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### **Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement**

*To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter. This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car. All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.*

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## *New Cruisers*

Bob and Roxanne Ostapovich and their 2007 Black Coupe

### ***WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!***

\*See pictures of the Ostapoviches at the Van Gala party on page 56 and their 2007 Black Coupe on page 10 of this Newsletter. Joel and Maria Patterson (who joined in February) and their 2007 Monterey Red Coupe are pictured on page 10.

## *SCC Birthdays!*

### May

Barb Gerhart - 2nd  
Alice Pfeffer - 3rd  
Bob Gerhart - 14th  
Glen Carroll - 19th  
Dick Kulczycki - 25th  
Michele Juessen - 30th  
Maria Patterson - 30th  
Michael Pfeffer - 31st  
Sarah Starr - 31st



### June

Linda Cherner - 3rd  
Cathie Rosenbaum - 6th  
Rolf Aberegg - 7th  
Mike Iovanni - 8th  
Frank Toney - 8th  
Sue Kulczycki - 13th  
Sharon Swensen - 14th  
Joel Patterson - 16th  
Jana Hester - 30th  
Norma Parker - 30th



## ***Coming Events!***

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May 9th - Club Dinner Meeting

May 18th-20th - Grand Canyon/Sedona Trip

May 16th - Vette Vixens Dinner

May 23rd - Board Meeting

June 9th - Barbecue at the Dobsons' Home in Wickenburg

June 13th - Club Dinner Meeting

June 20th - Vette Vixens Dinner

June 27th - Board Meeting

June 30th - Ethnic Epicurean Experience (2nd Quarter)

July 11th - Club Dinner Meeting

July 15th-18th - Trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico

July 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner

July 25th - Board Meeting

We have included the Board Meeting dates in case you have a topic you would like the Board to discuss. Just let us know prior to any of the Board Meetings.



## From the Driver's Seat...

John Runyon



Spring has sprung, as they say, and the flowers are blooming in the desert. The year is certainly passing by quickly. When we first came to Arizona, it was at this time of year and we were thoroughly taken back by the beauty and serenity of the desert landscape in bloom. Having never resided in the desert before, it was fascinating to see cactus with flowers on them. You might wonder why am I chatting about this?

Well, what a great time to jump in your Vette and experience our beautiful surroundings. One of my favo-



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rite rides is the road to Bartlett Lake and I am fortunate to live just down the street from it. It's a great 15 mile stretch of twists and subtle curves with elevation changes through the picturesque Tonto National Forest. It's one ride that I never tire of. I am never disappointed when I come over the last rise and see the gorgeous view of the mountains and Bartlett Lake. It makes you appreciate the phrase, "Life is good!" So, get out and enjoy your favorite ride in your Corvette while the weather and scenery in our vicinity is at its best.

Since the last newsletter publication, a number of things have taken place for our Club, which are noteworthy of mentioning. Those of you that were in attendance at the Gala Opening of the new Van's showroom were treated to a great night of camaraderie, entertainment and libations provided by the SCC's sponsor Van Chevrolet and its General Manager, Chuck Mullins. Chuck was the perfect host and made our members feel right at home in his new digs. Rightfully so, he's very proud of the new surroun-





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dings and a great time was had by all. Further, it reiterated again to me how fortunate we are to have his support and sponsorship of our Club. I hope that when you are in the area that you stop by and say "hello" to Chuck. He really does welcome SCC members to do so and he very much appreciates our relationship.

A surprise highlight of the night was the delivery of one of only 399 specially produced white Ron Fellows Z06 Corvettes to our members, Walter & Michelle Juessen. Walter was like a kid in a candy store when he had his picture taken with Chuck and a number of GM executives while they presented him with the keys. What a rare and beautiful Corvette! Walter, when are you going to let me take it for a spin?

The first Ethnic Epicurean Experience took place recently and from all indications it was a hit. We certainly had a good turnout, interesting belly dancing entertainment, great Middle Eastern food, and a lot of fun. The goal of this quarterly addition to the SCC calendar is to have more opportunities of socializing for



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our members in an informal setting. From the initial experience, it seems like we are on track in addressing this goal. Keep your eyes open for the next "EEE" coming up in late June. We hope to see you there.

Specially, for you ladies we have an article in this newsletter on the Vette Vixens. I am told first hand by my wife, Jane, that they really have a good time at this monthly event. She usually comes home and raves about the restaurant and makes me feel like I really missed a nice evening. Also, I am told that what goes on at Vette Vixens stays at Vette Vixens. If you haven't gone to one of the third Wednesday night dinners, it's a great way to get to know and socialize with the other ladies in the Club. You ought to check it out!

In closing, we have some great trips and functions coming your way in the upcoming months so get out and enjoy your Club. And as always, I look forward to serving your interests and if you have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along.

See you soon!

John



## *New Cruisers and Their Cars*



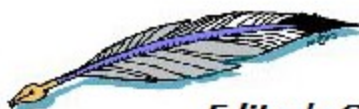
*Joel and Maria Patterson and their  
2007 Monterey Red Coupe*

*Click on the Picture for a Better View of Joel and Maria*



*Bob and Roseann Ostapovich's 2007 Black Coupe  
You can see the Ostapoviches on page 56*

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### *Editor's Corner*

The May-June Newsletter is about to be put to bed, and I am just now writing my article. This has been a difficult newsletter for me, in that it has evolved in a much more haphazard, uncontrolled way than the previous ones. At times I have felt that it was never going to come together and am still having some misgivings about it, even at this late date.

There is not really a central theme in this issue. Vette Vixens was supposed to be the theme, and I have included a little history of the Vette Vixens and a review of the April dinner at Sol Y Sombre at DC Ranch Marketplace, as well as a blurb on the May location, but as a subject, Vette Vixens is not really a very large one - nothing like covering all the activities for the year, or focusing on Van Chevrolet as we did in the two prior issues.

We have had a plethora of events and occasions to get together, as well as some interesting contributions from Steve Hollander on his PASA driving school experience and an interesting article for Memory Lane by Linda and Bob Cherner. Jim and I went out one Sunday morning in April because the Wickenburg paper said the cars running the Copperstate 1000 were going to be going through Wickenburg and stopping for a break at Bromm Chevrolet. We saw a lot of cars, but only a few of them stopped at Bromm Chevrolet. I talked to our member, Scott McPherson, who was chairman of the Copperstate 1000 this year, about an interview or an article for this newsletter, and you will find that article and some pictures further on in this newsletter.



## Editor's Corner

So I'm not complaining. I think you will find plenty to read and lots of pictures to look at in this issue.

Dorinne



### THIS WILL NOT BE THE SCENE AT THE DOBSONS' BARBECUE ON JUNE 9TH!

But as Jim said, "Finally found something a Porsche is good for!" We hope you will all make plans to attend the barbecue at the Dobsons' home in Wickenburg on June 9th. There'll be barbecued pork and beef and beverages, provided by the Club, with oodles of interesting side dishes and desserts to be provided by the attendees. A modest charge of \$10 per person is to be paid to Walter Juessen when you reserve. Don't forget to let Dorinne know what you plan to bring, so we can coordinate everything. It promises to be a delicious feast, a grand opportunity to drive your Corvette for a short jaunt to Wickenburg, and the camaraderie of an evening with friends.

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## CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND WEB SITES

By Jim Dobson

Here are the answers to the quiz in the March-April issue. There was no winner.



**Picture #1** - Top view of C5R block used in the C5 Corvette race car



**Picture #2** - Side view of C5R Block  
Note the water jacket does not extend beyond the piston movement area



**Picture #3** - End view of C5R race block with 6.0 liter marking enlarged in following picture



**Picture #4** - Underside of stock intake manifold



**Picture #5** - Top side of stock intake manifold

These special Corvette Block-based engines are built by Forrester Racing Engines and put out adequate power for most purposes.

Horse power ranges from 400+ to 1100.





The 400+ is basically stock and sells for \$11,500. Other engines put out from 450 HP to 1000 HP with prices ranging from \$13,500 to \$32,500.

To see the specifications of each product you can check out the web site at [www.forresteracingengines.com](http://www.forresteracingengines.com).

These engines were developed by an engineer who works for Boeing in Mesa, Arizona, and are built in Gold Canyon, Arizona. They are very high-tech and built in a clean room that has restricted access.

Many of these engines are put into high-end sand rail cars.

### *Interesting Web Sites*

Corvette Action Center <http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/>

Corvette site listing <http://www.netcorvettes.com/>

Corvette Forums <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/zeromain>

Detailing hints <http://autopia.org/>

Corvette Information <http://www.digitalcorvettes.com/>

Local Car shows and events <http://www.stillruns.com/index.php>

Corvette Museum <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/>

NCCC <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

NCCC Road Runner Region <http://www.ncccroadrunner.com/>

Van Chevrolet Corvette Inventory <http://www.vanchevrolet.com/index>

The Tire Rack Tire reviews and Pricing <http://www.tirerack.com/index.jsp>

Discount Tire Company <http://www.discounttire.com/dtcs/home.do>

Forrester Racing Engines <http://www.forresteracingengines.com/>

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## **THE HOLLANDERS' DAY AT THE RACE TRACK**

*(Editor's Note: You may recall receiving an email in early February about a free PASA Driver's School (a \$150 value) to be held at Firebird Raceway on March 2nd and 3rd. The only charge was \$40 for a PASA membership, required for insurance coverage. When I found out that Steve and Ann Hollander were going to participate, I asked them to write an article for the newsletter, and here it is!)*

"If a car spins out in front of you, aim your car right at it! It probably will shoot either right or left by the time you get there, so you won't likely hit it!" That's how the classroom instructor started our 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning class at Professional Autosports...

We were at the Firebird track, anticipating a fun day of Ann and me taking turns going fast in our C6 on the long oval track ("Firebird Course") which was displayed on the Internet as part of the materials for the Professional Autosports driving class. This 1.6 mile track appeared to have a straightaway of about a ½ mile, great for going fast safely, we thought. Well, it turned out that things were not exactly as expected. First off, there are 3 tracks at Firebird, and the one used for our class was the "East Track," a 1¼ mile track comprised of literally 10 turns, with only a *very short straightaway*. We wouldn't be testing the speed of our C6, but rather we will learn how to: brake going into a turn, maintain speed in the turn, and accelerate out of the turn prior to *braking again before the next turn*...great for my brakes and tire tread wear! And so the class continued with talk about the impor-

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tance of wearing the right kind of helmet (we had our son's motorcycle helmet), the suggestion that we might want to consider buying a flame-retardant suit, etc., etc., etc. Ann started to give me that look.... "So how do we gracefully exit this obvious mistake?" "That's ok honey, this could still turn out to be fun," I said. She wasn't buying it!

To continue...there were about 25 of us in the class with some 20 cars, mostly older Corvettes. One guy volunteered that he brought his Mazda to this class because he "didn't want to mess up his Corvette!" Cool! And so the class went on, with pointers about driving through the apex of each turn, positioning yourself for entering the next immediate turn (remember there are 10 turns to anticipate in each lap), being



*Race Driver Steve*



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sure to stay on the *left* of the short straightaway, yes the *left*, so that faster cars can pass you on the *right*... Oh, I forgot to mention...all 20 cars will be on this 1¼ mile track *at the same time*, but don't worry, there will be some 20 seconds between each of us as we enter the track. Also, the class instructor tells us that each of us will have a volunteer instructor in the car with us, particularly for the first of four 20-minute heats. We can also have an instructor in the other 3 heats planned for the day, if we wish, he says...so Ann and I are feeling a lot better now!

It's now time for our first 20-minute heat. Ann is not yet convinced that this class is quite right for her...but she is still open to the idea. "You go first Steve!"

So, I'm in our C6, helmet on, lining up to have an instructor join me and then to enter the course. "Oh, it looks like we only have 3 instructors for this first heat (already in other cars), but you should be fine. Just remember the stuff we went over in the classroom this morning!" Cool!

So now I'm driving our shiny, ding-free C6, with some 19 other first-timers on the track, taking left and right turns, and not really knowing which cars in front or behind me have the 3 instructors...and generally not knowing what the \*\*\*\* I'm doing! That was fun!

Well, for the 2nd heat, I made sure I got an instructor. He had the flame-retardant suit on and told me about his profes-

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sional races in years past...I was stoked!

Well, after a couple of laps with me screwing up left and right, he "suggested" that I let him drive so that he can show me how it's done. Sure! Man he was good, cutting through the apexes and all.... OK Steve, it's your turn again... I think I got the instructor to start sweating again...or perhaps to take up drinking!

The good news is that both Ann and I got our Professional Autosports "High Performance and Defensive Driving" diplomas in the mail soon afterwards. This means that we are now both qualified to take our C6 onto the track at Firebird to drive in more heats. In fact, I think that we graduated from the Novice Red group to the Intermediate Orange group! I'm stoked!

P.S. In case you're wondering, Ann chose to opt out from participating in this experience!

Steve Hollander

Photograph by Ann Hollander

## WHAT'S NEW FOR CORVETTE?

By Mark Bales

### 2008 Corvette Announced!

GM took the opportunity to unveil the 2008 Corvette during the annual Birthday Bash in Bowling Green, April 27th. The biggest news is the new LS3 engine, optional dual-mode exhaust, improved shifting and interior upgrades.

Here are excerpts from the official GM press release:

#### **2008 Corvette: Iconic Sports Car Receives Larger, More Powerful LS3 6.2L V-8 And Host Of Driving and Interior Refinements - Chevrolet Corvette & Corvette Z06**

All new LS3 6.2L V-8 engine for Coupe and Convertible:  
430 hp / 424 lb.-ft. of torque  
436 hp / 428 lb.-ft. with new, optional dual-mode exhaust system  
High-flow cylinder heads  
Enhanced valve train  
High-flow intake manifold  
Larger-bore block with structural enhancements  
Improved manual transmission shift effort  
Quicker shift times on paddle-shift six-speed automatic  
2.73 performance axle ratio available with six-speed paddle shift; included with Z51 package  
Improved steering feel

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2008 Interior

Standard split-spoke cast aluminum wheel design for Coupe and Convertible (Competition Gray finish optional)  
Available polished forged aluminum wheel design  
New Keyless Access remote key fob with integrated key  
Interior trim enhancements for all models, including wrapped center trim plate with Cyber pattern and new, brushed aluminum accents  
Custom Leather-Wrapped Interior Package available for all models in exclusive, new Linen and Sienna colors  
New sill plates  
iPod/MP3 jack included on all sound systems **except navigation** (Personal Audio Link available as accessory for navigation system)  
**OnStar and XM Satellite Radio standard on all models**  
Auto-dimming mirrors with compass standard on all models



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Two new premium exterior colors: Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat and Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat



Jetstream Blue Metallic

Here's a look at the new and enhanced features for '08 Corvette models:

**Engine** - A new, 6.2L LS3 small-block V-8 is the standard engine in Coupe and Convertible models. It is rated at 430 horsepower and 424 lb.-ft. of torque with the standard exhaust system; with the new, optional two-mode exhaust system, power ratings increase to 436 horses / 325 kW and 428 lb.-ft. / 592 Nm. As a result, the standard Corvette is true supercar, capable of 190 mph. The LS3 with the six-speed paddle-shift automatic is the fastest automatic-

Note: The photos of the paint colors on this page and the next page are from Paul on [corvetteforum.com](http://corvetteforum.com).

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Crystal Red Metallic vs. Monterey Red

equipped Corvette ever, with 0-60 mph capability of 4.3 seconds.

**Exhaust system** - Optional on '08 Coupe and Convertible models is a new, two-mode performance exhaust system. Similar in design and function to the system used on the Z06, the dual-mode exhaust uses vacuum-actuated outlet valves, which control engine noise during low-load operation, but open for maximum performance during high-load operation. It is not identical to the Z06 system; the Coupe/Convertible uses a 2.5-inch-diameter exhaust, while the Z06 uses a three-inch system.

With the new, dual-mode performance exhaust, power output for Coupe/Convertible rises from 430 horsepower

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(321 kW) and 424 lb.-ft. of torque (575 Nm) to 436 horses (325 kW) and 428 lb.-ft. (580 Nm). This system gives the Corvette a more aggressive exhaust sound character that will appeal to performance enthusiasts.

Transmissions and axle ratios - The shifting efforts for both the six-speed manual transmission and paddle-shift six-speed automatic transmissions have been improved in '08 Corvette models. The manual transmission shifting improvements include a more positive and direct feel during gear changes, with better gate-to-gate location.

The six-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission on Coupe and Convertible is improved with new hardware and a new controller calibration that deliver quicker shifts. This change bolsters the feeling of performance and driver control when using the shifting paddles.

Also new for '08 models is the availability of the 2.73 performance axle ratio with the automatic transmission. It is included with the Z51 package..

Wheels - Corvette Coupe and Convertible models come with a new split-spoke wheel design for '08. The design was introduced on the limited-edition '07 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car replicas with a Sterling Silver finish. The standard 18-inch front wheels and 19-inch rear wheels feature a Sparkle Silver finish, with a Competition Gray version optional.

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Also new is a distinctive, performance-oriented forged aluminum wheel for Coupe and Convertible. It comes in a polished finish.

Exterior colors - There are two new premium exterior colors available with 2008 Corvette models: Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat and Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat; they replace Le Mans Blue Metallic and Monterey Red Metallic Tintcoat.

Custom Leather-Wrapped Interior Package - Available on Coupe, Convertible and Z06 models, the new Custom Leather-Wrapped Interior Package offers a stylish, two-tone leather-appointed cabin with details that enhance the feeling of Corvette's craftsmanship. Details include:



2008 Door Panel



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Two-tone, leather-wrapped upper and lower instrument panel, door pads and seats  
Choice of new, exclusive colors: Linen or Sienna, with unique color breakup  
Padded door panel armrests  
"Corvette" embroidered on passenger-side dash pad  
Embroidered crossed flags logo on headrests  
Unique center trim plate with Bias pattern.

Interior enhancements - All models feature a new wrapped instrument panel center trim plate, with bright surrounds for the shifter and cupholder. There are also new metal-finish door sill plates that greet passengers as they step into the vehicle, as well as a new lighted control knob for the available Magnetic Selective Ride Control.



2008  
Center  
Stack

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2008 Dash - Click on Steering Wheel to Enlarge

Feature changes and enhancements - All Corvette models now come standard with features that were previously optional or part of equipment packages. They include:

OnStar with available Turn-By-Turn Navigation  
XM Satellite Radio  
Auto-dimming rearview mirrors (with compass)  
Audio input jack on all radio systems except navigation;  
Personal Audio Link is available as a dealer-installed item with the navigation system.  
The '08 Corvettes also come with a new Keyless Access fob, which features the key and remote-function controls integrated in a single unit.

# TRIP TO PALM SPRINGS AND THE FOLLIES

March 16-18, 2007



March 2007 - Summer in Palm Springs! With temperatures hovering in the 103-106-degree zones, we braved the California desert and the desert oasis of Palm Springs. Who could imagine that in mid-March the temperatures would reach summer levels?

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*Walter & Mike at the Rest Stop*

Sixteen of our hardiest members drove to Palm Springs on Friday afternoon, arriving around 5:30 p.m., to be met there by Chuck and Sandi Weschler who had spent the week prior to our arrival in cool San Diego. After checking in at the Comfort Inn on Indian Canyon Drive, just a block off the main drag of Palm Springs, Palm Canyon Drive, we walked to Le Vallauris, a gourmet Five-Star French-Mediterranean restaurant that Walter found for us, where we all had wine, cocktails, and wonderful dinners. No heavy leather-bound menus here. The daily specials are listed on portable chalk boards that the waiters carry from table to table and set up for the diners to view and make their menu selections. We had everything from escargots to Caesar salads in baked cheese baskets, to fabulous roasted duck, grilled salmon, lobster raviolis,



Palm Springs Follies Trip



and more!! It was great. If you'd like to see what you missed, you can see pictures of the restaurant and view a typical dinner menu at [www.levaullauris.com](http://www.levaullauris.com).



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Here we are at dinner at Le Vallauris:



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We enjoyed the walk back to the hotel in the balmy desert evening air. Some of us stopped in at the bar next door to the hotel for a nightcap.



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Saturday morning, some of us slept in and others were up fairly early to play golf. A number of us indulged in the free breakfast at the hotel, where we made waffles and toasted bagels and sipped our coffee and juice in the courtyard. Then we all dispersed. The Cherner's spent several hours at the Living Desert Wildlife and Botanical Park in Palm Desert and reported that it was a very interesting and rewarding experience. Some of the guys went to the Air Museum and saw many vintage airplanes. Some of us went shopping at the outlet shops at Cabazon, and some of the gals went to an art fair in La Quinta.



Mark & Chuck at the Air Museum



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### At the Air Museum



Around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, at the recommendation of the Kulczyckis, most of the group went to Pomme Frite, a Belgian bistro on Palm Canyon Drive, after discovering that the special at the Spa Casino buffet was corned beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day instead of the anticipated steak and lobster. The menu sounded wonderful to me - mussels and French fries - among other fine entrees! Yum! However, the Dobsons and the Chernerers were already headed to Las Casuelas Mexican Restaurant, also on Palm Canyon in downtown Palm Springs, where we treated ourselves to margaritas and beer and some very delicious Mexican burritos and carnitas. I have to tell you it was the best Mexican dinner I have had in a long time.

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Promptly at 6:40 p.m. we all met in front of the Plaza Theatre for the Follies performance which began at 7:00. We were seated all together in three rows left of center, and the seats were perfect. The impresario, Riff



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Markowitz, revels in his own political incorrectness. Alternatively witty, acerbic and self-deprecating, he mocks intolerance. Markowitz (the real person, not the stage portrayal) has said "I hope to point out the ignorance of intolerance, the irrational nature of resentment of those who are gay or old or Jewish and the inherent foolishness of 'hating' an entire group. When I inflate a normally offensive remark to the point where it is patently ridiculous, I seek to remind everyone of the petty stereotyping that persists in everyday speech."

## Palm Springs Follies Trip



The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies is a world-famous, Broadway-caliber celebration of the music, dance, and comedy of the 30's and 40's, with a cast old enough to have lived it. The current show "GOTTA DANCE" stars the fabulous Follies company of dancers and singers, ten women and six men, ranging in age from 58 to 83. It is such a fast-paced production, it is hard to believe the dancers are as old as they are. Dorothy Kloss, one of the dancers said, when she introduced herself, "I'm the oldest show girl in the world, at 83!"

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Other acts besides the dancers included the husband-and-wife team of Tatiana and Victor Manjos, both 52, who are one of the few teams in the world who excel at the traditional art of magic transformation or "quick change." As an example, Victor would wrap Tatiana in a silken cloth and in a matter of seconds she would emerge in a completely different outfit. Also, the Dancing Gauchos from Argentina, Martha and Sergio Martinez, aged 53 and 50, respectively, combined flamenco-style dance with manipulation of the spinning boleadora, a weapon from Argentina, and playing drums as pictured.





## Palm Springs Follies Trip

The emcee announced the groups attending the Follies that night, including the Scottsdale Corvette Club, but Walter, our designated speaker, got off easily with no questions. The Z Club that was there did not fare as well, when the emcee noted that they got their kicks by driving old Datsuns. When he asked an RV touring group what was the difference between an RV and a trailer, the group leader said, "About \$200,000!"



*Mike's & Mark's Vettes in the Parking Lot*

It was a fun evening, and we all walked back to the hotel after the show. The next morning, some arose early and headed back to Phoenix. Some of us met at 8:30 and had a leisurely breakfast on the patio at the Rock Garden Café before heading for the I-10 and home.

**T**hanks to Walter for ANOTHER GREAT TRIP! They just get better and better, Walter!

## THE 789 CHEVROLET



Built on the bones of a C6 Corvette, the 789 is a style mashup of the 1957 Chevy, 1958 Impala and 1959 Chevy created by California design firm, N2A (no two alike) Motors.



## The 789 Chevrolet



Named for the three years represented in the overall design, the 789 has the "hooded eyes" and chrome grille bar of a '57 Bel Air, a mid-section and tri-toned interior that is reminiscent of a '58 Impala and the "bird in flight" rear tailfins of a '59. These three vehicles are all instantly recognizable classics celebrated by people around the world.

No matter how well you restore a '57 Chevy or how much you update a '59, you still have a 50-year-old car with its outdated technology and safety features - not to mention reliability problems. The 789 solves that with the latest in GM engineering. Get in and go anywhere, drive 190 mph if it's legal, and get 25 miles per gallon cruising on the highway.

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Looks? You will have picture phones galore sending photos around the world of your one-of-a-kind ride. No two cars will have the identical paint scheme or colors, and with over 10,000 interior combinations you will never be parked next to yourself at the country club or cruise-in.

Kanter Concepts is the designer of the 789 and they do it the old fashioned way. The design team sketches by hand and the clay modelers do it by hand also, that's the only way to get sensuous curves and sexy features. Computers? Sure Kanter uses them, each staff member has the most complex computer known to mankind - the human brain.



*Click on picture to see close-up of top*



## The 789 Chevrolet



The price of a turnkey 789 is \$135,000, well equipped with all Corvette standard equipment including the 400 horsepower aluminum block V8 engine. In addition, each car includes a custom Borla exhaust system, PST high performance anti-sway bars and a \$2,000 wheel/tire upgrade allowance. Any upgrade or modification can be done to your car at additoinal cost, from turbocharging to ceramic brakes and from a 1000 watt stereo to ostrich leather interior. Our only limit is your imagination. If you'd like to order, contact n2a at [n2amotors.com/ORDER-FORM-SEMA\[1\]](http://n2amotors.com/ORDER-FORM-SEMA[1]) A \$10,000 advance deposit is required.

The exterior of your car is what the world sees just like the outside of your home. But you spend most of your time enjoying your home and car from the inside. The first Impala model was the 1958. It was top of the line and only available in two-door convertible and coupe. In the years following it was the name of a model series of sedans, coupes and wagons. Purists consider the '58 as the only true Impala.

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Each 789 interior is based on the donor C6 Corvette and is tri-toned as standard equipment, just like the '58 Impala that inspired it. You have the choice of virtually any available commercial fabric or leather combination at no extra cost. Ostrich grain, alligator, rattan, brocade, or perforated leather. Bring your thoughts or samples to Kanter and they will turn it into reality.

At extra cost anything is available: solid silver dash surrounds, hand-tooled leather seats, panel accessories, sound system upgrades, door panels that glow in different colors in sync with the music, racing seats with your name or crest embroidered on them.

Kanter's design staff is ready to consult with you and prepare renderings to build your car or they can work with your own design or that of a designer of your choice.

Remember, "no two alike" refers to interiors also. For sure you'll never get into the wrong car in the parking lot.



# TAWOOK

## MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

### Our First Ethnic Epicurean Experience

If you had been at Tawook Mediterranean Cuisine at Hayden and Via de Ventura in Scottsdale on Saturday evening, March 31, you would know that it is possible to squeeze sixteen people into an 8' x 10' room for dinner. It was close quarters and noisy, but we had a great time, eating and drinking and chatting with our friends.



And every half hour or so a charming, red-headed, scantily dressed belly dancer came by to entertain us with her wriggles, dancing and undulations. There was no room for her to get very far into the room - no dancing around the tables here! - but she managed to entertain nevertheless. You'll have to agree that Steve looks pretty entertained in the picture on the next page!

### Ethnic Epicurean Experience

The cuisine at Tawook is from Lebanon, specifically Beirut. The entrees are served with a choice of house salad or soup and Turkish coffee. Some of us ordered the tabbouli salad for an extra charge - a delicious finely chopped mixture of parsley, tomatoes, scallions, cracked wheat, olive oil and lemon. Others ordered Caesar salad. The entrees at our table were

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Cheri and Lloyd - Lloyd's Checking Out the Lebanese Beer!



Dick and Sue



Christine and Steve



Chuck and Sandi

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varied, several different lamb dishes: hummus with shawarma (chopped lamb over hummus), shawarma plate (marinated slow roasted lamb with hummus and garlic sauce) and lamb chops (3 deliciously grilled lamb chops served with herb buttered pearl cous-cous); cedar-planked cumin-scented salmon with rice and spices; shish Tawook (a shish-kabob of marinated chicken breast char-grilled with onions and tomatoes over rice and lemon oregano sauce); and marinated sautéed shrimp over rice with garlic sauce. Everyone exclaimed over the good food, and we finished up with a tiny thimble-sized cup of Turkish coffee, very strong laced with cinnamon and cardamom.



Dick, Sue, Michele & Jane

Before the evening was over, the chef came in and said hello and took a well deserved bow.

It was a fun experience, and we all tried dishes we had never tried before. We wish Tawook every success, as they certainly put out a quality dining product. **Kudos to Walter for thinking up this unique experience!**

Walter is already putting together ideas for the second quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Experience. I, for one, am heartily looking forward to it!

Dorinne Dobson



## THE VETTE VIXENS STORY

One day long ago, circa 2000, two female members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club put their heads together and said: "Wouldn't it be nice if we could get some of the gals in the Club together and go out to dinner, just us girls?" We talked about it over a few months and finally we put it to the test. The instigators were Mary Rigali (no longer a member) and Dorinne Dobson. Mary was the leader and she investigated the restaurants and sent out emails to let everyone know the time and the meeting place. The criteria for restaurant choices were: (1) no chains; (2) they must be interesting; (3) new is definitely a plus; and (4) not too far afield from the Scottsdale area. We soon discovered other criteria: that we wanted to patronize only places that would give us separate checks.

Those first few years, we often had only four or five in attendance, but we always had a wonderful time together.



*Sandi, Carolyn, Dorinne, Mary & Kathy (Sept. 2001)*

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At some point Mary received a request from the Club President, Jim Dobson, to find a name for the group. He told her that if we couldn't decide on a name among ourselves, he would pick a name for the group. The pressure was on! A number of names were suggested and bandied about. We voted and chose the name "Vette Vixens." I must admit I didn't personally like the name much at first, but it has grown on me over the years and now it seems like a natural moniker for the group.

When Mary left the Club, Donna Reagan took over the leadership role, and we went to many great places. When Donna got too busy with her political commitments, both for her family and her own, I took over the leadership role. It was one I relished because I love to eat out, and I read all the local news and reviews on restaurants. When Jim and I moved to Wickenburg, Dorothy Durby took over the reins and she has done an admirable job of keeping us up to date on the latest restaurants.

Some of the interesting places we have visited over the years include:

- Basis - New American Cuisine, 410 East Thunderbird in Phoenix (two times! Once when I was in charge and again a year or so ago when Dorothy was the chief.)
- Bloom, 8877 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale
- Café Ted at the Citadel at Pinnacle Peak & Pima Roads in Scottsdale
- Capital Grille, 16489 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale
- Eleve, 3118 East Camelback in Phoenix
- Eurasia Bistro at the Scottsdale Athletic Club



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- Latilla at the Boulders Resort in Carefree
- Lon's at the Hermosa Inn in Phoenix
- Mosaic, 10600 East Jomax in Scottsdale
- Rancho Pinot Grill, 6208 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale
- Remington's at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort in Scottsdale
- Vu at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale
- Malee's Thai at Desert Ridge in Phoenix
- Zinc Bistro at Kierland Commons in Phoenix
- Convivo Bistro (back when it was owned by Chef Jeffrey Beeson) at 16 th Street and Northern in Phoenix
- Deseo at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale
- Ibiza Café at 4400 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale
- Marquesa at the Princess Resort in Scottsdale
- Medizona at 7217 East Fourth Avenue in Scottsdale
- Tapino's at 7000 East Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale
- Arrivederci at Scottsdale Road and Thunderbird in Scottsdale

And there are many others, now defunct or replaced by other restaurants. Maybe some of these names bring back memories to you gals who have participated over the years. I remember the band at the Eurasia Bistro at the Scottsdale Athletic Club had several of the gals itching to dance! And that's where we got our entertainer for a couple of our holiday parties, because Connie got her name and contacted her after our night out.

Just last month we went to the Spotted Donkey at El Pedregal in Carefree, where I can personally tell you that the stuffed pasilla peppers are tremendously good!

A little later in this newsletter you will find an article about the April Vette Vixens dinner at Sol Y Sombre at the DC Ranch Marketplace.

Dorinne Dobson



*"Come to our bistro, relax and have fun"*

Methode Bistro at 6204 North Scottsdale Road is the site of our May Vette Vixens dinner. It's located just north of Trader Joe's in the shopping center on the west side of Scottsdale Road. It is located in the same space as the former Restaurant Hapa, if you were a fan of that restaurant.

The menu looks tremendously interesting. You can check it out for yourself on the web site at [www.methodebistro.net](http://www.methodebistro.net). The web site also has a half dozen reviews from various Valley publications.

I hope to see some of you women members at this dinner - it's on Wednesday evening, May 16th, at 6:30 for cocktails, 7:00 for dinner.

*"Bon Appetit"*





Thursday, April 12th was a rainy, windy, chilly evening. We started out in the rain from Wickenburg, and ran out of it by the time we got to Phoenix. We met in the parking lot at the Promenade at Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, and it was so windy and blustery that no one wanted to get out of the cars. We traveled the few blocks to Van Chevrolet for the big Grand Opening Gala at the new sales facility. Valet parkers eagerly awaited the pleasure of parking our cars, but we shunned them to park them ourselves in spaces close to the showroom and just beyond the showroom for the overflow.



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Inside the new showroom, a live band was playing, and the place was full of people. There was food and drink for all. Randy Johnson of the DiamondBacks was personally present to autograph baseballs for anyone who wanted one. The silent auction to benefit Crisis Nursery was a popular hangout, offering everything from a DiamondBacks luxury suite, a vacation in Hawaii, a get-away to Napa Valley, and a guitar autographed by Alice Cooper, to autographed sports memorabilia. Dorothy won the bid to appear on a local television station as the "weather girl for a day"! Jack Macrino outmaneuvered Jim Dobson on the leather Harley jacket, but only after they both tried it on and decided it fit Jack better than Jim.

Here we all are, having a good time:





Van Grand Opening Gala



Bob and Carol



Al and Sarah



Michele



New Members, Bob & Roxanne Ostapovich

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Chuck Mullins spoke to the guests about the growth of Van Chevrolet and introduced his business partner, Larry Van Tuyl. The Senior Vice President of General Motors was there, as was the head of the Chevrolet Division of GM. They all addressed the group, and Chuck and Larry Van Tuyl accepted an award for outstanding performance as a Chevrolet dealership.



The Crowd



Chuck and Karen Mullins



Chuck at the Mike

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The Ribbon Cutting!

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In his remarks, Chuck Mullins thanked the Scottsdale Corvette Club for the ongoing support of its members on behalf of Van Chevrolet.



Walter, Jane & Dick

But the highlight of the evening, at the end of the presentations by Chuck Mullins and the dignitaries from GM and the Chevrolet Division, was the announcement by Chuck that a member of the Scottsdale Corvette Club had bought a Corvette and was taking



Walter Accepting the Keys to the Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06!



## Van Grand Opening Gala



*Click on the Picture to See a Surprising Development*

delivery of the keys! We were all surprised and delighted to hear that Walter and Michele Juessen had purchased the 2007 Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06 Corvette that was sitting on the showroom floor! Walter was called up to the microphone to accept the keys to the Vette and had his picture taken with Chuck and the other dignitaries. We all commented on how beautiful the Ron Fellows car is, and how the pictures we'd seen didn't do the car justice - much nicer seeing it in person!



*The SCC Crowd! Click on the Picture for a Closer Look*

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A great time was had by all the SCC members who attended the Gala. It was another good opportunity for us to get better acquainted with the Van personnel. The best news of all is: The raffle and the silent auction raised \$21,000 for the Crisis Nursery!

A big thank you to Chuck Mullins for inviting us all to attend this festive event!

Here are more pictures of the goings-on at the Gala!



Standing in line to get a baseball signed by Randy Johnson; Walter and Dawn had success; we don't know about Jane and Dick.

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*Michele & Friends with new Z06!*



*Walter & Michele with New Vette!*



*Ron Fellows No. 137*





*Walter's "Friends" Key His Z06!*



*Jim and Mark*

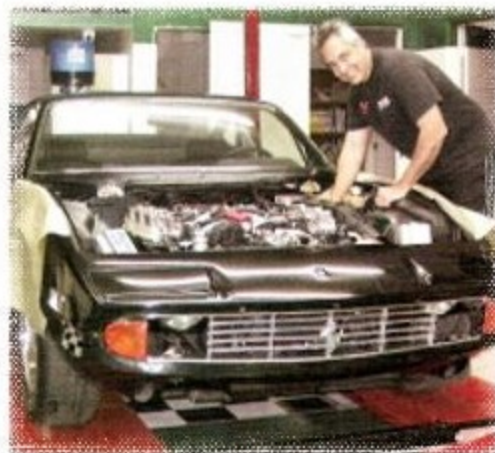


*John, Walter, Jane & Hugh*



*SCC Group with Walter's New Z06*  
*Click on the Picture for a Closer View*

participants from all over the country as well as numerous foreign countries. It seems the interest is as strong as ever to drive a vintage car in the southwest desert.



Scott Working on Car

Prior to my role as chairman of the Copperstate 1000 rally for 2007 and 2008, I served in many varied capacities as a committee member for 6 years. This involvement and time commitment, in part, accounts for my recent absence in the SCC. Debbie and I have been Corvette club members for eight years and having held the positions of newsletter editor and Vice President of SCC we have many fond memories. Recently Debbie and I have reverted back to the ownership of classic/vintage automobiles and we make a point of driving our vintage cars and participate in 3-4 rallies a year across the country. In September of 2005 we put 3800 miles on our 1966 Corvette in one month on two back-to-back rallies driv-



## THE COPPERSTATE 1000

By Scott McPherson

Arizona is blessed with magnificent scenic beauty and great driving roads. As members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club, Debbie and I have driven Arizona highways as part of many Corvette caravans and we always appreciate the excellent organization that goes into the planning of SCC activities. At the request of our newsletter editor, I will attempt to provide some personal background and an insight to the organization of the Copperstate 1000; a car-related driving event with Arizona roots.

April 14-18, 2007 marked the 17th annual running of the Copperstate 1000 vintage road rally. The event hosted by the Men's Arts Council started in 1991 as a fund raiser to benefit Phoenix Art Museum. The Copperstate continues to attract



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ing across Montana and California. That Corvette performed great. It is our desire to participate in the Mille Miglia rally in Italy as drivers within the next couple of years. In mid-May we will be in Brescia, Italy for the third year in a row hosting a tour that combines the Mille Miglia rally, visits to the Ferrari and Lamborghini factories and access to some private car collections scattered throughout Northern Italy. The trip is balanced in its driving by scheduled time in the Tuscany and Umbria regions, Florence, Venice, Milan and Bologna to do what most people who visit Italy do - sample the local cuisine and wine while taking in the non-automobile-related sights.



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Jane and Hugh Anderson and Sue and Dick Kulczycki are great inspirations for travel.

Back to the Copperstate 1000 rally. SCC's Mike Cassel and Mark Shaw played key roles in the 2007 Copperstate. Mike is treasurer of the event and director of the fund-raising auction, and Mark was in charge of mechanical check-in/vehicle registration making sure the 80 cars entered were road worthy before being allowed to participate. As we all know, Mike and Mark are avid automotive enthusiasts and both are eager to lend a hand if cars are involved.

Logistically, there are a lot of moving parts associated with the execution of an 80-car vintage road rally and the 220 people traveling with Copperstate for four days throughout the



State of Arizona. A crew of four mechanics each with some expertise in a particular marque provide support should a car



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fall short of finishing the 1000 mile journey under its own power. A rolling shop on wheels is not far behind. The custom trailer is stocked with essentials that over the years we have come to realize as necessary staples to support old age. AAA of Arizona provides three flatbed trailers. The



title sponsor, Bell Lexus provides six brand new Lexus vehicles for those that develop unrepairable mechanical issues in route. Some Copperstate participants even bring there own crews to accompany their prized possessions - just in case.

We also have an escort of eight DPS motorcycle officers that accompany the entire rally. The Family Support Fund for the officers is one of the benefit charities. The lodging requirements for the entourage of participants, support crew and staff are 110 rooms and because of this large number, it is

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often necessary to book entire hotels; small towns force us to book multiple hotels. Food is catered for some of the special meals. All food and drinks are included for 5 days. A luggage truck with handlers arrives in each town in advance of the rally cars, and all luggage is in the rooms and ready upon arrival. Some Corvettes don't have trunks!



1961 Facel Vega - Click on Picture



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Each day of the Copperstate rally offers unique opportunities for viewing special cars from long ago eras. A 1965 Cobra, driven by its owner of 42 years, can be seen traveling next to a 1961 Facel Vega, a 1953 Ferrari Barchetta and a 1966 Bizzerrini (with Corvette engine)!

Cars were meant to be driven and rallies have gained in popularity as the healthy trend of driving the older cars continues. Two Corvettes I regret not driving more were a 1964 fuel-injected coupe and a 1971 LT1 convertible. They sat covered in the garage most of the time.

This year two participating cars were shipped from England by their owners, the oldest being a 1924 Bentley 3.8 litre and a 1952 Nash Targa Florio. My car, a recently purchased 1967 Ghia 450 SS arrived from Belgium just nine days before the rally began. Only 52 of these cars were produced in its



Scott's Ghia in Wickenburg  
Click on Picture to See Scott & Debbie!

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1970 Alpine Renault

one-year model run of 1967. The most expensive car to have participated in the Copperstate was a 1961 Ferrari 330TR LM. This race car won its class in the 1962 Le Mans and came in 5th overall. It will be auctioned off at the Ferrari Factory this month in Italy with the estimated price being \$8,000,000 - \$10,000,000. Usually the cars range in value from \$40,000 to \$4,000,000, and each year a handful of Corvettes attend, usually C1's and C2's. This year a 1969 427 broke down on day one and was quickly sent home to Florida. The other five Corvettes finished with no mechanical problems.

The entry fee is \$4750 and the eligibility requirements are for cars of pre-1973 model year. Only half of the applicants that apply can be accommodated. Some applicants have been on the waiting list for three years.

The cars and the people are great and the experience is memorable. A few participants have come every year for 17 years!

For more information, visit [www.copperstate1000.com](http://www.copperstate1000.com).

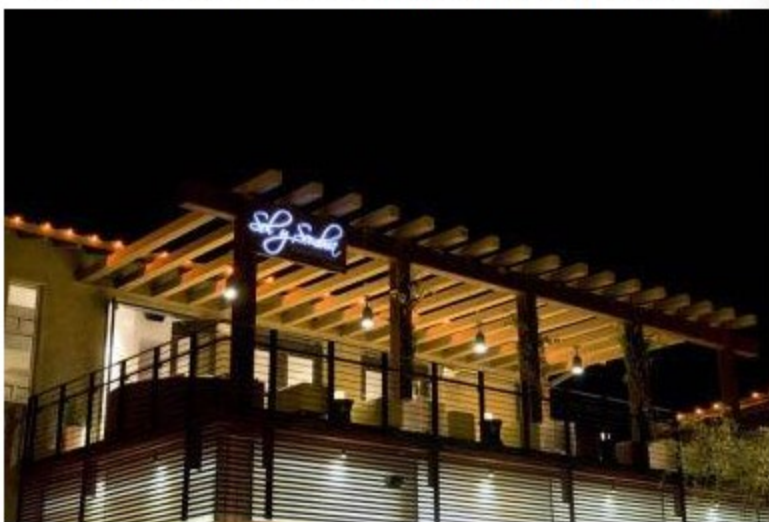
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## A Vette Vixens' Experience April 2007

The DC Ranch Marketplace was the site of the April Vette Vixens' dinner. We met at Sol y Sombra, a new Spanish restaurant located upstairs on Market Street. Parking was a big of a challenge, as "the world" was at the Marketplace on Wednesday evening, April 18. It was a chilly, windy evening and not suitable for outdoor dining, although Sol y Sombra has



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a big beautiful patio overlooking Market Street, as you can see from the picture at the bottom of the prior page.

There were thirteen of us in attendance - the most we've had in a long time! We ordered drinks - mojitos, sangria, wine. I must tell you that the mojito was not as impressive as the one I had at Trader Vic's a few months ago.

The menu is extensive. The specialty is tapas, or small plates. The prices are reasonable. I think ev-

everyone had at least two items from the menu, and some may have had three. I was tempted to order three myself, but resisted, and a good thing I did as there was plenty to eat. As you'll see from the picture above, the dishes are very interestingly shaped and each food item is served on a particular type of dish.

The menu has a few exotic items that we didn't try, such as red-wine braised octopus and snails and artichokes in parsley broth. But the things we did try were wonderful. Barb had a potato and egg dish, kind of like a tart, that was marvelously flavorful. Several people had gambas which are giant prawns. Sandi had a pear with goat cheese salad that I coveted. A cou-



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ple of other salads sounded interesting: the bibb lettuce with manchego cheese and spiced almonds, and the fennel and sour orange salad. Several people ordered the trout and the veal dishes. I ordered the grilled artichoke with garlic aioli and the mussels which were in a thick sauce with chickpea fritters on the side. Both dishes were outstanding!

The service was quite good. Our only complaint was the manager who came around when we were all seated and announced that they would be unable to give us separate checks, even though Dorothy had fully discussed the separate check issue when making and confirming the reservations. He said it would cause our food to be brought out sporadically instead of all together at one time, and that if we divided into tables of four, it would make serving easier and keep the kitchen on track much better. Unfortunately, he didn't come by later to see how things went as far as the service or the food, because we would have had to tell him that the food delivery was extremely sporadic, and as the waitress explained, the dishes come out of the kitchen as they are prepared, not in any particular order. Dorothy did not receive anything at all, while the rest of us all had at least one dish, and some received two before she got her first dish. So much for inefficient service caused by separate checks!

The good things were: the service was pleasant; the food was excellent; and the cost was quite reasonable - my dinner including one mojito came to just over \$30 not including the gratuity.

I think we all agreed that Sol y Sombre was an interesting eating experience and one that we would love to experience again. There are a number of dishes on the menu that I would love to try if the opportunity arises.

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## THE Experience

By Lonnie Schaffroth

Early in the morning of Saturday April 21 st , several Vettes became anxious. It is common knowledge that a "pride" of Vettes are not allowed out in public without an official escort. This day was no exception and Mr. Jeep received the assignment to escort these Vettes on their exercise.

The Vettes and Mr. Jeep started the exercise at the Chandler Fashion Center. The lead Vette decided to check if Mr. Jeep was paying attention and led the pride through several unscheduled areas of the parking lot. Fortunately for the citizens of the State of Arizona, Mr. Jeep kept control.

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Off to a Cloudy Start - Is that a Jeep in the Background?



Arnie, Lonnie, Bob and Walter

The pride leader started to follow the directions and soon the group was headed south on Interstate 10 toward Tucson. Each of the Vettes and Mr. Jeep carried with them "riders" of a non vehicle kind.





Walter's Wet Z06!



Inspecting Walter's Z06

All of a sudden the lead Vette exited the highway at Picacho Peak and stopped in at "The Nut House" to allow the riders to explore the contents of the building. The riders exited the building with sacks of enjoyment.

## Vettes at the Nut House!



The Vettes grumbled to a start and again headed to Tucson. The group exited at Broadway with great anticipation as there were special signs notifying those traveling that there was a special event. Not finding the special event, the Vettes found



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'66 Vette Sighted in Tucson - Click on 66 Vette to See License Plate

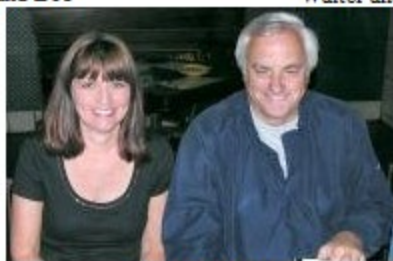
another place to rest which is called the El Chorro Café. The riders took advantage of this break to take in some exotic nourishment. A great lunch was had by all.



Barb and Bob



Walter and Michele



Debbie and Bob

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Kathy and Mark



Sharon and Arne



Dawn and Manny



Kay and Lonnie

The Vettes next headed East on Broadway to the Old Spanish Trail. After a pleasant run, the group entered the Saguaro National Park for an enjoyable 8 mile run for the Vettes. The riders took advantage of this side trip to enjoy the desert and the blooming flowers. Upon exit the Vettes headed to Colossal Cave Mountain Park parking lot for a well earned rest.



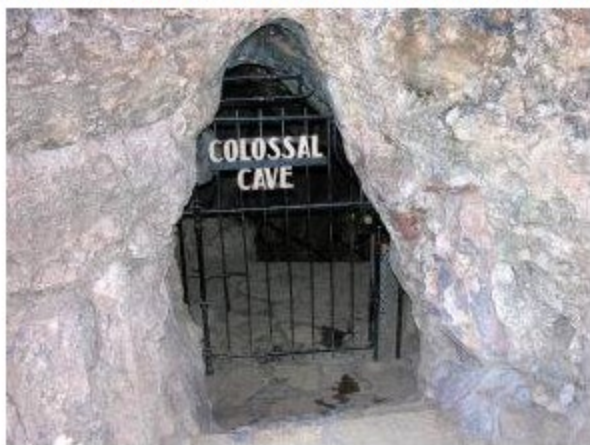


## THE Experience



Here's the Group! Click on the Photo to Enlarge

The riders entered the cave to see history older than Walter and Lonnie. A guided tour with 326 steps and 143 foot elevation change was given by a delightful young lady. Her imagination and explanations brought great enjoyment and knowledge to the riders. We were told of the old west where an historic and lost Indian tribe first used the cave to store food. The cave stays at a constant 70 degrees. Later the cave

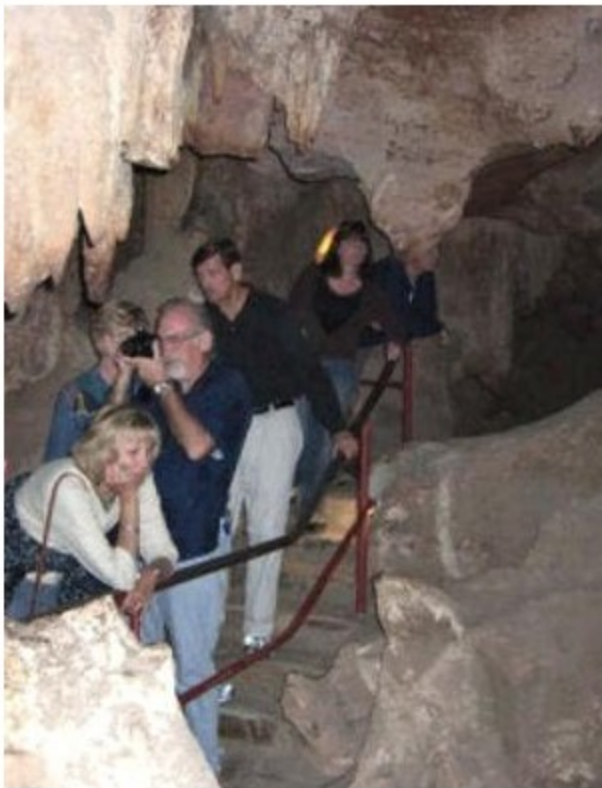
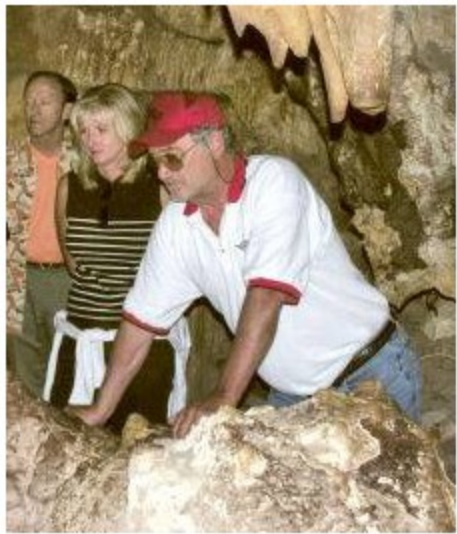


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was used by outlaws hiding from the law. This was followed by a cattle rancher discovering the cave and using it to give 2 to 3 day long tours. During the Great Depression of the 1930s the U.S. Government's CCC program built steps, hand rails and wired lighting throughout the cave for today's visitors to use. It is well worth a day trip for you to see for yourself







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The group then headed to Interstate 10 where the Vettes and Mr. Jeep headed north to the Valley of the Sun. Upon arrival, Mr. Jeep released each Vette to return to its home.



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This writer wishes to thank Walter for this excellent experience and to thank the riders for sharing the day. A special thanks to Mark and Kathy Bales for keeping the Vettes under control.

Lonnie Schaffroth

Photos by Mark Bales  
and Bob Gerhart



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# MEMBERS WITH NEW CARS

Carol Brandwein and Bob Bailey



*Carol and Bob's 2007 Victory Red Convertible  
with Retro Chrome Grill*

## *Members with New Cars*

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On April 4th Bob and I visited Van Chevrolet to look at the C6's, with no intention of buying only looking, but we were back in there on April 5th and traded my beloved C5 red Corvette convertible on a brand new C6 red Corvette convertible. We are stuck on red and probably will always be!

Chuck handled us personally, gave us a great deal, and couldn't have been nicer. It all happened so fast. I bought my C5 brand new in Portland, Oregon, and since she was my first Corvette, I had a hard time deciding to trade her in, but one spin in the C6 convinced me I was doing the right thing.

A few days later, Bob and I learned that my 2002 C5 was sold, and we happened to be on the lot and met the new owner, Carlos. He was getting ready to pull away when we walked up and introduced ourselves. He was smiling from ear to ear. We told him we had some things that belonged to the C5 but were not in it the day we traded it in. I gave him my card and told him if he wanted the extras and goodies that belonged to his new Corvette, he could call us, and we would be happy to give them to him. He followed up on our offer and came by yesterday, April 15th, and collected all that we had for our former baby. He also expressed an interest in the Scottsdale Corvette Club, and said that he and his wife would like to join. I hope he does, that way I can see my baby from time to time, and of course Carlos and his wife!



### Members with New Cars

Bob has already begun to put chrome on our new 2007 darling, whom I have named Yvette. She is my alter ego after all. You can see Yvette is happy and smiling in the photo with her new chrome grille. Bob took the photo, and I am the crazy woman jumping for joy and making the V sign for CORVETTE!!!

Best Regards,

Carol Spanel Brandwein and Bob Bailey

### Walter & Michele Juessen & Their 2007 Special Edition Ron Fellows Z06



Read more about Walter's Surprise  
at the Van Gala in the article earlier in this Newsletter

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Canyon-Sedona trip is scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20th. Reservations are already closed for this three-day trip.

Saturday, June 9th, is date of the barbecue at the Dobsons' home in Wickenburg. It starts at 4:00 p.m. Members will caravan from Scottsdale. More details are on page 12 of this newsletter.

Our next Ethnic Epicurean Experience will occur on Friday evening, June 30th. Walter is checking out some very interesting places. More details will be coming soon!

Ruidoso, New Mexico! Doesn't that sound like the place to be in mid-July - in the cool air, high in the mountains of southwestern New Mexico? July 15th through the 18th are the dates. Mark your calendars!



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## REMEMBER WHEN.... By Bob and Linda Cherner

Our trip with the club to the Temecula Balloon and Wine Festival in June of 2004 was our first multi-day trip and we were looking forward to it. As always it is fun to caravan with the group as we drive in our multi-colored ribbon of sleek cars on the highway. With our walkie-talkies we can always stay in touch and sometimes the "comment chatter" is half the fun! Just east of Quartzsite without any warning, we lost power and as Bob maneuvered the car to the shoulder without causing an accident, Linda was on the radio letting everyone know why we were suddenly pulling off the road.

Besides the bewilderment and a couple of expletives ?@#, there is that uncertainty that here we are out in the middle of nowhere and our car appears to be 'dead'! Ev-

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Everyone in the caravan pulled off as well and a couple of the cars backed up to be in close proximity. After initial discussions of what the problem could be and attempts to start the car, we urged the club members to go on as we did not want to delay their trip. All were very supportive and wanted to make sure we could at least get the car towed to the nearest garage.

For safety reasons, we did want members waiting on the side of busy I-10, so they drove to the metropolis of Quartzsite to wait while Hugh and Mark stayed with us until a tow could arrive. We continued to express our concern to Hugh and Mark about waiting with us for a flat bed tow truck to arrive in the 'middle of nowhere'. After 45 minutes, we thought we surely had to be seeing a mirage, but the truck arrived! After the car was loaded under four pairs of watchful eyes, Mark, the photographer, took our picture in front of the 'bedded' vette!!

After hugs and grateful thank yous, we hopped into the cab and discussed where to take the car. Luckily, there was a Chevrolet dealership in Blythe so that eased some concerns about asking a garage off the I-10 to work on the Vette. As we drove past Quartzsite we waved to the colorful group of Vettes at the McDonald's and so appreciated their support and friendship!

Luckily, the Jim Green dealership could start to work on it and after a few hours they felt comfortable that it was the distributor and wire kit. But of course, the parts were not available and they were just hopeful it could be



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delivered on Monday. Since a weekend in Blythe was not that appealing, we looked at renting a car and joining the club for the weekend. However, as the previous few days had been so hot, there was not a rental car left in town since they had been used by those whose cars had overheated, were in for routine repairs, etc.

We were just about ready to start looking at bus schedules to Phoenix (we were really excited about that option!!), when a Kia was returned to the rental car office. Believe it or not, we were really excited! We decided to join our fellow club members driving our 'Korean Korvette' and made it to Temecula in time to check in and be in the bar (we started 'wine tasting' early) when members starting returning from their evening events!

We had a wonderful time the rest of the weekend and even came to the assistance of another member whose Corvette had erratic electrical problems, so our back seat helped her and her girlfriend to see the early morning events at the balloon festival. That Saturday evening we even had the honor of leading the caravan to the vineyard (it was probably because they were afraid they would lose us if we followed!) where we had a marvelous dinner on a patio overlooking the rows of endless vines.

Our car trouble was only a 'little bump' on this wonderful road trip enjoying wine, good food and especially good friends in the Scottsdale Corvette Club who were supportive and concerned about us.

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

### **May 25th-28th**

Super Bash 2007 - Blast to the Past  
Tucson Corvette Club celebrates it's 40th Birthday!  
NCCC Sanctioned and People's Choice Car Shows,  
Autocross, Drags, Gimmick Rallye and Golf Tournament  
Fees go up after May 14th  
Contact: Jim Gray - 520-296-8893 - azvette-1@msn.com

### **June 1st & 2nd**

Corvette Show at Camp Verde Crawdad Festival  
Verde Valley Corvette Club  
People's Choice Car Show, 45-mile fun run on Friday night  
Barbecue at Hacienda de la Mariposa Resort, Friday evening  
Contact: Royce Hamala - 928-300-6758

### **June 16th-22nd**

NCCC 48th Annual Convention  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Contact: John McGee, Convention Director - 615-444-4486  
NCCC Convention Web Site: [www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2007](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2007)

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