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*D'Alessandro's 1963 Daytona Blue Split Window Coupe*



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*Meskells' 2008 Jet Stream Blue Convertible*





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*New Cruisers, Prescott Car Show, Dinner at Greasewood Flat, Yarnell Burger Bash, Preview of 2014 Events, New Service People at Van Chevrolet, Remember When, and Much More...*



**Meetings:**  
SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM for a dinner meeting.

Meetings are held at:  
Gainey Ranch Golf Club,  
Ballroom C  
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Scottsdale, AZ



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## Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

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

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## SCC Birthdays!

### November

Joe Cheesebrough - Nov. 1  
Kathy Bales - Nov. 2  
Mike Hatfield - Nov. 2  
Dave Forwood - Nov. 3  
Connie Cassel - Nov. 4  
Gurmit Walsh - Nov. 5  
Dawn Siprut - Nov. 14  
Jere Pallister - Nov. 16  
Lyn Trayte - Nov. 16  
Joann D'Alessandro - Nov. 22  
Judi Findsen - Nov. 27  
Barb Follette - Nov. 30  
Manny Siprut - Nov. 30



### December

Mark Dismuke - Dec. 4  
Steve Patricola - Dec. 7  
Rick Cartell - Dec. 11  
Bill Thart - Dec. 13  
Steve Bidwell - Dec. 14  
John Runyon - Dec. 16  
Sharon Quigley - Dec. 20  
John Zimmerman - Dec. 21  
Terry Patricola - Dec. 24  
Bill Follette - Dec. 29





## **Coming Events!**

Nov. 13 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 Nov. 16 - Day Trip to Tubac and Tumacacori  
 Nov. 20 - Kart Racing at Octane Raceway (see page 86)

Dec. 4 - Board Meeting  
 Dec. 7 - Toy Run and Holiday Dinner Party

Jan. 15 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 Jan. 22 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Pokey Night  
 Jan. 25 - Mystery Trip  
 Jan. 29 - Board Meeting

Feb. 12 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 Feb. 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night  
 Feb. 22 - Trip to Mystery Castle  
 Feb. 26 - 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.



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

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO  
 WIN. CAROL LIPSKY WON  
 \$25 AT THE OCTOBER  
 MEETING, SO WE'RE BACK  
 TO \$25.00 AGAIN AT THE  
 NOVEMBER MEETING. BE  
 SURE TO BE THERE! YOU  
 MIGHT WIN!**



## ***New Cruisers***

*Wow, what a roster of new members we have for this issue - ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS!  
WELCOME EVERYONE! Here's the list - check out the photos on the following pages.*

*Phil and Joann D'Alessandro*

*1962 Honduras Maroon Roadster*

*1963 Daytona Blue Split Window Coupe (see photo on first cover page)*

*2006 LeMans Blue Z51 Coupe*

*2013 ZR1 Anniversary Model*

*Mark Dismuke - 1992 Red Coupe*

*Dave and Dana Meronuk - 2008 Jet Stream Blue Coupe*

*Doug and Barbara Meskell - 2008 Jet Stream Blue Convertible (see photo on second cover)*

*Bill and Cathy Thart*

*1972 Yellow Coupe*

*2002 Torch Red Coupe*

*John and Linda Zimmerman - 2006 Triple Black Convertible - Look for photos of this new couple and their Corvette in the next issue!*

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



## New Cruisers



*Cathy Thart in their 1972 Yellow Coupe  
No, it's not Warbonnet Yellow - Per Bill, it's  
1980 Corvette Yellow. It was originally  
Elkhart Green but the car was keyed around  
1985 and the second owner decided to change  
the color.*

*Click on Cathy to get a closeup view*



*Bill & Cathy Thart's 2002 Torch Red Coupe*



*Doug & Barb Meskell in their 2008 Jet Stream  
Blue Convertible (see photo on 2nd cover page)  
Click on the passengers for a closer look*



*Dave & Dana Meronuk in their 2008 Jet  
Stream Blue Coupe*



*New Cruisers*



*Here's a little better view of Dave & Dana*



*Top, Mark Dismuke  
At Left and Above, Mark's 1992 Red Coupe* >> 12





*Here's a look at Phil & Joann D'Alessandro's garage! The 1963 Daytona Blue Split Window is at the rear - you saw a bigger, better view of this beauty on the cover of this newsletter. In the center is the D'Alessandros' 1962 Honduras Maroon Roadster, and in the foreground is their 2013 ZR1 Anniversary Model.*

## New Cruisers

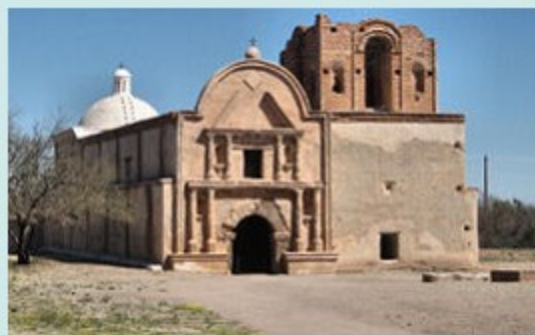


*D'Alessandros' 2006 LeMans Blue Coupe  
Click on the photo to see a clearer view*



*The D'Alessandros took Museum delivery of  
their 2013 ZR1 Anniversary Model  
Click on the car door to get a closer view of  
Phil & Joann*

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16!**



***A day trip to the Tumacacori  
National Historical Park and the  
town of Tubac, where there are  
lots of neat shops and art  
galleries, plus the historic  
Presidio!***

***Sounds like the perfect way to  
spend a November day in Arizona!***



## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

A warm welcome to new members Bill & Cathy Thart, Mark Dismuke, Phil & Joann D'Alessandro, Doug and Barbara Meskell, Dave & Dana Meronuk, and John & Linda Zimmerman. If you have not yet met them, please say hello to them at our November 13 meeting or our Toy Run & Holiday Party on December 7. As many of you know, this is my last "From the Driver's Seat" as your President. As such, I will not discuss the

Club Activities over the past two months but provide a perspective on what has been accomplished over the past two years. It has been an exciting and successful 24 months, and it has been an honor and privilege to serve our membership as President.

From year end 2011, our membership, under the leadership of Mark Bales, has increased over 25% and we expect to end this year (after this year's renewals/losses) with over 100 members, a first in the Club's history! Attendance at our monthly meetings, activities, and events have also been at record levels and continues to grow. Most importantly, our Club appears to have excellent chemistry among its members, and we seem to be having lots of fun, regardless of the activity or event. Our finances, under the leadership of Mike Cassel, continue to show us operating with a net surplus, with no debt and good cash bal-



Ken and Fran



## From the Driver's Seat

ances. Our Governor, Steve Patricola, has done a great job re-engaging with the Roadrunner Region and providing input on the Region's ideas, activities, and representing our Club's goals/objectives. Walter Juessen, our Activities Director Savant, has again done a superlative job with outstanding and exciting activities and events, house and holiday parties, and has been a fearless leader (albeit with the occasional U-turn) as we travel the highways during our activities! No one does it any better than Walter, and we thank him for his great efforts in making our Calendar of Activities both full and enjoyable. Many of the positive trends we now enjoy with our Club were started by my predecessor, Manny Siprut, and he has continued to provide great counsel and advice and pinch-hit for me during activities/events when my frequent travels do not allow me to be present. Along the way, I have also been given great support by former Board member Mike Lip-

sky and newcomer John Walch. Dorinne Dobson has continued to do a wonderful job as our Newsletter Editor and has often provided me with some historical background and context for a variety of activities and issues. Fran and Dawn Siprut, and now Terry Patricola, Carol Lipsky, and JoAnn Taylor Rice, have spearheaded our Vette Vixen's activities and done an outstanding job. My wife Fran has also worked with the Gainey staff to vastly improve our monthly meeting menu and also improve the quality of the food, and I want to thank her for her patience and tenacity. I also want to thank the spouses of our Board members for their ideas and support. Obviously, with this great group of folks, my job was easy---I could just mingle with our members knowing that everything else was under control.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank each of our members for their advice, sup-



## From the Driver's Seat

port, and making our Club the finest Corvette Club in the Roadrunner Region! Our Board members understand that it is our MEMBERSHIP that makes us special, and you all have been thoughtful, helpful, and supportive every step of the way. Your participation is important, and you have been great in sharing your thoughts and ideas on a wide variety of topics with the clear goal of improving our Club.

My goal has been to emphasize that we are simply a car club, whose members "just want to have fun." I have had great fun, and hope that you have as well. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board, and I know that our "best of times" is yet to come. Thanks to everyone!

Ken



## Editor's Corner

What an exciting issue of your newsletter this is! We have so many contributions from members that

I am simply blown away! Believe me, having lots of input from the membership is a very good experience for a newsletter editor!

Special thanks go to all the new members who so obligingly and promptly sent me photos of themselves and their Vettes. The articles and photos from Frank Tasnadi on the Yarnell Burger Bash (see page 75) and Phil D'Alessandro on his NCRS judging experience with his '63 split window (starting on page 87) are excellent additions to this newsletter. Ken and Fran Harder came through with an article and photos of their new C7 (page 25). Jim Dobson wrote biographical sketches of the two service reps at Van Chevrolet who replace Steve

Nichols as our Corvette service experts, with help from Shawn McEniry who furnished the photos and the information on Steve Nichols' new endeavors (see page 108).

As always, this newsletter would not happen without the marvelous photographs that Mark Bales takes at almost every event. Also thanks to Rollie and Lyn Trayte for the article on the Prescott car show (page 49), and all the other photo contributors for that article as well: Rollie, Lyn, Patrick, Linda and Steve.

In getting ready to celebrate the Club's fifteenth anniversary next year, "Remember When" in this issue is devoted to remembering all those who have served on the Board of Directors since the Club's inception in August 1999. You can refresh your memory (or wonder who the heck some of these people are) starting on page 99.

We have a preview of next year's activities

calendar, graciously provided by Walter, on page 97. It looks like we're going to have another great year of fun trips, dinners and other activities.

Remember that I am always looking for ideas, suggestions, articles, photos - anything you would like to share with the Club members via this newsletter.

Until next issue, save the wave!

Dorinne

## ***SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW CORVETTES!***

*John & Jane Runyon*

*2014 Torch Red Z51 Stingray  
(We hope to have a photo for the next issue.)*

*Ken & Fran Harder*

*2014 Cyber Gray Z51 Stingray  
(See Ken's article and Fran's photos on next  
pages)*



*The Harder's C7 Z51 HAS ARRIVED!  
(But Future Z-51's Are Constrained)*

*Story by Ken Harder; Photos by Fran Harder*





Okay, I know that everyone is now a little tired of hearing about the travails regarding our Cyber Gray C-7, Z51 Stingray (3Lt) which I had hoped to pick up at the Corvette Museum in September. However, I wanted the Club to know that it finally arrived at Van's on October 15th! You'll recall that the car was ordered on May 10, produced on August 28, sent to Nashville on 9-17 (the date that all the newly produced Corvettes which "passed" Quality Control were released to customers), sent back to Bowling Green on 10-7, and finally shipped on 10-11. With over five weeks of "enhanced quality control," Fran and I decided not to do the "factory delivery" and simply had it shipped to Van's.

I can tell you that, while I was disappointed that it took so long to get it, it was worth the wait! In comparing it to my current C6, I can report that the new seats are very comfortable, the ride is better and quieter, the car is faster, corners better, has excel-

lent acceleration at any speed, and the sound system (with 9 Bose speakers) is great. The leather interior is well appointed, the exterior "lines" on the cars are beautiful, the paint job is even and lustrous, the trunk spacious, and there have been many "adoring looks" by Mercedes, Porsche, and even Ferrari owners. The only issue I had was an early "rattle", which turned out to be a passenger side seat





**The Harders' C7 Z51**

*belt that wasn't positioned properly in its "guide" (which was easily corrected). Of course, these comments are based upon only 10 days of ride, so while the early returns are favorable, we'll see if it continues to exceed my expectations.*

*I had lunch recently with Pete Langenhorst, GM Zone Manager, who indicated that GM was very concerned about the new product launch and that approximately 500 of the early cars produced (my Vin was 100252) were held longer (for quality control) than he had hoped. He also admitted that GM had underestimated the number of Z51's that would be ordered, expecting around 50% of the production to be Z51's, which instead has been running closer to 75%. That is why current Z51 orders are now "constrained," with one major supplier (the axle manufacturer) who has not been able to keep up with unit demand.*

*John Runyon was the first club member to take possession of his vehicle (on 9-23), and*

*I am aware that six additional club members have now placed orders for the new Stingray; some are Z-51's and some are not. The lucky six include Bob Avondo, Larry Bloom, John Prenzno, John Parker (the only convertible order I'm aware of), Frank Tasnadi, and John Walch. Of course, I know the wives/significant others of these gentlemen played a key role in their decision making, so the guys don't get all the credit! In fact, I want to thank Fran for buying my car for me, as it was supposed to be my birthday present in September! Special Thanks to Michelle Juessen for being a great role model for Fran!*

*Our 2014 Events Calendar is included in this Newsletter, and I hope we can have all these new C7's participate in a road trip. If not, I hope we can see them all together at one of our monthly meetings in the Spring! See you on the Road real soon...and remember, those in your rear view mirror are losing!*

Ken

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*The Harders' C7 Z51*

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*The Harders' C7 Z51*





## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director



**January 26**

CANCELED DUE TO  
WEATHER!

**February 23**

Mystery Trip



**March 22-24**

Trip to Canyon de  
Chelly via Payson/Globe

**April 27**

Party at Dobsons'  
Home in Wickenburg



**May 16-19**

Trip to Los Alamos  
& Santa Fe

**June 16**

Lunch at Kohl's Ranch,  
Return to Valley via I-17



## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 - Continued

July

**NO ACTIVITIES!**



August 14-19

Trip to Laguna Seca Race -  
Corvette Is the Marque

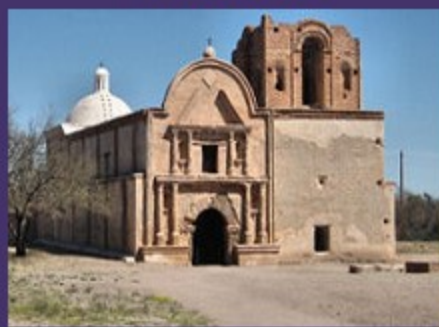
September 27-28

Historic Prescott Corvette  
Show



November 16

Trip to Tubac &  
Tumacacori



October 10-13

Trip to Moab, UT & Monument  
Valley  
**CANCELED DUE TO GOVT  
SHUTDOWN**



December 7

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet  
and Holiday Party





## Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

**First Saturday each month 8 AM  
December 7 at  
Corvettes and Caffeine  
in Scottsdale, Arizona**

**Make sure you are where the  
action is - Corvettes & Caffeine on  
Scottsdale Road between Thomas  
and MacDowell Road**

**Free Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee!**

**Shoebox Swap Meet - if it fits in a  
Corvette, bring it along**

**Corvette Focused - OVER 100  
Corvettes and growing with each  
event!!!!**

**RSVP REQUIRED AT  
<http://corvettesandcaffeine.com/>**



***SAVE THE DATE!***

***FIRST SATURDAY EVERY  
MONTH!***

***Scottsdale Motorsports Gathering  
at the Shops at Gainey Ranch  
8877 North Scottsdale Road***

***All kinds of exotic cars in the  
parking lot for a free  
drive-up car show.***

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

***SEE YOU THERE ON DEC.7?***





## **QUARTERLY DINNER AT GREASEWOOD FLAT SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

***A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY BY MARK BALES***



*Outdoors, under the stars, at Greasewood Flat*

## Dinner at Greasewood Flat



Chuck, Dick & Walter



Kathy, Michele & Dorothy



Top, Linda, Patrick & Dawn  
Bottom, Kay & Terry



***Dinner at Greasewood Flat***



Steve

***These Boots Are  
Made For  
Walkin'... And  
Dancin'***



*Dorothy's Boots*



Dawn & Manny

**Dinner at Greasewood Flat**



*Joann, Phil & Walter*



*Terry, Mark & Steve*



**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER  
7TH!**

**SCC ANNUAL TOY RUN TO  
VAN CHEVROLET AND CLUB  
DINNER PARTY**

**We'll caravan to Van in our Vettes to  
deliver the Toys, then we'll party at  
the Gainey Ranch Estate Golf Club!  
You won't want to miss this event!**





# 2013 PRESCOTT ALL CORVETTE SHOW

Story by Rollie & Lyn Trayte; Photos by Mark Bales, Rollie Trayte, Linda Beyerle, Patrick Dennis & Steve Patricola





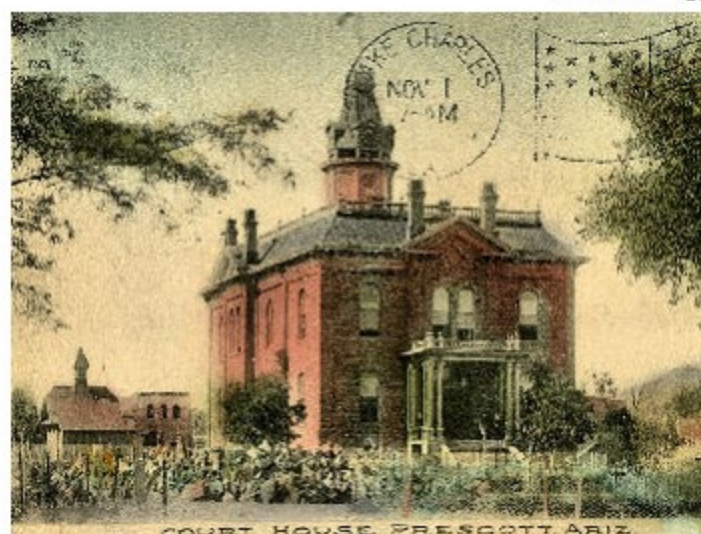
## Prescott All Corvette Show

More than 30 members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club headed north to Prescott for the 7th Annual Prescott Vette Sette-sponsored All Corvette Show on Saturday, September 28th, to benefit the Prescott Firefighter Charities. Thirteen cars were registered for the show making SCC the third largest participating club in the event.

*(Author's comment: If you're new to Arizona and have never been to Prescott - it was the original territorial capital of the state in 1864 - - the current Courthouse, constructed in 1916, replaced the original courthouse/capital building from 1867. It's a wonderful 90-minute drive up to the "Mile High City.")*

Initially, there were 246 Corvettes registered for the show although, unofficially, we're told that more than 250 Corvettes from 1954 to 2014 were showcased on the three sides of the old Courthouse square.

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Prescott Courthouse - Then & Now

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## Prescott All Corvette Show

Friday evening was an "open" evening with several members hiking to Whiskey Row for the "reception" at the Hotel St. Michael on the Courthouse square from the official SCC headquarters at the wonderful, eclectic, funky Prescott Motor Lodge just south of downtown. Several members caravanned up from the meeting spot through Wickenburg and up the twisties to Prescott. The Motor Lodge was constructed about 1910 - see:

<http://themotorlodge.com/>



Corvettes Snug in the Garages at the Motor Lodge



Linda, Fran, Michele, Dawn & Cheryl - Cocktail time



More Corvettes at the Motor Lodge





The Scene at the Motor Lodge - Corvettes Everywhere!



## Prescott All Corvette Show



Ken, Carol & Terry Relaxing at the Motor Lodge

Others headed over to Rosa's Pizza - an annual favorite that relocated to Prescott a few years ago from Scottsdale Ranch and rightly enjoys the reputation of being one of the best family restaurants in town.

Back at the Motor Lodge, Brian, Joe and Kim provided libations at check in and this year added a large fire pit to the deck across from the office and adjacent to the two bedroom Juessen/Bales abode. Wine (and more wine) flowed freely to add

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an otherwise chilly evening where temps dropped to the 30's before sunrise.

Show day Saturday dawned clear, cold and bright as cars began collecting on the square before 0700 . . . magically, a beautiful red C7 appeared on the southwest corner of the square that attracted the watchful/wishful eyes of most Club members and the more than 1000 visitors to the event.



Steve & his '67 Sunfire Yellow Roadster





Larry & his 2011 Torch Red Coupe



Ken & his 2007 Atomic Orange Coupe



Phil with his grandson, Preston, and his 2013 ZR1 Anniversary Model



Linda & her 1999 Torch Red Coupe





Terry & Carol Chillin' at the Car Show



Corvettes Everywhere!



Rollie & his 2002 Electron Blue Coupe



Walter & his 2012 Centennial Black ZR1





**CORVETTES AND PEOPLE - EVERYWHERE!**





SCC Members Admiring the C7





Linda posing at the race car exhibit

Club members Phil and Joann D'Alessandro captured Third Place in Stock C6 Class with their beautiful new ZR1 Anniversary Model.



Phil with his trophy

We departed the square shortly after the 3:00 p.m. awards presentation and headed back to the Motor Lodge where Brian and Joe made the best brownies on the planet for our group when we returned from the show.



Manny in the shopping cart lounge

After power naps and fortification at the Motor Lodge, thirty-three members of the



## Prescott All Corvette Show

Club headed for the *Gurley Street Grill* (remarkably located on Gurley St just west of the square) for a great dinner marked by the ingestion of the largest Burger on the planet (estimated to be nearly a *FOOT* in height including onion rings) by Manny and Dawn Siprut (well, okay, *MOSTLY MANNY*) while leaving a bite or two on the plate as proof of its monstrous proportion.



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Manny orders the  
biggest burger  
known to man





Mark at the Motor Lodge

Somehow, those in residence at the Motor Lodge made it safely back and once again the fire pit (now without the restraints of its screen covering) was burning brightly and was kept stoked once Walter and Mark

discovered the surplus firewood stash. Libations and the fire pit warded off another chilly night, and SCC members began heading back to the Valley early Sunday morning as the Patricolas' beautiful Sunfire Yellow NCRS-certified '67 roadster served as the morning wake up call.

The Prescott Vette Sette also organized a wonderful parade of 92 Corvettes following the Granite Mountain Hotshots fire truck down the mountain to Yarnell for a Burger Bash to benefit the families of the 19 Hotshots who lost their lives fighting a wildfire on June 30th just outside Yarnell - much of which was destroyed by the raging fire.

Mark Bales has sent an e-mail to the membership with photos of the All Corvette Show as well as a truly wonderful video tribute to the Sunday event for the Fallen 19 - a somber conclusion to the weekend.



## Prescott All Corvette Show

Many thanks to Walter for his usual terrific orchestration of the trip and the weekend!

Lyn and Rollie



**WHERE ARE YOU GOING ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH?**

**IF YOU'RE PARTAKING IN SCC'S  
MYSTERY TOUR ON THAT DATE,  
YOU WON'T KNOW WHERE YOU  
ARE GOING TILL YOU GET THERE!**

**This is a trip you won't want to  
miss. It promises to be  
entertaining... and mysterious...**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR  
DETAILS!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



# YARNELL BURGER BASH TO BENEFIT FAMILIES OF GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS

Story & Photos by Frank Tasnadi

Lisa and I have grown to love the SCC events so we really wanted to make the Prescott Car Show with the Club in late September. We especially liked the fact that most of the proceeds from the event were going to the folks that lost everything in the Yarnell fire. What a perfect event ... Corvettes, cool weather, our SCC friends, and it was helping those who truly needed it most. Unfortunately other commitments got in the way, and it was impossible for us to attend Friday or Saturday so it looked like a bust for us. But maybe not, at least not totally. In talking with Walter, we discovered the event was continuing in Yar-

nell on Sunday. The Prescott Vette Set was hosting a hamburger cook-out, yard sale and silent auction to benefit the Yarnell folks ... perfect! Walter went on to say many of our members would come down the hill on Sunday for this too. Great, we get to do what we wanted, but on a smaller scale ...Vettes, our SCC friends, cool weather and helping the fire victims!!

Sunday rolled around, and Lisa was not feeling well, so I called my brother Jim who quickly accepted the invite. As we were heading out, Walter called with some bad news, at least for us. He said the traffic coming down the hill was terrible, and the Club had opted not to do the Yarnell trip; they were heading back to Phoenix instead. We immediately decided, what the heck, it's a great day. Let's do it anyway!

As soon as we got outside of Wickenburg, we took the top off and cruised through the curves. Me being a bit, well, shall we say



## Yarnell Burger Bash

lead-footed, decided the motorcycle in front of us was going too slow even though he was a bit :) over the limit. I pulled into the other lane (4-lane highway) on a curve, accelerated just a little.....OK a lot.... having fun, came around the corner and damn, there was a cop standing outside his car with a radar gun pointed right at us!!!. Me, my radar detector and my driver license didn't have a chance, a few choice words came out of my mouth that are not fit for print here and I thought I was through. Much to our surprise, the very nice police officer, not just a cop anymore in my mind, :) smiled and pointed towards the ground motioning us to slow down, not pull over, slow down!!! We dutifully obeyed smiling and waving back. I'm thinking I love this guy!!! The remainder of the trip up was fortunately uneventful and a bit slower.

When we arrived in Yarnell, the main street was bumper to bumper - Corvettes every-

where - but the traffic moved at a decent crawl. We eventually just stopped with everyone else and realized we had been ushered into the two left lanes and that was the parking lot.



Blue Big Block '67 - Click on the engine compartment to see the engine

We got out meandered in and out of the two long rows of Corvettes enjoying the many styles. Most were C6's, but they also had earlier models, one blue, big block, '67 convertible was my favorite. In all about 50





Here's a C1 - nice and easy on the eyes!



## Yarnell Burger Bash

to 60 cars were there.

The burger line was long but worth the wait. I was told the burgers were free but if you wanted to donate you could. Brother Jim and I devoured two \$20 dollar burgers each and watched the entertainment and announcements a short distance away. Then this attractive young lady was escorted on stage. She was introduced as a local recording artist from Yarnell who had written and recorded a song about the tragedy. I honestly wasn't expecting much of a song or voice - call it my small town preconceptions - but was I in for a surprise. This lady sang like an angel. Her song was very beautiful and very emotionally powerful...wow! As she sang, I looked around, and almost everyone was in tears. I remember one particular man, about 6'3", probably in his 60's, a gruff looking guy, with tears just streaming down his face...this was very powerful stuff! If you weren't at least choked up, you didn't have a heart.

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The scene at the Burger Bash



The "parking lot" on Highway 89 in Yarnell>> 82



## Yarnell Burger Bash



The entertainment scene

After all was said and done on stage a few of the Prescott Vette Set members approached me and Jim and thanked us for attending. I was wearing an SCC T-shirt. We in turn thanked them for putting on such a great event. We hung around for a while longer and bid on a couple of silent auction items, one I thought I was being particularly

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aggressive on was a pontoon boat rental on Lake Pleasant. Apparently I wasn't aggressive enough because I never received a call on it.... Oh well, we tried!

When we entered Yarnell, we both were rather surprised how intact the main street area was, no signs of fire but, as you scanned the hills beyond, the devastation was obvious. We didn't feel comfortable cruising the side streets looking for other



Firetruck with commemorative banner. Click on the banner to see the names of the 19 Hot Shots who died on June 30.



## Yarnell Burger Bash

people's tragedy. We would be rather conspicuous in the Vette and just didn't feel right doing it. But we had heard about a Christian monument that had been spared. We were told the fire burned in front and down both sides of the monument area but had somehow left the site intact. We had to see that. After a short ride, following the signs, we found it. The entire area and the monuments themselves are made of wood, but sure enough it was spared, with devastation all around it. We sat in the car for several moments taking it all in. Was it great fire fighter work that saved this remarkable site we wondered or some higher intervention? Hmmmmm!

Frank

Granite Mountain Hot Shots



### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 INSTEAD OF VETTE VIXENS & POKER NIGHT**

***Let's KART RACE at Octane Raceway  
at the Scottsdale Pavillions!***

***Check it out at***

***[www.octaneraceway.com/](http://www.octaneraceway.com/)***

***Meet at the Raceway at 6:00 p.m.***

***First race starts at 6:40 p.m.***

***Contact Walter to reserve your spot:  
[juessen@aol.com](mailto:juessen@aol.com)***



# NCRS SUCCESS STORY

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Story & Photos by Phil D'Alessandro





It was 1962, I was a junior in high school and the coolest car on the planet was for sale, a 1962 Honduras Maroon Corvette. What could be any better than that! I was about to enter my senior year, already had my driver's license and, more importantly, the money. My thinking was, no problem. Oh, slight problem, identified as my mother. No way, no how was her only son getting into a small, fast, plastic car. OK if I bought that big two-door Impala (a 409 by the way) but no Corvette.

Fast forward forty-five years, and I find MY car, Honduras Maroon, 327/340, 4-speed, black top and interior; truly, MY car. Traded in on a 1967 big block, there it sat just waiting for me. After going over it with the NCRS manual and a Corvette expert, and fourteen months of negotiation, it was mine!

This 53,000-mile, second-owner car resided on the East Coast, until we relocated to Fountain Hills this past January. As a member of the Solid Axle Corvette Club, both

the Mid-Atlantic and the Arizona Chapters, several members had commented on the car, and suggested it should be judged. Further urging from John Marsh and Garry Eastwood convinced me to enter the Fall Judging Meet of the Arizona Chapter of NCRS this past Saturday (October 12) in Tucson.

If you are not familiar with NCRS and their judging procedures, it's a little like going for an insurance physical, head to toe, or in this case radiator to tail pipe and everything in between. Just as if the car had left the Flint production facility the day before.

Saturday dawned bright as we drove (bonus points for driving) to Ryan Airfield in Tucson for judging. The Arizona Chapter of NCRS had obtained an airplane hangar to keep all cars in the shade and somewhat cool. Eight teams of three qualified judges proceeded to start the process on the eight registered cars, two C1s, five C2s and a C4. Interior, exterior, chassis, operations, and mechanical are totally inspected and checked against the







## NCRS Success Story

factory production for both originality and condition. A total of 4,510 total points may be awarded for the "perfect" car. Forget to have your jack and you get zero points, just like I did. Mirror not correct, zero points, and so it goes.



Phil's Vette on the Judging Floor

[Click on the photo to see a clearer view](#)

The judges do a great job in evaluating your car and then spending time with you to explain why points were deducted or areas to concentrate on to improve the score. Seven hours later they were done, and so was I. My goal as an Observer Judge was to get a better

understanding of the process and procedures and help with whatever I was asked to do.

I had entered judging to obtain a baseline on the car, then depending upon the judging sheets, make a decision on moving forward to Regional and National levels after correcting the faults with the car and balancing a budget number in there.

There are four possible outcomes from the judging, Top Flight (94% or better), Second Flight (85 to 93%), Third Flight (75 to 84%) and non-qualified for Flight. I expected to be in Third Flight as I listened and reviewed the faults in the car, but in late afternoon as the awards were being acknowledged, and I went to the bathroom, my name was called for Top Flight! Talk about surprised. There are several areas to address on the car and lots of research to do before spending any money but for sure, I am hooked on going to the Regional meeting, where the judging is even tougher.

The Arizona Chapter of NCRS organizers and

## NCRS Success Story

all the judges were terrific in their professionalism and determination to make each owner feel positive about the process. Being part of such an organization dedicated to preserving America's icon is a rewarding experience. As we all know, Corvette people are special people, and the NCRS folks just add to that experience.

Phil



**Thanks to Mark Bales for sharing this on the C7:**

A six-minute video showing the production of the 2014 Corvette Stingray is very interesting. To see it, click on this link:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTe2wnfsALo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTe2wnfsALo)



***SCC WOMEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!***

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

***WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR  
DETAILS ON THE NEXT OUTING ON  
JANUARY 22ND.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!***



## PREVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2014 FROM WALTER JUESSEN, ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

JANUARY 25 - Mystery Trip - a day-trip to an undisclosed destination in the Valley

FEBRUARY 22 - A day-trip to the Mystery Castle in south Phoenix

MARCH 14-16 - A 3-day trip to Bisbee & Fort Huachuca in southern Arizona

APRIL 26 - Picnic at Boyce Thompson Arboretum near Superior

MAY 15-18 - A 4-day weekend trip to Capitol Reef National Park near Boulder, Utah

JUNE 15-17 - "Racing Las Vegas" - Drive 3-4 muscle cars in the Red Canyon and/or do 4 laps with a NASCAR race car at the Las Vegas Speedway

JULY - NO ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 3-9 - A 7-day trip to Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak and the Air Force Academy

SEPTEMBER 11-14 - A 4-day trip to Moab, Utah via Monument Valley, the Arches, etc.

OCTOBER 9-12 - Four-day trip to Gila Hot Springs, Silver City, New Mexico

NOVEMBER 15 - Day trip to Sabino Canyon in Tucson

DECEMBER 3 - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet and Annual Club Dinner Party

BACKUP EVENTS: One-day trip to Sunset Crater near Flagstaff; 1-day trip to Taliesin West; 1-day trip to Granite Creek Winery near Prescott; 1-day Go-Kart Racing; 2/15/14 AZ Concours d'Elegance in Fountain Hills; Prescott Corvette Show; 1-day trip to Wickenburg for buffet lunch at Rancho de los Caballeros; 1-day trip to Tucson - Saguaro National Forest/Colossal Cave; Trip to South Rim of Grand Canyon



*Scottsdale Corvette Club will celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2014. We thought this an appropriate time to remember those who have served the Club since its inception in August of 1999. Here is a listing of the Board of Directors and the offices they held over the past fourteen years:*

*August 1999 - January 2001*

*Jim Dobson, President  
Scott McPherson, Vice President  
Mary Turley, Treasurer*

*Terry Turley, Tour Director  
John Kretz, Communications Director*

*In February 2000, Tonny Gustafsson joined the Board as NCCC Governor, and Scott McPherson took over the newsletter as Communications Director*

*January 2001 - January 2002*

*Jim Dobson, President  
Scott McPherson, Vice President/Editor  
Mary Turley, Membership/Treasurer  
Terry Turley, Director of Activities  
Tonny Gustafsson, NCCC Governor  
Dick Kulczycki, Member-at-Large  
Chuck Weschler, Member-at-Large*

*January 2002 - January 2003*

*Jim Dobson, President  
Scott McPherson, Vice President/Editor  
Bob Findsen, Membership/Treasurer  
Chuck Weschler, Director of Activities  
Dick Kulczycki, NCCC Governor  
Terry Turley, Member-at-Large  
Hugh Anderson, Member-at-Large*



## Remember When

*In May 2002 Mark Bales joined the Board as Newsletter Editor.*

### January 2003 - January 2004

*Hugh Anderson, President  
Scott McPherson, Vice President  
Bob Findsen, Membership/Treasurer  
Chuck Weschler, Director of Activities  
Mark Bales, Newsletter Editor  
Dick Kulczycki, NCCC Governor  
Jim Dobson, Member-at-Large*

### January 2004 - January 2005

*Hugh Anderson, President  
Scott McPherson, Vice President  
Mike Cassel, Treasurer  
Chuck Weschler, Membership Director  
Carolyn Van Santen, Director of Activities  
Mark Bales, Newsletter Editor  
Dwayne Collier, Secretary  
Dick Kulczycki, NCCC Governor*

### January 2005 - January 2006

*Mark Bales, President/Newsletter Editor  
Chuck Weschler, Vice President*

*Mike Cassel, Treasurer  
Carolyn Van Santen, Director of Activities  
John Runyon, Membership Director  
Lon Durby, Secretary  
Bob Cherner, NCCC Governor*

### January 2006 - January 2007

*Mark Bales, President/Newsletter Editor  
John Runyon, Vice President/Membership  
Mike Cassel, Treasurer  
Walter Juessen, Activities Director  
Dorothy Durby, Secretary  
Chuck Weschler, NCCC Governor*

### January 2007 - January 2008

*John Runyon, President  
Manny Siprut, Vice President  
Mike Cassel, Treasurer  
Walter Juessen, Activities Director  
Dorinne Dobson, Membership/Newsltr Ed  
Dorothy Durby, Secretary  
Alice Pfeffer, NCCC Governor*

### January 2008 - January 2009

*Mike Cassel, President*

## Remember When

*Manny Siprut, Vice President*  
*Dave Leiva, Treasurer*  
*Walter Juessen, Activities Director*  
*Rollie Trayte, Membership Director*  
*Dorinne Dobson, Secretary/Newsletter Editor*  
*Alice Pfeffer, NCCC Governor*

### January 2009 - January 2010

*Mike Cassel, President*  
*Manny Siprut, Vice President*  
*Dave Leiva, Treasurer*  
*Rollie Trayte, Membership Director*  
*Dorinne Dobson, Secretary/Newsletter Editor*  
*Alice Pfeffer, NCCC Governor*

### January 2010 - January 2011

*Manny Siprut, President*  
*Ken Harder, Vice President/Treasurer*  
*Dorinne Dobson, Membership/Newsletter Ed.*  
*Ben Walker, Secretary*

### January 2011 - January 2012

*Manny Siprut, President*  
*Ken Harder, Vice President/Treasurer*  
*Walter Juessen, Activities Director*  
*Mark Bales, Membership Director*  
*Mike Cassel, Secretary*  
*Chuck Weschler, NCCC Governor*

### January 2012 - January 2013

*Ken Harder, President*  
*Manny Siprut, Vice President/Secretary*  
*Mike Cassel, Treasurer*  
*Walter Juessen, Activities Director*  
*Mark Bales, Membership Director*  
*Steve Patricola, NCCC Governor*

### January 2013 - January 2014

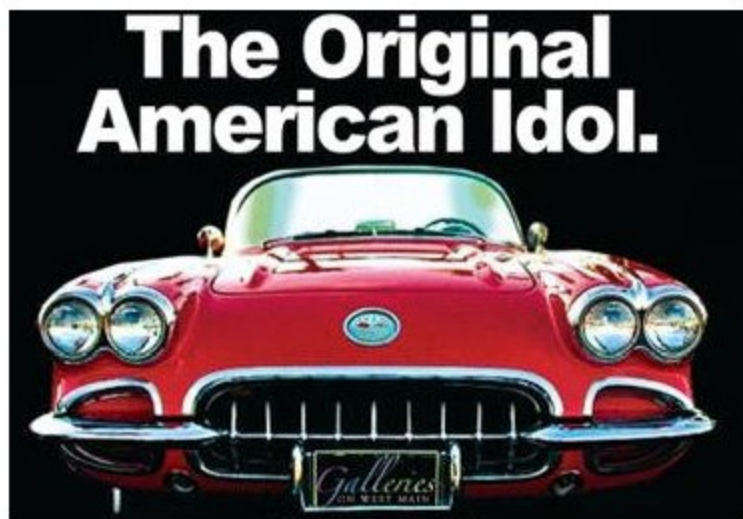
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*Walter Juessen, Activities Director*  
*Mark Bales, Membership Director*  
*Steve Patricola, NCCC Governor*  
*Mike Lipsky, Member-at-Large*



## Remember When

July 2013 - Mike Lipsky resigned from the Board

September 2013 - John Walch appointed to fill Mike Lipsky's unexpired term



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, February 22nd**

*2014 is starting out on a mysterious note for SCC. First, we have the Mystery Tour in January, and now we're going to the Mystery Castle in February. We missed the Mystery Castle tour scheduled for early 2013 due to inclement weather.*

*Watch your email for details from Walter on this day trip to south Phoenix.*

# Thank You, Thank You,

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

*Mark Bales  
Linda Beyerle  
Phil D'Alessandro  
Patrick Dennis  
Mark Dismuke  
Jim Dobson  
Ken Harder  
Walter Juessen  
Dave Meronuk  
Doug Meskell  
Steve Patricola  
Frank Tasnadi  
Bill Thart  
Rollie & Lyn Trayte*

## CHANGES IN CORVETTE SERVICE PERSONNEL AT VAN CHEVROLET

**Interview Information by Jim Dobson  
Photos by Shawn McEniry, Van Service  
Dept.**

### STEVE NICHOLS RETIRES

As some of you are already aware, Steve Nichols has retired from the Van Chevrolet Service Department after nearly nineteen years. Due to a lot of hard work and some wise investments, Steve was able to capitalize on his interests in home maintenance and repair.

Steve's new business is "Nichols Handyman Service," specializing in home maintenance and repair. If you are in need of any help, you can reach Steve at 480-326-3589.

### NEW SERVICE WRITERS FOR SCC MEMBERS

Due to increased volume, we now have two service advisors that are recommended for our members.



For your Corvette Service,  
Take it to "FORD" -  
Jay, that is.



Jay has been with Van for approximately four and a half years. He is a native Phoenician and has a Bachelor's Degree from Northern Arizona University. He previously worked in operations at Four Seasons Resort and was with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Jay enjoys working out, golfing and spending time with his family. He also enjoys spending time as a DJ at local night clubs.

## JAMES BLACK

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James has been with Van for a little over five years. He was born and raised in Mesa and got into the auto business right out of HS with a Nissan Dealer starting as a lot attendant and working his way up to be the reconditioning manager. From there he became a service writer and worked his way up to Service Manager. James is very dedicated to his career and spends his free time participating in sports, golf, basketball and softball. He enjoys spending time with his 3 boys and family. He also enjoys going to sporting events including NASCAR.

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## Thumbnail Book Reviews

By Dorinne Dobson

I read this book for a library book group I belong to in Wickenburg. When I picked it up, I thought it would not be particularly good, but as I got into, I found that I was mistaken:

***While I Was Gone* by Sue Miller.** An interesting story about the impulsive actions we take in our lives and how we live with the consequences. The interaction of family members - mother and daughters, sisters, husband and wife - keeps this novel moving along, engaging the reader to read on to find out how the characters will iron out the emotional predicaments they continue to create for themselves. There's a murder,

an early hippie life style, perseverance leading to success, the balancing of a career in veterinary medicine with raising a family of three children, the contemplation of adultery, all wrapped into this story, which will keep you turning the pages until the conclusion. Sue Miller published her first novel, "The Good Mother," in 1986. It was exceptional and turned into a best seller. This story compares favorably with that earlier effort by Ms. Miller.

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A friend of mind recommended this book, and I was surprised to find that, even though this is one of a series of books about the same protagonist, one need not read the others to enjoy this engaging story:

***How the Light Gets In* by Louise Penny.** You've probably heard of the Dionne Quintuplets, the Canadian phenomena, born in 1934 - phenomenal because they were the





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*or*

*Jay Ford, 480-368-3951.*

*Make sure you mention that you are with the  
Scottsdale Corvette Club!*

### Thumbnail Book Reviews

first complete set of quintuplets known to survive after birth. This story takes place in and around Montreal, Canada, in current times, and involves the death of the last of a set of quintuplets that can only be patterned after the Dionne quintts. The protagonist is Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, and the mystery is a very involved and complicated matter involving corruption at the highest levels of the Canadian government. It will keep you guessing through the entire 400+ pages of this book.

Dorinne



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