

### NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



Yellow C2 from the Prescott Vette Sette All Corvette Car Show Photo by Jeff Becker



### Meetings:

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

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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!







Harvey Caplan - December 4
Jennifer Rabin - December 4
Steve Patricola - December 7
Gloria Ketterl - December 9
Rick Cartell - December 11
Steve Bidwell - December 14
John Runyon - December 16
Peter Boland - December 17
Sharon Quigley - December 20
Terry Patricola - December 24
Bill Cahill - December 24
Bill Follette - December 29

### **COMING EVENTS!**

November 11 - Club Dinner Meeting & Election of Board Member(s)

November 14 - Trip to Organ Pipe National Monument & Casa Grande

November 18 - Vette Vixen Dinner & Men's Poker Night

December 2 - Board Meeting

December 5 - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet & Holiday Party

December 16 - No Vette Vixen Dinner/Men's Poker Night

January 13 - Club Dinner Meeting

January 20 - Vette Vixen Dinner & Men's Poker Night

January 23 - Mystery Trip

January 27 - Board Meeting

February 10 - Club Dinner Meeting

February 17 - Vette Vixen Dinner & Men's Poker Night

February 24 - Board Meeting

February 27 - Trip to Tortilla Flats

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 By Steve Patricola

Hello again. Fall is upon us and the cool weather and snow birds have arrived. With El Niño weather, the expectation is that there will be good clear days as well as some monsoon-type rains.

With the change in weather, the attendance for meetings climbs. For example, in August 41 members attended the meeting; whereas, in September that number rose to 58 and October to 62. It's gratifying to see that our members care about the Club by attending meetings and participating in our events which results in the Board working harder.

As you know, every other year we support the Prescott Vette Sette Corvette Club car show which is held in September. This year we may have had our largest turn out of Club members, i.e., Friday/Saturday evening's dinner was attended by approximately 27 members. Also, Ken Barry and Sharon Quigley hosted a light lunch at their home on Friday which I understand was a very pleasurable experience. Thank you, Ken and Sharon!

October event (17<sup>th</sup>) was a trip to Box Canyon down by Florence for a ride on ATVs. Fifteen (two guests) people/members participated in the trip, and all but one (yours truly) did the ATV run which lasted a couple of hours. According to the dirty fourteen that returned (and they were dirty), it was a lot of fun but their collective derrières took a beating<sup>©</sup>.

Upcoming events include November 14th Organ Pipe /Casa Grande trip. Also, there were three (3) BOD positions open, and no one submitted their name to run within the time frame stipulated by my email announcing elections. Therefore, the Club will "vote in" the existing three nominees for the three positions at our November meeting.

In December we have the Toy Run and Holiday Party on the  $5^{th}$ . For those that haven't responded, you still have time to get your RSVP in by the end of October.

Finally, this is a bitter sweet article for me since it is my last as President and it has been my distinct pleasure to serve in this capacity for the last two years and work with the Board to bring you enjoyment through our social activities. That being said I wish to thank the Board for their patience and, of course, their support. Also, thank you, Dorinne, for all your hard work on what I believe is the best newsletter in the NCCC Roadrunner Region.

It's been a fun ride...CIAO.

Steve





Terry and Steve



### Editor's Corner By Dorinne Dobson

I am hopeful that you will all love the new format and program that constitute this issue of the Scottsdale Corvette Club Newsletter. It has been a trying time for me, trying to get accustomed to the new

software program, which is Serif Page Plus X8, which publishes as a pdf document. So other than an Adobe Acrobat reader, you do not need any programs to view this newsletter. Yay! At least I hope everyone who has been unable to download and view our newsletter is able to do so now with ease. Please be sure to let me know if you have any issues with viewing this updated version of our newsletter.

Because of the large size of the newsletter, and because many email servers limit the size of emails, we are posting it to the cloud so that you can receive it.

When opening the newsletter in Adobe Acrobat, you have several viewing options. You can experiment with the various viewing formats to see which one you prefer. A few pointers on viewing: On the Table of Contents page, you can click the items you want to see, and it will take you to the beginning of the article. You can then click "Contents" at the top of each page to take you back to the Table of Contents. This is the same feature we had in the Desktop Author version of the newsletter. Also all the email addresses and websites have been hyperlinked.

A few highlights in this issue that deserve recognition: Rollie Trayte has written a great article covering the Prescott Vette Sette All Corvette Show in September, accompanied by photos by Mark Bales, Jeff Becker and Steve Rabin. Dennis Brink has another article on his early days of restoring Corvettes, this one on his 1957 Corvette. Fran Harder wrote the story on the Club trip to the Box Canyon near Florence, replete with photographs she took and photos from Mark Bales. Ken Harder wrote the article on the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Matches - who knew Scottsdale has the largest polo event in the U.S.? You'll learn this and other interesting facts in reading Ken's story. Photos were courtesy of Fran Harder and Steve Rabin. Our NCM ambassador, Phil D'Alessandro, has two excellent articles, with photos, on his trip to Corvettes at Carlisle and his visit to the National Corvette Museum this summer. Walter has cooked up a full calendar of events for 2016 which you can see on page 32. It looks like 2016 is going to be a very busy year for SCC, and I hope you all get to participate in all the events you want to do.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my husband, Jim, for his help and support through the trauma that has entered my life in getting this issue put to bed. He has helped me figure out what the heck I did to get into this or that predicament. I know as time goes on, it will get easier. Familiarity with the program is the answer, and that takes time. In the meantime, Save the Wave!

Dorinne



Manny Siprut tells us that there's a private car collection
In northwest Iowa that is open for tours. He's
Planning to see this collection some day. If you'd like
A preview, click on the link to get to the website, and then
click on the main photo for the slide show.

http://okobojicc.com/



### The Scottsdale Corvette On-Line Store Is Now Open For Business!! Check It Out!!

http://ScottsdaleCorvette.ClubStore.US.com

### WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB STORE

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!



# Recent Barn Finds! (Courtesy of Jim Dobson) These two C1 Corvettes, a 1954 and a 1962, were recently found in an Illinois barn!

Read all about it by clicking the link:

<a href="http://www.hotrod.com/cars/barn-finds/1510-two-cl-corvettes-found-in-illinois-barn/">http://www.hotrod.com/cars/barn-finds/1510-two-cl-corvettes-found-in-illinois-barn/</a>



Please remember when RSVPing for Club events, dinner meetings, Vixen dinners, poker nights or any other type of Club function, that your RSVP is a commitment to attend, and we're counting on you to be there. If something comes up that you cannot attend, please be sure to contact the person in charge to let them know. Thank you!



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



### SAVE THE DATES - FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH!

### CORVETTES & CAFFEINE

At Corvette Performance Arizona
Scottsdale Road between
Thomas & McDowell
FREE DONUTS, BAGELS & 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/

### 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; 8:00 when
it's cooler.

WILL WE SEE YOU AT ONE OF THESE EVENTS ON SATURDAY, NOV. 7?



DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS'
DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY
DINNER MEETINGS! IT INCREASES
BY \$25 EACH MONTH IF THE
WINNER DRAWN IS NOT PRESENT
AT THE MEETING! THE DRAWING
AMOUNT AT THE NOVEMBER
MEETING WILL BE \$100! BE THERE!!



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 NOVEMBER 19TH.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



SCC ANNUAL TOYRUN TO VAN CHEVROLET AND HOLIDAY PARTY

We'll Caravan to Van in our Vettes to deliver the toys. Then we'll party at the Arizona Italian American Club in Phoenix! You won't want to miss this event!



## 9TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE ALL CORVETTE SHOW

September 26, 2015

Story by Rollie Trayte
Photos by Mark Bales, Jeff & Laura Becker, & Steve Rabin



This is the scene on the Court House Square in Prescott during the Corvette Show

The end of the Arizona monsoon season is highlighted by several benchmarks and for those not meteorologically focused, it means the approach of the annual Prescott Vette Sette's All Corvette show around the courthouse square at the old territorial capital.

Many took the traditional route "up the hill" on I-17 and through the Prescott Valley speed traps into town where the Prescott Motor Lodge served as headquarters for many guests.

Kudos from Walter and a group of 20 that lunched at Ken and Sharon Barry's home with an incredible noontime repast along with enjoying the Barry's 'toys" - - a couple '67 big blocks here . . .a couple of '70's there and a way cool '63 Ford Galaxy XL bigus blockus 427. Corvettes notwithstanding, Ken chose the massive Ford F250 Powerstroke pickup for the trek to the Motor Lodge.



At Ken and Sharon Barry's Home for Lunch



Lunch on the patio at the Barrys'





A Corvette Pinball Machine!



In Ken's garage - a couple 70's here, a couple 67's there...



Al Banen & Laura Becker

That "backroad driving group" took the road less traveled - forging north from Barry's and up 89 through Peeples Valley and Yarnell in a caravan of Corvettes and a lone Mini-Cooper. Barf bags apparently weren't a necessity but may be optional next year for some of those hearty souls attempting a spirited drive on the twisties.



The Motor Lodge and Jeff's Corvette



Cocktails at the Motor Lodge: Above, from top left, Dorothy, John, Linda, Manny, Laura and Jeff; upper right, Ken, Sharon, Jerry, Pam and Dawn; lower right, Kim, the manager of the Motor Lodge, and Dick

After check in, the mandatory check-in refreshment and some car clean-up, the group headed to Rosa's Pizzeria for "dinner for 22"! The place was packed with a line out the door, but our group was sandwiched into a corner---comfort was facilitated when a nearby table was commandeered when a foursome departed. Most of the crew (admirably) hiked it back to the Motor Lodge while others of us chose to "cab it" with what was apparently the lone cab driver in town since we saw him again both ways the following night. It was the best five bucks those of us with bad backs/hips/knees could spend.



Dinner at Rosa's Pizzeria - From left, Connie Cassel, Patrick and Linda Dennis, Steve and Christine Bidwell, Sandi Weschler, Kathy Bales, Chuck Weschler and Mike Cassel



Dinner at Rosa's - From left, Sharon Quigley Barry, Rollie and Lyn Trayte, and Ken Barry

No fire pit this year, but an enjoyable evening of after-dinner beverages on the decks of the Lodge.

Saturday morning dawned crisp and clear and a short line of Vettes headed up to the Square shortly before 0800 - others apparently slept in and lounged at the Lodge—arriving fashionably later along

with those members traipsing up the I-17 Saturday morning to the Square that reportedly held just short of the 275-car limit. Vendors, trinkets and Corvette t-shirts were complemented again this year with the persistent OOhm-Pa-Pa from the annual Prescott October Fest set up on the north side of the Square.



A line of Corvettes headed to the Square



Street scene at the Vette Show



Linda Beyerle, Kathy & Mark Bales, & Michele Juessen



An interesting shot of Ken Barry in a rearview mirror, taken by Jeff Becker



John & Linda McClelland



A nice yellow C2 - See another view on the cover!



Mike and his Z06 Z16



Lyn and Rollie and their C5



More Vettes at the Show



A Corvette Bicycle



SCC members enjoying the show

Corvettes with beer, brats and Prescott's famed Whiskey Row - who could ask for a better Saturday?

Well, it did get better as Jennifer and Steve Rabin's 2016 red Z06 coupe brought home the lone SCC honors with a first place award in the C7 wide body category. Congratulations!



Here are the winners! The Rabins!

Above: Son Alex, Steve & Jennifer, and daughter Rachel with

Rosie & Princess

At right, Steve with the trophy plaque

Congratulations!





Now emboldened with the Saturday arrivals, more than 30 dined in the lavish luxury of the Gurley Street Grill ... (perhaps not so lavish but the alliteration worked) where our august group did what SCC often does best - wined and dined our way through another great evening of socializing with friends, talking Corvettes and enjoying good food.



Saturday Night Dinner: From left, Jerry Strimbu, Tom & Christina Georgiou, & Patrick & Linda Dennis

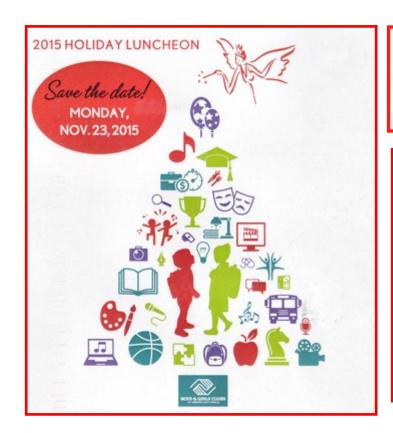




Walter is photo-bombed!

Thanks to Walter and Michele for arranging another fun trip. Thanks also to Mark Bales, Jeff and Laura Becker, and Steve Rabin for their photos. More photos can be found at: http://www.prescottvettesette.org/carshow.htm

Rollie



## Visions of Sugarplums

The Auxiliary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale invites you to a dazzling day of friends, food and fun!

### SCC WOMEN! NOVEMBER 23, 2015! An event not to be missed!

Luncheon, fashion show, boutiques, silent auction and more, at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. SCC Member Krysha Sorce is our contact for this event. She will be reserving a table for SCC members. The tickets are \$85 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the Scottsdale Boys & Girls Clubs.

If you are interested in attending, call or email Krysha at 847-682-5506 or kryshalky7@aol.com.

## ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER CORVETTES AT CARLISLE!

### Story and Photos by Phil D'Alessandro

August 27th arrived rather quickly this year, maybe I am just getting older... naw. We traveled to the East Coast a week earlier to handle some family business, refresh the C6 that had been sitting in the garage in Pennsylvania for too long and headed to Carlisle.

For us, having a home in Pennsylvania makes Carlisle an easy 100 miles straight down Route 81. Traveling on Thursday is generally ahead of the crowds, which tend to show up Friday and Saturday. The weather forecast was what we generally do not expect, great weather, as opposed to hot, humid and rain. This year was just perfect late summer weather, clear sunny skies, cooling off in the evening and no rain. If you have not been to a Carlisle event, especially Corvettes at Carlisle, plan to pack rain gear, just in case.

The fairgrounds are open on Thursday and, if you are "shopping," this is one of the better days, less crowds, parts have not been picked apart and a better chance to find what you are looking for. In my case, I could not find anything I was looking for, guess I will need to return next year.

The crowds, and I do mean crowds, showed up on Friday and Saturday. We arrived at the fair grounds at 7:15, AM that is, on Friday and almost could not find parking, even worse on Saturday. Carlisle Events, for the first time, had cordoned off an area for Veterans to park, all you needed to do was have proof of status when purchasing the Fun Field entry package. What is the Fun Field package? Corvettes at Carlisle does not permit non-Corvettes to park within the fairgrounds, and if you want better parking plus a "goodie" bag, you buy the Fun Field package which covers all three days of the event. Most people who come for one day do not purchase the Fun Field package but can park in the fairgrounds (as long as the vehicle is a Corvette).



The main grand stand had a large banner, saluting Veterans this year, and all in attendance had the opportunity to sign the banner.



This grandstand area is where the Corvette Marketing and Engineering Teams do a "walk around" the updated cars. The 2016 "walk around" was the shortest I have attended in ten years. In speaking with the team later that afternoon, 2016 is a catch up, rather than a new reveal. Two new colors for 2016, a flat bottom steering wheel (seems some new Corvette owners have expanded around the middle and need a little more room; I personally do not know any). The

cameras in the front bumper/grill area that blend the two images together to present a "helicopter" view to show you exactly where that front splitter is in relationship to the curb or parking stop. About time! Two tone seats and several new wheel designs, plus two special paint options as well as a "Jake" C7R, in yellow of course. The order sheet package is 58 pages of standard equipment and options, so go crazy.

Below is the GM "walk around" with the Corvette Team at the grandstand. The curly-haired person is Harlan Charles, the Corvette Marketing Manager, maybe one of the best jobs on the planet. In front of Harlan is the 2016 Z06 with Z07 package, in Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat, which replaces the Crystal Red Tintcoat. The other 2016 colors are: Laguna Blue, Daytona Sunrise Orange, Racing Yellow, Arctic White, Blade Silver, Black, Shark Gray, Torch Red and Night Race Blue. Additionally, there are three special design packages: Twilight Blue, Jet Black, and Spice Red. These special design packages were not on site so I cannot comment on them. Perhaps by now the dealers will have more information.



GM "walk around" at the 2016 Z06 with Z07 package in Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat



At left, a chart showing 2016 Wheel Style Selections

For those of us looking for parts and projects, two really caught my eye, but not my wallet; for those truly looking to take on a challenge, I present my two best candidates:





Not sure if the "project" on the prior page is a 61 or 62, but from the looks of it, it doesn't matter.



I never found out if there were any offers on this.

As I said, true projects and challenges, and these were not cheap.

The Corvette Club that I am a member of in New Jersey, Natural Glass Corvette Association, turned out in force, 62 members, and Carlisle Events offered clubs the ability to rent a tent. NGCA has chosen to do this for the past three years and it makes a great meeting/take a breather location.

Here is the tent and Carlisle Events even supplies banners (I get to take one back here each year).

Behind this tent was a large group from Australia, great bunch visiting the good old USA for a month or so. They even stopped at the National Corvette Museum on their many miles. Several even had their Corvette in attendance. Talk about a Club trip.





At left is the special "Jake" edition C7R of which only 500 will be produced. Chevrolet definitely knows how to make special edition models. Next to it is a real C7R. This special Jake edition is approximately another \$24,000 over the coupe or convertible.

All in all, another enjoyable Corvettes at Carlisle. The weather made its so much the better. The New Jersey Club had arranged dinners each evening, so, after a long day "on

the field," a hot shower and a pleasant meal completed the day.

Does Carlisle "get old", in some ways yes, but we go for the people. It is similar to the Prescott show but with 20 times more cars and all the vendors, so we go for the people and the cars. Additionally, Carlisle is just a bit further away then Prescott, something I really know about, since we drove home, but that's another 2,565-mile story.



Phil

## ANOTHER STORY OF CARS ... A 1957 CORVETTE! Story & Photographs by Dennis Brink

I was told by the draft board in August 1963 that I had a few months before I would actually be called for the draft. So on 08 August 1963 I found a red 1957 Corvette that was on the "As Is" lot at King Braeger Chevrolet Co. in Milwaukee, and bought it for \$975, plus tax, for a total of \$1,004.25. The wiring was burned out under the dash, and my brother used his 1935 Ford so we could tow the Corvette home. I rewired the Corvette and got it running. Then it was a case of the paint being so bad that we sanded it down, primered it, and had it repainted the same original red.



The '57 in "As Is" condition



Here it is in primer

The two pictures on the next page show my brother to the left and me to the right, doing what we knew had to be done - really winging it every bit of the way as I had done for most all of the other cars I worked on over the years. Yet that learning process always seemed to pay off with the right end results!





The Brink brothers (Dennis on the right) working on the '57 Vette

Still a lot to go, but the pieces are starting to come together.

The seats were all torn but I remembered a friend that had a pair of 1957 Corvette seats back in Marion, Iowa that were just like new. I bought them from him for \$75, and he shipped them to me by Greyhound Bus. I put them in the Corvette, and the car then looked like brand new. I painted the wheels yellow, just because it really seemed to make the car stand out.





At left, a view of the interior Above, the finished product

I sold the car a few weeks before I took my oath for the draft in December 1963 to Charles Zak who lived in Racine, Wisconsin. Again, very fortunate to have kept so many of those small pieces of paper. I have the invoice from King Braeger Chevrolet Co., the receipt of payment, and the Wisconsin Certificate of Registration with the VIN #VE57S100988.



On left, the receipt of payment At right, the Wisconsin Registration The invoice is at the top of the next page







The language from the rubber stamp on the invoice that is not legible is above:

"THIS CAR IS SOLD

AS IS

NOT GUARANTEED"

My Dad was home just before I went into the Army, in December 1963. He had gone back to sea working for a number of private steamship companies as a chief engineer since 1962, as I noted earlier, and was ready to leave for his first trip to Vietnam. He told me to be careful. Little did I realize that it would be the beginning, for him, of what would be 11 years of going to Vietnam on every trip he made leaving the U.S. We would only see him about once a year, sometimes less. His one goal in life was to take care of his family. It is still hard to appreciate and understand how much he gave up, for so much of his life, for all of us. My Mom was the balance that held us all together, for her, and her husband. We are more fortunate than words can say to have had them as parents.

For me it was certainly the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new one. In hindsight probably one of the most fortunate experiences I would have in preparation for entering adulthood and not just struggling as a post-teen for so many years.





## Corvette Owner



What my friends think I do.



What my family thinks I do.



What society thinks I do.



What Insurance Companies think I do



What I think I do.



What I actually do.

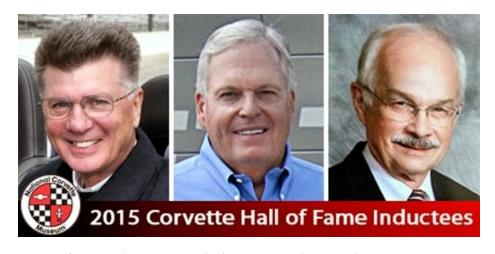
This comedic photo is courtesy of Rollie Trayte. I'm sure we can all relate...





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

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Manny Siprut
Rollie Trayte



Left to right, Herb Fishel, Rick Hendrick and Russ McLean

### THREE INDUCTED INTO CORVETTE HALL OF FAME

The Corvette Hall of Fame inducted three men who truly belong there. Herb Fishel headed sub rosa racing programs at Buick and Chevrolet, ultimately becoming GM Racing boss in 1991. Rick Hendricks is pre-eminent among NASCAR team owners. The third, Russ McLean, can be credited with saving the Corvette from assassination by accountancy.

Save for Hendrick, none of the three is well known to the public, and even Hendrick's fame among enthusiasts is limited to NASCAR racing.

Fishel, throughout his years at GM, yeared to see Corvettes compete at Le Mans, the fountainhead of international endurance racing. His passion endured despite a lack of money and of management enthusiasm.

Today's Corvette Le Mans program explains Fishel's entry into the hall of fame. Corvettes have six Le Mans class wins, plus a bushel of other endurance racing wins.

Hendrick's four NASCAR teams have won 11 Cup championships and 237 Cup races, but his Corvette connection is less well known. He and Linda, his wife of 42 years, had their first date in a Corvette, and his love for the brand manifested itself in one of the world's largest and finest collections.

McLean is unknown save by hardcore Vetterans, who rightly consider him a hero. In the dark years at GM prior to the appearance of the 1997 Corvette, McLean made the money-losing nameplate profitable; otherwise it would have perished.

Thus the Corvette Hall of Fame Class of 2015 can be given the ultimate accolade: "They're the real deal."



WE'RE DRIVING OUR VETTES TO SEE THE
CASA GRANDE RUINS ON
NOVEMBER 14!
LUNCH AT THE SPACE AGE OUTER LIMITS
RESTAURANT IN GILA BEND!
TELL WALTER YOU WANT TO GO!
JUESSEN@AOL.COM

### DAY TRIP TO BOX CANYON OCTOBER 17, 2015

### Story by Fran Harder Photos by Mark Bales, Fran Harder

An energetic group met on Saturday morning, October 17th, ready to hit the road to Florence. Walter and Michele Juessen, Bill and Barb Follette, Mark and Kathy Bales, Steve and Terri Patricola with their friend Stella from NY, Ken and Fran Harder, Dorothy Durby, Steve Rabin and his son Alex, and Brenda Brandt convoyed to our lunch spot - the famous River Bottom Saloon and Grill (next to the prison). Karla and Al Redford met us at the saloon to round out our group.



Lunch at the River Bottom Saloon & Grill



Fran, Kathy & Michele

After a hearty lunch, our guide came to lead us to the staging area where we suited up with helmets, goggles, scarves, and gloves and picked our ATVs, listened to the safety check and explanation on how to work the ATVs (for us novices), and we were ready to hit the trail!! None of our group had ever been to Box Canyon, and we were in for a surprise. A long winding trail led us to the canyon that looked



Getting Ready for the Ride

yellow from the lichen growing on the canyon walls. Sections of this canyon were so tight, jeeps coming through had to hug the slot canyon wall so that our group could squeeze by. We also had to ride over some big rocky areas that tested some of us and our new found ATV skills.



Traveling through the yellow canyon walls



Old Mail Horse Station



### Taking a Break:



The Group



After three hours and 34 miles roundtrip, we arrived back at the staging area, tired, dusty, a little sore, but having enjoyed a fun-filled trip. This is not a ride for the faint-hearted, just ask Walter and Michele.

Thank you, Walter and Michele, for arranging a great trip and arranging a cloudy, breezy, cool day, avoiding the rain clouds all around us!!

Fran







Taking a break

### HERE IS WALTER'S "Post Script" TO FRAN'S ARTICLE ON THE BOX CANYON TRIP:

### COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE BOX CANYON TRIP





Let's have lunch at the Superstition Saloon and Restaurant in Tortilla Flat, Arizona, on Saturday, February 27!

We'll drive out to the Superstition Mountains to his authentic remnant of an old west town, which started out as a stagecoach stop in 1904. It's been there ever since, on the Historic Apache Trail.

Walter will be sending you the details later.



## THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. This is a charming story about a Parisian bookseller, Jean Perdu, who calls himself a literary apothecary. His shop is on a barge in the Seine River, and M. Perdu prescribes books for his customers based on his intuition about the needs of each, whether it is to cure a broken heart or turmoil in the mind. You will be carried away with the descriptions of all things French. If you've ever dreamed of spending a summer in the south of France, this book will fulfill that ambition.

The Silent Sister by Diane Chamberlain. A mystery story that will grip you almost from the first page. Upon the sudden death of her father, Riley MacPherson discovers disturbing facts about a sister presumed dead by suicide more than twenty years earlier, not to mention some other facts about her own birth. The surprise ending to this tale is shocking, but the story ends on a positive note. If you enjoy reading this book, as I did, you may want to check out Diane Chamberlain's other fiction as she's written a total of twenty-two novels.

French Coast by Anita Hughes. This is "chick lit" at its finest! You will be drawn into the intoxicating world of the Cote d'Azur with its beautiful people. The prose and the sense imagery bring the food, fashion and feel of the ocean to life. Plus there's a little intrigue and a good amount of romance... it wouldn't be "chick lit" without romance, would it?



## What Sink Hole? A Visit to the National Corvette Museum

### Story & Photos by Phil D'Alessandro

February 12, 2014, started as a normal day for most of us, but not for the employees of the National Corvette Museum. At approximately 5:44 AM, Mother Nature finished what she had been working on for more than twenty years and the floor of the Skydome fell away. Not just away but wide and deep away. How big? 60 feet long, 45 feet wide and 30 feet deep. Along with the concrete floor went eight Corvettes, two on loan from General Motors: 1993 ZR-1 Spyder (a one of one) and the prototype 2009 ZR-1 "Blue Devil" took the plunge.

Additionally six other Corvettes owned by the Museum (which means that as members, we owned those cars) included:

1962 Black Corvette

1984 PPG Pace Car

1992 White "One Millionth" Corvette

1993 Ruby Red 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corvette

2001 Mallet Hammer Z06 (one of one)

2009 While "1.5 Million" Corvette,

all went for a short but painful trip.

None of the other cars in the Skydome were affected by this surprise visit. Of the eight cars, only three have been deemed "restorable," and GM stepped to the plate and has restored two of the cars to date; the Blue Devil was finished last November and made its unveiling at the SEMA show in Las Vegas. The One Millionth Corvette is back on display, and the 1962 Black Corvette is next up for repair/restoration.

What do these cars look like? Here they are:



This, believe it or not, is the Mallet Hammer - post hammer.

The outline of the "cave" and the sinkhole are marked on the new floor, providing the visual impact that is missing with it filled in. An inspection "port" was created for in the floor for routine monitoring of the cave below that was not completely filled in. (See the two photos at the top of the next page.)

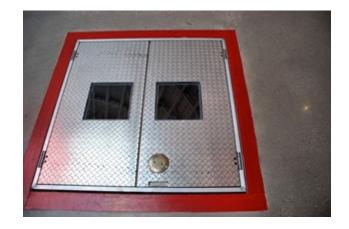


The 1962, one of the least damaged cars.



The 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> Corvette with the "Blue Devil" behind it.





This is Corvette Boulevard where, when you elect to receive Museum Delivery for your new Corvette, they cordon them off and place your name on a standard, letting the world know you are the lucky owner. The day we visited, 7 of the 8 were Z06s.



Had to make a visit to our "brick", located on the main walkway in front of the Museum.





As the Ambassador to the Museum for the Club, I visited with Stephanie Morrell who is the NCM Ambassador Coordinator and Membership Manager. She supplies me with the raffle tickets and the information that forms my NCM newsletter to everyone.



### **Factoid Quiz:**

The original trunk lid logo was replaced just before the unveiling in 1953. Why?

A prize to the first person who emails me the answer.

Pdalessandro9@gmail.com

Our trip to the Museum also included a tour of the factory. Unfortunately no cameras allowed, but what a visual experience. Amazing how the cars come together, how all the options match up with the particular car. The factory line starts a 6:13 AM, not 6:15, and they produce 170 cars per day, running one shift. Fifteen cars of one color come down the line, with three coupes, then a convertible, then more coupes. Why? It takes longer to assemble the convertible top mechanism and the spacing of three coupes to one convertible keeps the line moving. Regardless of Stingray or Z06, they keep flowing along. If you get the opportunity, visit the factory. Additionally you can take your own car, new or old, on the Motorsports track for a very nominal fee.

As was mentioned at the last Club meeting I attended, GM is investing \$450 million in the Bowling Green facility, indicating their commitment to the Corvette. Construction has started and is supposed to be complete in 2017. Maybe the Zora is for real.

We had a great trip, Carlisle and Bowling Green, via our 2006 Z51 coupe. Averaged 28.6 mpg over 3,000 miles. Ever wonder how much you can get into a coupe? A lot.



Now I know why I like the coupe. Seeing is believing!!



Phil



### CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director



Another year, another Mystery Trip! We don't know where we're going, but we'll see you there!

### February 27

A day trip with lunch
At Tortilla Flat



# houseparty

### March 12

Let's Party at Phil and Joann D'Alessandro's home in Fountain Hills! Also Vegas Trip on March 28-30!

<u> April 13</u>

Trip to Jerome for Lunch!





May 18-22

Trip to Napa Valley,
California!



Trip to Mount Lemmon





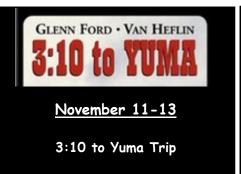




September 16-18
Trip to Lee's Ferry

<u>October 15</u> Saguaro Lake Tour





### December 10

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
And Holiday Party



### 5TH ANNUAL BENTLEY SCOTTSDALE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Story by Ken Harder Photos by Fran Harder and Steve Rabin



More than 15,000 people attended the above event, which is an unofficial activity for the Scottsdale Corvette Club. The all-day polo event features three polo matches with players from all over the world, but it is significantly more than just a polo event. Among the extracurricular activities were; The Canine Couture, a dog fashion show; a high tea with the Phoenician Resort; a live art auction by Scottsdale's Larsen Gallery; the "world's longest fashion show" generated by Phoenix Fashion Week; dancing field-side, courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studios; and a Phoenix Symphony Quartet, that played classical music during the 7-½-minute break between chukkers (polo's equivalent to a "quarter" in basketball). And, oh yes, lots of cars and horsepower, with representation from the collection of Barrett-Jackson, the Ferrari Club of America, the Lamborghini Club of America, and, of course, the Scottsdale Corvette Club, a promotional partner.



Donna Bernstein painting at the Molina booth. All sales go to charity for homeless children.

Our SCC members who attended the event included: John and Gurmit Walch, Steve and Jennifer Rabin, Phillip and Sandy Merrill, Jerry and Pam Strimbu, Ken and Fran Harder, Frank Tasnadi and his buddy Harv Kuntz, and Al Banen and his grandson, Trey. Our group met at Albertson's near Loop 101 and Frank Lloyd Wright at 8:15 a.m., and entered the grounds around 8:40 a.m., being directed to a prime spot where our cars could be displayed, but it was also a good spot because we could exit easily after the three polo matches were played. By arriving early, we were able to meet and talk to Tony Yahyai and Kareem Rosser, teammates on The Club Cabo team which was victorious (7-5) in their

match against Polo Azteca. Kareem is called the greatest African-American polo player of all time (and was featured in a "60 Minutes" piece), and Tony owns the Polo Club in Los Cabos, and is also a noted international star. Kareem gave us one of the "balls" that are used in the game, and Tony posed for pictures with our group. Our seating was at tables uniquely positioned to watch the unfolding events in the Molina tent, where we enjoyed unlimited food and cocktails (oops, not really, we were limited to only 10 drinks per person!). Jason Rose, a

friend of Ken's, the event founder (and principal of the public relations firm Rose+Meyer+Allyn Publications), also dropped by to say hello and ensure that we were enjoying ourselves.



Our group with polo player, Tony Yahyai from Club Polo Cabo

The fashion show took place in front of our tables, the horses sped furiously past us during the polo matches, and the people-watching was absolutely first-rate---with gentlemen nattily attired and ladies giving their Kentucky Derby counterparts a run for their money. I doubt few people attending the event actually know anything about polo, or much less cared, but it was the "in place" to be in Scottsdale during October. For the record, the polo field is 300 yards long by 160 feet wide, the game is played with three players and their horses (generally only one horse is used per chukker), 4 chukkers of 7 minutes each are played for each match, and the teams switch sides after every goal. Of course, there are two referees on horses making sure no one does something they shouldn't. The fun part for the fans is that they get to "stomp down the divots" during halftime, where even more activities take place (free champagne for those who had to pay general admission, beautiful Arabian horses being shown by their owners to promote the upcoming Arabian horse show event, and the "beautiful people" out there just enjoying the opportunity to see and be seen)!





Action on the polo field

Obviously, this is one big party, and (by the way) it is now the largest polo event in the United States! For the record, the San Diego Club beat the Arizona Polo Club 9-7, and Aspen Valley demolished Clogau Wales (yes, Wales!) Polo Team, the 2-time reigning champions of this event. Nic Roldan was the star of this match for Aspen, who at 32, is both a GQ model and one of the 50 most eligible bachelors in the world. Of course, many of the ladies were watching this match much more intently!!! It was a beautiful sunny day, with not a cloud in the sky,



Horses and Horsepower

and the majestic McDowell Mountains were a backdrop for this all-day party. Our group left around 4:30 p.m., having eaten and drank to our hearts content, but being mindful that we all had to get home safely. It was a wonderful day and lots of great memories! Hope we can do it again next year.

Ken



Ken with a yearling



Here are the Corvettes, parked near the tents.
Tell me, IS THE SKY IN THESE PHOTOS BLUE ENOUGH FOR YOU?



### WHERE ARE YOU GOING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD?

If you go on SCC's Mystery Tour on that date, you won't know where you're going till you get there! This is a trip you don't want to miss! It promises to be entertaining... and mysterious...

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





### FIND NEW ROADS

For a great deal on any Chevy, Buick or GMC product, not only Corvette, contact Chuck Mullins at 480-991-8300.

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

For the best in service, contact:

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