club-Sponsored "Impromptu Activities"** - These are typically smaller, special interest, shorter lead-time activities, but which may be announced at a Monthly Dinner to engage more participation. There are no Club-wide Announcements nor Online Signups, and these events are not covered by NCCC Insurance. The Proposer can directly email Members that he/she thinks would be interested. The number of emails going out to Members must be limited to reasonable amounts. Members communicate directly with the Lead if they are interested. An example of this was Rollie Trayte's standup announcement at the April Monthly Dinner letting people know about the Prescott Corvette Show and Fountain Hills event. This generated even further information by Members at the Dinner on other car events.

More details are included in the "Out of Cycle" Activity Guidelines" document which will be posted on the Website under the "About us/Board" tab.

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(JohnMcCSCC@gmail.com) to get things rolling!**

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS



Friday - Sunday, May 18th-20th

Trip on the Coronado Trail

SCC has traveled the Coronado Trail many times. This will be a fun drive on very winding roads.



Saturday, June 9th

Tour of Riordan Mansion & Lunch in Flagstaff

We will tour this interesting landmark in Flagstaff, built by the lumber-baron Riordan brothers, and have lunch in Flagstaff.



Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19

"Cabins and Cuisine"

Overnight at a historic cabin at Orchard Canyon Resort in Oak Creek Canyon, with a 4-course gourmet dinner and a full breakfast the next morning



Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 28-30

Run to the Pines

Cavalcade of Cars Parade, Run to the Pines Car Show, and private dinner party at Pinetop Country Club

1994 CORVETTE LIMO - \$14,000



Rollie Trayte found this ad on Craig's List in Mesa, AZ. Here are the details:

White Corvette Limo, black interior with 4 bucket seats in the back. Good condition. 8 cylinders, automatic transmission, rear-wheel drive, gasoline powered, 77,000 miles on the odometer. Clean title.

There was a link to the Craig's List ad, but the author had already removed it from the List; perhaps it sold - who knows?

REMEMBER IF YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR SCC NAME BADGE, CONTACT:
 Ahwatukee Trophies - Sales@ahwatukeetrophies.com; 480-785-5292
 Brian or Keely are the two main people to contact; Cost is approximately \$11.00.

ROASTING WALTER & MICHELE AT THE MARCH DINNER MEETING

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES AND FRAN HARDER

In recognition of Walter Juessen's long-time, almost ten-year tenure as a Board member and our Club Activities Director, the program at the March dinner meeting was devoted to a little "roasting" of Walter and Michele. Mark Bales put together a video showing the "adventures" dreamed up by Walter over the years, plus a few glimpses of Walter in his younger years.



Michele and Walter



We had a great turnout at the meeting.



Jim, Dorinne and Mark all had stories to tell about adventures with Walter and Michele



Mike had Walter laughing over memories of their trip to Death Valley and some kind of gasoline problem.

Too late for the slide show at the meeting, Mike found the photo at right documenting his story as they're funneling gasoline into Mike's Vette.





No roast would be complete without T-shirt awards!



Young Walter



Michele, Dorothy with her pink hair, Walter & Dorinne



Young and Old Walter

Cars, Coffee and More Cars

Story by Bill C. Ng

Photos by Mark Bales & Bill C. Ng



As soon as Marie and I walked onto the Penske Autocenter property, we could see the the multitude of people simply walking around with an unmistakable appreciation for all the polished chrome and the shiny, colorful sheet metal. While the demographics of admirers varied in ethnicity, sex, and age, we were all collectively there for one specific, common interest – Cars.

The love of cars, a slice of true Americana reminiscent of that fresh, warm apple pie coming out of the oven. I now can almost smell it ... along with a slight whiff of German strudel, Italian bruttiboni and a hint of English muffin.

This Penske Autocenter, located on the corner of Chauncey and Scottsdale Road just south of the Loop 101, is a substantial dealership with the Penske Racing Museum as the proud centerpiece. The museum is framed on both sides representing quality dealerships. On one side are Audi, Porsche, BMW, Range Rover, Jaguar and Ferrari dealers. On the other side of the museum are dealerships of Acura, Mini Cooper, Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Bugatti and Lamborghini.

The glorious, brisk day began with a bright sun still waking and rising up to greet us. Its rays are shining through the clear, blue sky and beginning to slowly warm us on the 65-degree morning. All the Club members arrived at different times, but we all gathered in the front of the Penske Racing Museum at 9 a.m. as instructed by John McClelland.



Pictured are some of the SCC group:
Ed and Charlene, Linda, Charles, John and John

The folks from the Porsche and Ferrari Clubs displayed their shiny, manicured rides. Other folks just drove whatever they proudly desired to show off. There were cars representing fast-and-furious types, hot rods, resto-mods, and classic cars – such as a model 62 Cadillac convertible. Harley motorcycles and with supercars like McLarens and Lamborghinis were tantalizingly sprinkled throughout the lot.



Wild Lambo

Corvettes were also well represented; however, the main interest for the majority of the crowd appeared to be a bright yellow 2018 Ford GT 40. The rightfully proud owner is a lady who also owns the 2006 GT 40 which, of course, was parked next to it. In this case, I guess the adage was appropriate that a person can never be too pretty, too rich or too lucky.



The 2018 Ford GT 40

While there were so many cars of interest, I must admit that my focus was the '70s Triumph Bonneville motorcycle that caught my eye. It was the same type and color as the motorcycle which I rode and caused me to fondly reminisce of my student days in Austin at The University of Texas. I had the pleasure of exchanging riding experiences with the owner, who has kept this Bonneville in running condition since ownership in the '80s.

All our SCC members enjoyed the day as they helped themselves to the free coffee, wandered around leisurely while visiting with each other just having fun. Our de facto Club Photographer, Mark Bales, was busy with his usual artistic documentation while admiring his next possible purchase, the red Ferrari in the showroom. John Ketterl and I stood close by contemplating our decision between affording to live in one of these supercars, or keeping our homes to live in. More importantly, how do we gently break the news to our ladies?



Mark with his purported “next purchase,” the red Ferrari 488



John and Bill dreaming of this red Ferrari

Charlene Lenzi proudly revealed that she actually worked at the Penske museum during its infancy. She shared some interesting stories, which I'm sure she would be happy to share with you. Suzy and Charles showed up to join us in sampling the different coffee offerings while having all this yummy eye candy to go along with it.

While there were food trucks present, I don't believe any of our members ordered any food. I think we were saving our appetite for the lunch we would be sharing later.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admittance to the museum is free, and we are allowed to visit at our own unhurried pace. Inside, there is so much racing history to be found including actual Indianapolis 500 race cars spanning different decades along with several examples from NASCAR .



Huge banners with signed pictures of racing heroes like Power, Cameron, Montoya and Castroneves hang overhead. Underneath the far side banners sits the #8 Norton Spirit which was driven by Tom Sneva which made history on May 14, 1977 as the first Indy car to break the 200 mph barrier in a qualifying run.



This was the first car to qualify a single lap at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway over 200 mph.

On May 14, 1977 at 11:51 am Tom Sneva in the #8 Norton Spirit drove into the racing history books with his historic 200mph qualifying run.

1st lap 200.401 mph
 2nd lap 200.535 mph
 3rd lap 197.628 mph
 4th lap 197.032 mph

4 lap average 198.884 mph

Qualifying at Indy consists of the average of 4 laps around the speedway.



#8 Norton Spirit driven by Tom Sneva; at right, enlargement of the informational sign



Dallara IR-12 driven by Montoya;
 behind it, Mario Andretti's 2979 IROC Chevy Camaro

A Dallara IR-12 race car is displayed proudly in the front window. This 2015 Indianapolis 500 winner was driven by Juan Pablo Montoya and had an average qualifying speed of 224.657 mph. Behind the Dallara sits Mario Andretti's red 1979 IROC Chevy Camaro. It is amazing when you notice, and realize, that Mario only had 450 bhp to race with while the basic 2018 Stingray "only" has 460 bhp, and the new ZR1 will be over 750 bhp. Perhaps "scary" is a more appropriate word. A Corvette is appropriately represented as the white official pace car of the 05/24/2015 Indianapolis 500 and sits highlighted, alone, in the far corner of the exhibit.

The wide staircase near the museum entrance will take you to the second floor which houses multiple glassed cases protecting numerous silver trophies, racing memorabilia, plaques and autographed racer's helmets. There is food and drink bar accompanied by a seating area which can support a small meeting, or friendly gathering. And on the wall at the top of these stairs is a picture of Mr. Penske himself celebrating another apparent team win as he holds an enormous huge bottle of exploding champagne.



I had an opportunity to talk with the museum Manager, Patrick Hozza, who shared some additional detailed insights of this museum's history and operations since its opening in November of 2002. All the cars in the exhibit belong to Team Penske Collection, yet those displayed represent only one third of the total exhibit cars within Team Penske. Several cars are rotated annually with cars from other exhibits. Cars not on display are stored in a restoration shop in Michigan. All these cars in the exhibits are totally taken apart and restored in their complete original running condition.

Mr. Hozza proudly shares that Team Penske is one of the most successful professional racing teams having won 32 National Championships. Team Penske is approaching 500 major race victories with sixteen of those victories being the Indianapolis 500 races, the most of any racing team.

Cars and Coffee events have been held for almost six years and are usually scheduled for every third Saturday of each month. Except during the heat of summer when it is held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., the usual time is 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. I thank Mr. Hozza for the shared information and conclude with an invitation to join in, and address us, at one of our SCC monthly dinners. He happily agreed to the possibility depending on his schedule and availability.

When I return outside, I was able to see people beginning to drive their displays home. The cool air is filling with a cacophony of high-powered motors revving along with the acrid exhaust smell only gasoline-powered cars can produce. I am instantly reminded of why I fell in love with them in the first place.

I grew up with the ability to quote horsepower and torque data of the latest and greatest cars barely muffled by, and back-firing from, their red Cherry Bombs roaring on my city streets in San Antonio, Texas. I *may* have even tested my young reaction times against some of these cars from one stop light to another. Ok ... I admit, I did.

I feel saddened by what appears, to me, that there are many Millennials, as well as other folks, who do not seem to understand, nor appreciate the visceral thrill and deep thundering sonata we experience of raw horsepower in our Corvettes. They seem fixated on the probability of riding within the whirling hum of wireless, AI-assisted and amped-up sewing machines in our future. I have always looked forward to the exhilaration of driving my cars and feel further sadden by the prospect that my grandchildren, in their future, may only be able to experience cars that drive them.

John announces to everyone that it is time to begin our next adventure ... onward to Martin's Auto Museum.

We all head back to our Corvettes and fly, safely I'm sure, on the Loop 101 west, followed by merging onto I-17 south. After exiting onto Bell Road, we channeled our inner NASCAR dreams by making a left and another left onto the frontage road to head north. About after a quarter mile, we slowly turn right onto the driveway flanked on both sides with checked flags, past the red fire truck on exhibit, and into the entrance of the Martin Auto Museum parking lot located at 17641 N. Black Canyon Hwy.



I happen to be in front of the pack and begin backing my Corvette into a parking slot. All the other Members followed suit, except one, and after completing our back up parking, gather at the front of the entrance. In the right window of the entrance brightly shines a vertical neon sign proclaiming CORVETTE ... cool. And, as soon as we enter into this museum, we are welcomed by a long row of Corvettes from different vintages. Very cool.



There always has to be one - Mr. Lipsky!

CORVETTES AT THE MARTIN!

And as Mark always says: More proof that ALL CORVETTES ARE RED!





We all strike poses in front of the line of Corvettes. Our lady members then show off their mechanical moxie and collective strength by posing with a Corvette body off the frame. Then everyone starts to wander off in exploration and discovery of so many different cars arranged in multiple different rooms. The many cars range from hot rods like the “Rat Fink” created by Ed “Big Daddy” Roth to a restored Auburn Cord, muscle cars and even a carousel. Memorabilia hang on the walls including a racing suit signed by Rusty Wallace, Jeff Gordon, Bill Elliott and many others.





Cars. Cars & More Cars!
Upper left, the "Rat Fink,"
upper right, an Auburn.
Below that is the Cord, and at left of the
Cord, a Camaro.
And other exotica of interest
to car buffs!

The variety of cars brought up varieties of fond memories for our members. Stacey Chulew shared her love for a specific Camaro with four on the floor. This car was reminiscent of the one her girlfriend had in which they created many memories together. Unfortunately, this Camaro also brought up a wistful memory for Stacey of her personal car her Mom bought her which only had a paradoxical 3 on the column. I hope Stacey is comforted by the thought that, while her girlfriend may still be riding around in, what is probably now, a beat-up Camaro, she is riding in and among shiny, powerful Corvettes!

I will now reveal my personal dark side as my memory was jogged by a special Chevy Impala within this collection. I was entering my teen years and suffering from car fever, when my Mother asked me what car she should buy as her first.

“Well!!!” - my response, of course I knew right away. I had already memorized the lyrics to my dream car, as I sang along while wearing down the grooves in my Beach Boys vinyl. I bet this tune also resides in many of your memories as well - “*my four speed, dual-quad, positraction four-oh-nine.*” I convinced my Mother that she *needed* that white Impala SS with four on the floor and that big block V8 409. Thanks, Mom! Yes ... I was evil, but, very happy.

As everyone was searching for the source of their favorite vehicular memories, I had an opportunity to chat with Rick, who runs the daily operations, and learn some interesting tidbits. Mr. Martin opened this museum to the public about six years ago. His collection many years before started with a 1940 dump truck. The museum is an accredited charitable foundation with donations used to take care of the vehicles. There are also volunteers who come in for about six hours per week to assist in taking care of the cars as well.

Mr. Martin's private collection contains 102 vehicles with this museum presently holding 65 vehicles, including two tractors, a dump truck and bicycle. All the vehicles are restored to operational condition, which is necessary as they are rotated with the rest of his collection. The most expensive vehicle is a 1930 Duesenberg worth \$3,000,000. The oldest model in the exhibit is a Karl Benz which has claim to be the first gas patented vehicle in 1886.

After visiting for about 90 minutes, John and I begin gathering everyone for lunch. The members all line up their cars behind my Vette once I had taken the lead. I turned right and slowly proceeded north on the frontage road to ensure everyone has time to safely exit and follow. When John, in the sweep position, radios that he is clear, I proceed normally to make a U-turn at the light, under the overpass, onto the other side of the frontage road and begin to head south to Bell Road.

We turn left onto Bell Road and within several hundred yards, made another turn left into the parking lot of Naked BBQ, which is located across the street from Midway Chevrolet dealership. I lead everyone to an empty lot next to the restaurant, and we safely secure individual slots, protecting our rides.



Manager, Oren Hartman, already prepared an area reserved for us, and his staff warmly greeted and took our individual orders. Naked BBQ prides themselves in making BBQ for people who don't like BBQ. The menu consists of all freshly made foods and meats smoked and cooked without any sauce, hence ... naked. Once you receive your order, then you can get the different sauces and add as much, or little, as you'd like. I had several Members come up and tell me how much they loved the food, so it appears that Naked BBQ has a winning idea and formula.

After eating, we remained talking and enjoying each other's company. It was obvious that no one was anxious to leave this fun. During this time, I had a chance to view the walls with numerous signatures and messages. Interestingly, I also discovered that Midway's Corvette club uses this place as their official meeting site.

"Well!!!" I grinned. I asked Oren if we could sign the wall as well. He was very courteous and brought in a ladder. Many of us proudly proclaimed our presence and representation of The Scottsdale Corvette Club to all those who may be coming here to dine. Once more, I was evil, but again, very happy and proud to be among my fellow members. Thanks, everyone, for your willing participation!



Our pleasant nostalgia with the rides we had, and euphoric experiences from those we now own, are what I believe continue to keep us returning to places like Penske's Racing and Martin's Auto Museums. There are so many unique and different types of people, personalities, interests, experiences and talents in our Club. We are individualized by these personal differences, views, likes and dislikes, political stance, and many other categories.

What unites us may not be our differences; however, there is this strong commonality. While we may like cars in different ways, I believe all SCC members are bonded with love of everything with, and of, cars - particularly, our beloved Corvettes. I hope all of you can join in at least one of our Club trips to experience the wonderful fun we all shared together today on this short trip.

I know there are many of you with convertibles who just love to grin when you coyly suggest how you go topless. However, we on this Coffee, Cars and More Cars trip can actually widely smile and openly brag that we have a publicly documented wall which proudly declares that we all went NAKED!.....

Bill

A LITTLE BIT OF CORVETTE HISTORY



This photograph of the three Corvette Chief Engineers, Dave McClellan, Dave Hill and Zora Duntov, was taken at the 40th Birthday Party of the Corvette in Boston in 1993 by our Club member, Charlene Lenzi. She says: "It was the first time and I believe the last that all three engineers were together at one time. The photo is in front of Corvette Indy car that was displayed at the event."

Jim and I met both Dave McClellan and Dave Hill back in the '70's and '80's when they were working for Chevrolet and we had friends at the Mesa proving grounds who invited them to Corvette events if they were in town.

If you would be interested in obtaining an 11 x 14 copy of this photograph, please contact Charlene Lenzi by phone at 480-519-0542 or by email at banphchar@gmail.com.

Looks like the Vette Vixens had a fun dinner at the Creek Patio Grill on March 21st!



From left, Suzy, Carol, Connie, Pam, Krysha, Cheryl, Michele, Kathy, Dawn, Jeanne, Sandi, Sue, Kandy and Fran
Photo courtesy of Suzy Poulter

The 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 **Is This Year's Indy 500 Pace Car**



Here's the link to read all about it: <http://www.motortrend.com/news/2019-chevrolet-corvette-zr1-will-2018-indy-500-pace-car/>

Here's some interesting information from Ken Harder:

DID YOU KNOW?

2018 CORVETTE PRODUCTION RESULTS

In case you didn't see the numbers, 2018 was one of the shortest model years in history, with a total of 9,686 Corvettes produced. Stingrays accounted for 39.3%, Grand Sport 31.8%, and 28.9% Z-06. Convertibles accounted for 17.5% of all models. As you recall, production started June 5, 2017, and ended January 28, 2018, and the plant was shut down for three months, making the 2018 model year approximately 5 months.

Automatic transmissions outsold manuals once again at 78%, and the 1LT package was the most popular for Stingray Coupes, while the 2LT was the top pick for Stingray Convertibles and Grand Sports. The 3LZ was again the most popular for Z06 models. Almost 30% of Z06's opted for the Z07 performance package. Arctic White once again topped the list as most popular color, and for the first time in several years----when you add the two red colors together, they still did not beat out WHITE!!!! The Museum delivered 88 Corvettes through the R8C Delivery program. For more info, you can visit the corvettemuseum.org website and click on the "Learn" menu.



INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT BOTH MUSEUM & MOTORSPORTS PARK FOR 2017

Vintage Corvette rides, new exhibits, go-karts and Corvettes-to-Drive helped the National Corvette Museum and NCM Motorsports Park welcome new organizations and even more visitors in 2017. At the track, attendance was 60,840 (including many NCCC members who attended the NCCC Convention there in August) while the Museum attendance totaled 228,744 in 2017. This is the third consecutive year of increased attendance for the Bowling Green, Kentucky attractions.



Rollie Trayte says: "I know you may be a purist, but this is intriguing." He sent this post from restomod.com of an article entitled *Put Every Corvette in a Blender and You Get the Equus Throwback :*

<https://restomod.com/put-every-corvette-blender-get-equus-throwback-5231/>

COCKTAIL PARTY AT STEVE & JENNIFER RABINS' HOME SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 24TH

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES



Although the Rabin's cocktail party had to be delayed by a month, it turned out great and was worth the wait. The weather was perfect, the guests were dressed for a fun night out, and the food and drink made for a great get-together.



Mike, Kathy, Michele and Jim Voice's friend, Glynis



Sandi, Krysha, Dorothy and Jennifer

There was an artful charcuterie plate with enough cheese and meat to even satisfy the appetite of Walter. After an hour or so of appetizers in the backyard under the fantastic Arizona weather, a sampling of European food was next - Spanikopita from Greece, Perogis from Poland and Italian Meatballs from, you guessed it, Italy.





Pam, Barb, Michele, Kathy and Donna, warming up by the fire

While the date change did conflict with several member's plans, the event was well attended and enjoyed. Steve and Jen even said they enjoyed hosting so much, they would consider hosting again.



Steve's Corvette Garage

OUR HOSTS

STEVE & JENNIFER



Our thanks to Steve and Jennifer for hosting a wonderful party!

Jim Gargano sent this cartoon, attributed to The Des Moines Register



From my Wickenburg car guy friend:
JAY LENO TAKES A 200-MPH SPIN IN \$120,000 CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZR1



It's in camouflage until its release date.

Here's the link:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/04/25/jay-leno-takes-a-200-mph-spin-in-the-119k-zr1-chevrolet-corvette.html>



THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

The Rooster Bar by John Grisham. If you like legal mysteries (and I do), then you know John Grisham is a master legal storyteller. He took a few liberties with this one, but it is an entrancing and compelling read. Mark, Todd and Zola are third-year law students at Foggy Bottom Law School in Washington, D.C. Foggy Bottom is one of those low-end, mediocre law schools where the students may pass the courses but rarely pass the bar exam and even worse find it difficult to get good jobs. Their student loan debt after enrolling for the last semester is over \$200,000 apiece. After the suicide of one of their best friends, these three decide to skip the last semester of school at Foggy Bottom and set out on their own to "practice law" with no diploma, no bar exam, no license to practice law. It turns out to be quite a hilarious romp through the criminal court system in D.C., and you will see what I mean when I say the author took a few liberties with the story. But it makes a fascinating story nevertheless; one you will not want to put down till you finish it.

Happy reading!

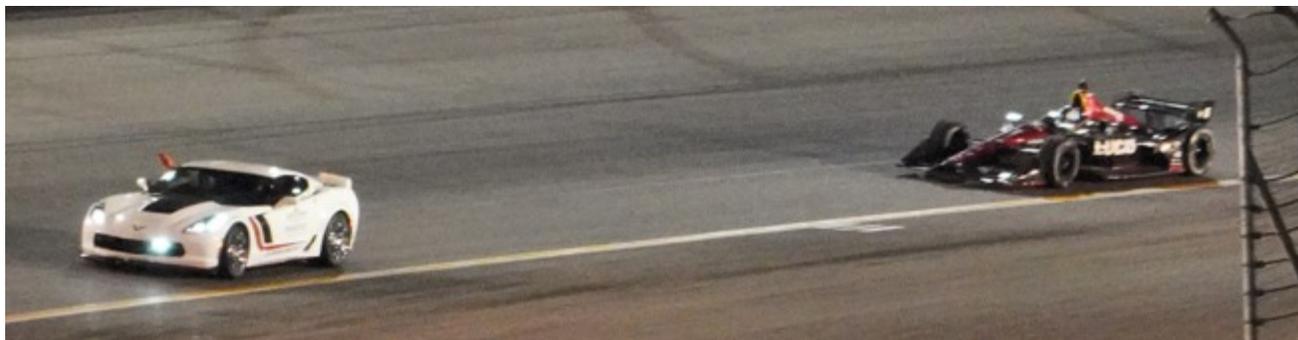
Dorinne



Verizon Indy Car Series Phoenix Grand Prix

APRIL 7, 2018

Story and Photos by Steve Rabin



On the evening of Saturday, April 7th, top Indy car drivers competed at ISM Raceway (also known as PIR) in Phoenix. This is a world-class facility with a 1-mile long oval track hosting several elite racing events annually. A small, but excited group of SCC members attended the event, earplugs in hand, and witnessed the spectacle of speed on display.

When we first arrived, with great parking I might add (good work Frank), we were greeted with the music of 80's rock band The Spin Doctors. They played all their top hits and entertained the crowd for about an hour - it served as a great warm-up for the main event.

It was quite a long walk to our seats, but a cold beer served as the reward for our journey. While there probably isn't a bad seat in the stadium, we were fortunate to be seated just past the finish line along pit row. The stadium is very large, but the stands were surprisingly bare. Perhaps there are those that find loud cars driving around a circle unexciting.

I've found that the quality of any race is largely dependent upon the pace car and this race started with a bang as a 2018 white Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport led the Indy cars around the track.





As the cars powered around the track, it sounded like a massive swarm of killer bees on steroids. The resonating hum in the distance growing louder and louder into a roar as the cars whizzed by at over 220 mph. As they passed, a few engines sputtered, reminding me of the engine noise from the pod racers in Star Wars Episode One.

The speed was high throughout the race as there were only two caution flags during the entire event. The first was when Pietro Fittapaldi hit the wall along the first turn on lap 40. The second, with only 22 laps to go, when Ed Jones caused a caution that allowed the drivers to bunch up and make it anyone's race. During this caution, leader Josef Newgarden entered pit lane for some fresh tires giving up his lead. Once the green flag dropped, however, he closed the gap, ultimately regaining the lead and taking the checkered flag.



It was a night filled with great weather, great friends and a great race. Unlike most SCC events however, attending a race and wearing earplugs doesn't lend for much meaningful conversation, but the smile on everyone's face told the story. Good times for all! Vroooooom.

Steve Rabin





**CORVETTE CAR SHOW
PARKING LOT AT GAINEY RANCH GOLF CLUB
BEFORE THE APRIL DINNER MEETING**

PHOTOS BY SUZY POULTER AND DAVID SACKS





People pictured: top left, Jeanne Lingley & Suzy Poulter; top right, Dorinne & Jim Dobson; second row right, Mark Chulew; third row left, Barb Shaw





BASIL & GARLIC ETHNIC DINNERS, #1 & #2

Story by Bill C. Ng

Photos by Mark Bales and Bill C. Ng

“Mille Grazie e Congratulazioni!” to all the people who joined us for the Basil and Garlic ethnic dinners. The first dinner, which was *quickly sold out at 29 guests, was held on Saturday, April 7th* . Due to a high waiting list, a second dinner was held the following Saturday, April 14th.

Again, *Grazie!* to everyone for your wonderful participation. And, *Congratulazioni!*, as well, to all of you in the second dinner for attending. Because of your support, these dinners resulted in being the first event in SCC's almost 19-year history to be held twice, and within a week.

Basil and Garlic #1, April 7th

Marie and I arrived at Basil and Garlic at 4:45 p.m. to ensure everything was set up and ready to go. I had arranged for Chef Claudio and his staff to park their cars sideways across all the parking slots in the reserve lot to ensure that no one could park there. When I arrived, I parked my ZO6 across the main entrance, blocking further access and protecting this area as a private lot for our Club.



Shortly after Claudio's crew had just removed their cars and I began to settle into the position of 'traffic controller' by my car, the first guest's Vette drove up into the driveway. Jim and Rosie Gargano must have been mighty hungry, or perhaps just thirsty, as they arrived around 4:50 p.m., quite ahead of everyone else. I happily welcomed and directed them to back into one of the reserved parking slots. They smilingly walked to the reserved covered patio, selected a choice table to seat themselves and begin enjoying and having fun.

Jim and Rosie were not alone for long. The McClellands arrived, quickly followed by Corvette after Corvette. I greeted Steve and Theresa Patricola after Dorothy Durby allowed me to assist her in backing her red Corvette into a parking slot. Chuck and Sandi Weschler, Mark and Kathy Bales, Dick and Sue Kulczycki, Mike and Connie, Leon and Janette, Jeff and Laura, the Sacks ... this is going to be a great evening.

And, yes, I understand sometimes we might flinch about driving 15 to 20 miles to meet up with our group for an event; however, I continue to admire Jim and Dorinne Dobson who devotedly drove over one hour, covering approximately 70 miles from Wickenburg – one way! - just to join our fun that night. And ... AND, they still arrived ahead of scheduled time. Bravo.

Everyone was arriving early and properly backing into the reserved lot. We were all seated by 5:30 p.m. and greeted by the wait staff of Shannon and Kathleen. Friendships and conversations, as well as the wine, easily started flowing.



Jim and Rosie



Dorothy and Sue



Mark, Joan, Kathy and Dick



Frank and Pam, Jim and Dorinne



Steve



Marie, Bill, John and Linda

I commenced the event with an introduction of our host, Claudio, who gave the party a short overview of our courses, re-affirming his commitment that it will be a great evening of food. I then asked the group to raise their glasses and join in a toast to our evening ... thus the party began.

And, just like at Mama's house, all the dishes came out family style:

Our first course: Bruschetta with tomato and basil

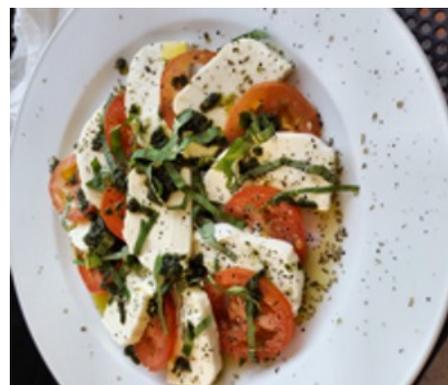
This is when Janette Boyd, after taking her first bite, immediately asked John McClelland to put her and Leon on the list for the second dinner the following Saturday. Now, that's a good culinary palate.

Our second course: Caprese Salad of tomato and mozzarella



At left, a serving of the bruschetta with tomato and basil and the caprese salad

At right, the platter of caprese salad



Our third course: Basil and Garlic pasta with shrimp, basil pesto in a garlic tomato cream sauce

Our fourth course: all'Amatriciana pasta with pancetta, basil, garlic and red pepper

Our fifth course: Gorgonzola Penne with Chicken

The final course: Sausage and Peppers – one of my favorites. I admit to haggling some of my wine with different folks, who graciously shared their dish with me



Top left, Dave, Sherry, Rosie and Jim
 Top right, David and Joan
 Middle left, Jim, Dorinne and Dorothy
 Above, Dick, Sue, Sandi and Chuck
 At right, Frank and Pam

After six courses, most of us were quite full and satiated. However, one of our Members, who I will avoid embarrassing, was still wondering when the pizza was coming out! Dick (whoops, did I just mention his name?) still wanted pizza?! So, I promised that he and I will come back in the future and share a very large pizza. But, tonight, his whole table happily completed the evening with their own special dessert, Tiramisu.

It was a great night of wine, food and, most of all, Friendship. I can only assume that everyone must have had a wonderful time because the McClellands, Marie and I left about 45 minutes after the last course, and there were still folks staying to enjoy themselves, each other, and the rest of this evening.

Basil and Garlic #2, April 14th

This time, I was prepared (with anticipation from last week's dinner) that some folks may be coming early. Marie and I started driving much earlier to B&G with the thought of “was the first dinner a fluke or merely anxious participation from the guests?” Well, that answer came from our first guests, Mike and Connie Cassel, who actually beat me there and were already beginning to park! John and Linda McClelland were also there early, had already parked, and were assisting Mike to back into the parking slot. Thanks, John. Thanks, Linda.

And, just as the Saturday before, the rest of the guests began showing up early as well. Everyone was directed into the reserved lot and successfully backed into their selected slots.

It was wonderful to greet friends I had not seen in a while, like Donna Reagan, or meeting new, returning members like Al Starr. Leon and Janette Boyd enjoyed B&G #1 so much that they returned for this second time – they even brought guests, Mike and Mary Reese.

Both Bob Hickerson and Charles Nance came alone and shared a table with Al Starr to form a male dinner coalition for the evening. Peter and Lucy Boland drove in fashionably last, but still 10 minutes ahead of schedule. And, always fashionable, Lucy's hair and attire matched their gorgeous yellow convertible.

Before beginning the event, I inquired to Mike Cassel about if this dinner was possibly a first for the SCC Club. He thought about the history of SCC and, indeed, confirmed that no other events have ever been successfully held twice in succession. He suggested, with a mischievous grin, that we should contact the Guinness World Records.

Appreciative of everyone arriving ahead of schedule, I took advantage of this time for a great photo opportunity. We all returned to the parking lot to frame our Corvettes and took group pictures of this notable event.



After photos were taken and we had returned to our tables, I introduced Claudio and, again, he happily greeted and welcomed all our Members.

And so the evening began as Members Peter and Lucy Boland, Leon and Janette Boyd with guest Mike and Mary, Larry and Charlene Capek, Mike and Connie Cassel, John and Gloria Ketterl, Bob Hickerson, John and Linda McClelland, Ron and Judy Myers, Charles Nance, Marie and I, Mike and Donna Reagan and Al Starr raised our glasses in a toast to being part of SCC history being made with this special dinner. “*Salute!*”

Our first course: Bruschetta topped with pesto, cheese and minced mint

Our second course: Marinated Meatballs in homemade tomato sauce (personal favorite)

Our third course: Chef's Favorite consisting of ham, mushrooms, red onions, peas in a rosa cream sauce with mozzarella cheese.

Our fourth course: Pasta alla Norma with penne tossed with mozzarella, basil and eggplant

Our fifth course: Chicken Marsala with prosciutto, mushrooms in Marsala wine

The final course: Chicken Piccata notably flavored with butter, lemon juice and capers



Pasta alla Norma



Chicken Piccata



Mike, Don, Tammy & Connie



Leon, Janette, and their guests, Mike and Mary



Charlene, Ron, Judy & Larry



John and Gloria



At left, Pete, Lucy, Donna & Mike
Above, the men's table: Bob, Charles & Al



OMG! It's happening ... Again. All this food and everyone appeared to have been stuffed. One person says he is still hungry though and asks for pizza, while another wonders where the desert is. Really!? This is the camaraderie I enjoy most among our Membership, when we feel good enough about our fellowship to joke with each other. Peter, you *were* joking – right?

Regardless, this evening mimicked the first one with people still remaining about one hour after the last course. I was personally happy to see everyone still there. During dinner, John and I occasionally wandered among the tables to chat with everyone, as they sincerely appeared to be happy and having a great time. And, as I now glanced at the different tables, I could sense this same comfortable and relaxed demeanor of enjoyment from everyone, even after this dinner had officially been completed.

Even though the Chinese invented the noodle, I end with agreeing with our Italian membership that it doesn't make me knowledgeable about Italian cuisine. Neither does watching *The Godfather* multiple times count ... especially, since they were eating Chinese food! - out of boxes. And, I have never attended an Italian culinary school like the famous and renowned Whatsamata U.

Nevertheless, as a dedicated and fanatical foodie, I remain in a never-ending quest for culinary nirvana, as well as ambiance, to share with others. Listening to, and chatting with, the folks who did attend these two dinners, everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves, the food, their drinks and their table companions on each of these culinary adventures.

This includes my Italian Hero, Steve Patricola, who, with his charismatic devilish smile, cool Italian panache and stylistic wave of his hand, confided to me that, while perhaps not like Mama's – “hey, Bill, *it was good.*” And that singular response, my Friends, is comforting enough for me.

Personal epilogue:

I applaud my fellow Members who have stepped up with recommendations for, and participation with, events. If you have not, I encourage you to help build upon these gatherings. You will experience great satisfaction, as well as find wonderful people who understand, appreciate and will support your efforts along the way. John and Linda McClelland have been instrumental with advice, direction and assistance in all the events I have been involved with. They are supportive and have the mechanisms in place to assist you as well.

Remember that we all belong to just a Club; however, it's our Member's active, and continued, participation which makes our Club so special and enjoyably successful.

Marie and I have sincerely enjoyed (loved) helping to put these events together. I am personally humbled by the comments received and the successful response of these events from so many. The friendships shared, positive

comments and responses from the attending Members, make us feel honored and grateful for the opportunities to continue to do things for, and with, all of you.

Grazie!

Bill and Marie

ANOTHER VETTE VIXENS DINING EXPERIENCE AT MAGGIANO'S IN APRIL



From the left, Lorraine (Krysha's guest), Krysha, Kathy, Michele, Suzy, Sandi, Sue, Carol, Terry, Dorothy and Charlene

At left, get a load of Charlene's piece of carrot cake! Do you think it's big enough to eat?

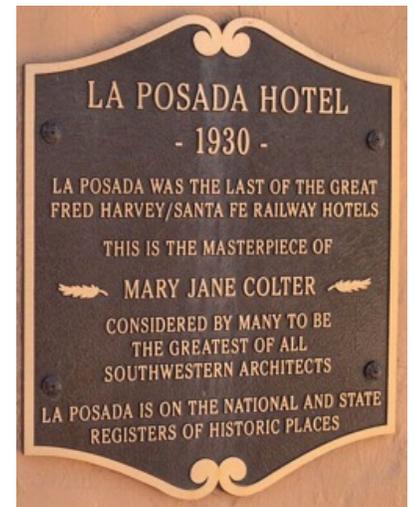
Thanks to Suzy Poulter who photographed the group once again. Suzy says we might want to mention that Charlene shared that big piece of cake around the table as we wouldn't want anyone to think she ate that massive thing all by herself!



MARY COLTER'S DREAM

Story by Laura Becker

Photos by Jeff Becker,
Steve Rabin & David Sacks



“WANTED: Young women 18-30 years of age, of good moral character, attractive and intelligent....”

No, this was not an ad seeking a passenger for our recent trip to Winslow and La Posada. It actually was part of the ad seeking Harvey Girls to waitress at Harvey Houses across the U. S. from 1880 into the 1960's. Our group of 30 SCC members started out from Scottsdale to meet a Harvey Girl or two on a sunny Saturday in April. With radios in hand and designated spotters, we made it to Payson without incident (you know what I mean). Our lunch on the patio at Macky's was really tasty, and we had great service from the owners and their staff. After two more hours on the road, we arrived at La Posada.



La Posada, meaning the resting place, was designed by Mary Colter to be the finest hotel in the Southwest. When built in 1929, its construction cost more than one million dollars and with furnishings, \$2 million. The hotel was built in Winslow since that was the headquarters of the Santa Fe Railway. It still is. La Posada fronts the railroad tracks where trains stopped every hour or so during the Harvey Girl times. Fred Harvey managed restaurants at train stops along the Santa Fe from Chicago to San Francisco and hired the young women referenced above, during a time when women didn't work outside the home, to serve hungry train travelers. He introduced white linen, china and silver to the

lunch rooms of the train stops and trained his Harvey Girls for a month in the finest manners before they were sent across the West to live and work for \$17.50 a month.



Once at La Posada we checked in and met the other 6 SCC members who traveled to Winslow separately.



Each of our rooms was different with handmade ponderosa beds, Mexican tin mirrors and Zapotec rugs. We convened later to meet our Harvey Girls, Peggy and Maxine, who gave us an animated history of Fred Harvey, the Santa Fe Railway and the Harvey Girls before leading us on a tour of La Posada.



Touring with Peggy



At left, the front back door; at right, the back front door. Peggy explained, in the early days, everyone entered on the train-track side of the building - the front door. Now most of the hotel guests arrive on the street-side of the building, the former back door. Thus the monikers "back front" and "front back" doors.

Still Touring with Peggy



One of the most interesting parts was the gallery where Tina Mion's art is displayed. Tina's art also hangs in the Smithsonian and one could only call her viewpoint on the world fascinating. Her painting collection called Death Spoons represents individuals who have had unique "exits". After that we all ended up in the bar.



Many of Mion's paintings include celebrities



Below are paintings from the Death Spoons collection



The Turquoise Room, within La Posada, was our dinner venue. Everything is baked or cooked from scratch and the menu items, including elk and bison, are sourced locally. The Turquoise Room was named for the private dining car designed by Mary Colter which ran on the Super Chief from Chicago to Los Angeles starting in 1936. The food was outstanding.



After dinner a wild party ensued on the patio of John McClelland and Bill Ng's rooms. I can't talk about that.

The next day many of us met at The Turquoise Room for breakfast, as yummy as dinner (orange crepes, machaca chilaquiles and prickly pear and spice bread pudding).



After some stops in the gift store the group scattered for home. I only heard of one ticket being handed out on the return trip. Thanks to John and Linda for all their hard work on this one.

Laura

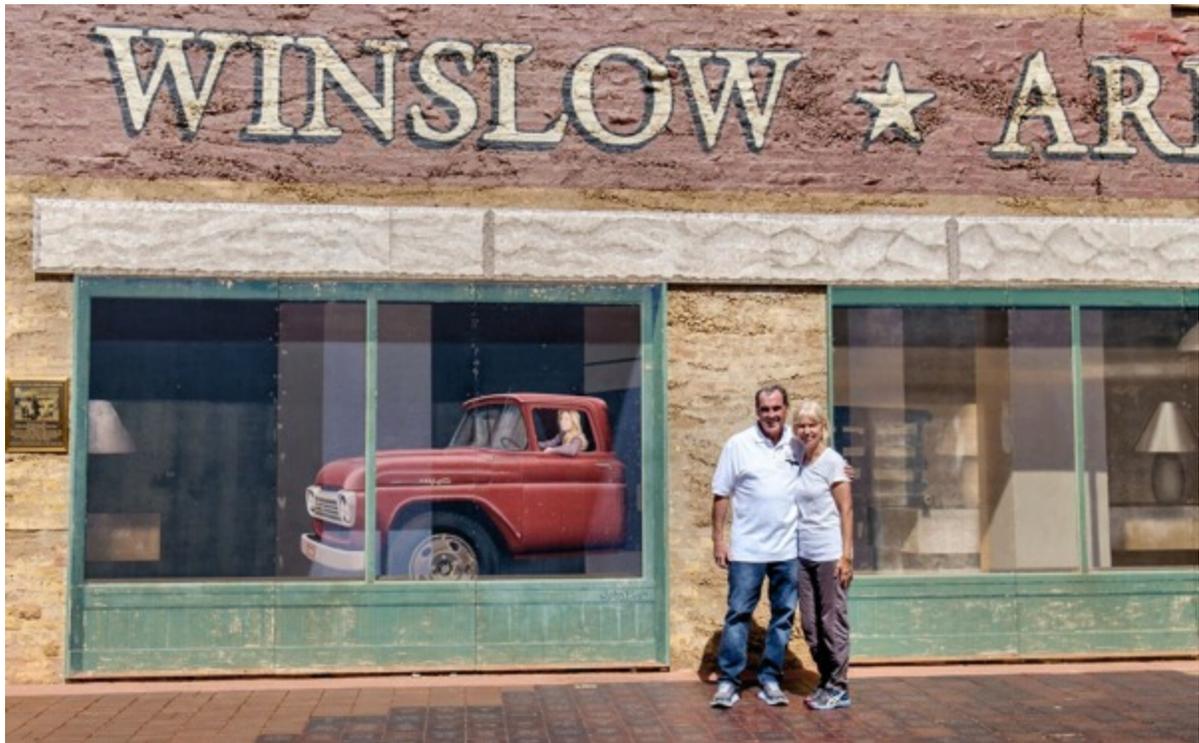


A beautiful resting place - La Posada



Bill and Manny enjoying a light moment

Standin' on the Corner in Winslow, Arizona



At least three couples took the time to “stand on the corner in Winslow, Arizona” and record the occasion photographically: The Sackses, Joan is at upper left, the Rabins, Jennifer at upper right, and the Bergers, Philip and Cindy above



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

Courtesy of John McClelland, Activities Director



January 28

A Day with Frank Lloyd Wright
Two Tours & Brunch at the Biltmore



February 3
It's A Mystery

DATE CHANGE!
Cocktail Party at the
Rabins' home is changed
To Saturday, March 24th!




March 17
Cars, Coffee & More Cars

March 24
Cocktail Party
At Steve &
Jennifer Rabin's

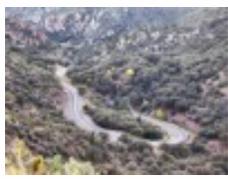


April 21-22
Mary Colter's Dream




May 5
Cinco de Mayo
Party at Larry &
Charlene Capek's

May 18-20
Trip on the
Coronado Trail



June 9
Riordan Mansion Tour & Lunch
in Flagstaff




July
NO ACTIVITIES!

August 18-19
"Cabins and Cuisine"
at Orchard Canyon in
Oak Creek Canyon




September 28-30
Run to the Pines car show and
dining in Pinetop



October 12-14
Grand Canyon Western Ranch with
activities and the Sky Walk over
the West Rim of the Grand Canyon

November 3-4
"Cowboys & Copper" - Trip to
Tombstone and Bisbee



December 9
Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
And Holiday Party





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