



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



**THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB
TAKES OVER
THE MOTOR LODGE IN PRESCOTT
FOR THE 2017 PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE
ALL CORVETTE SHOW
(SEE MORE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS
INSIDE THIS ISSUE)**



November-December 2017
A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts
148 Members

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Queen Creek Olive Mill, Chili
Party at Dorothy Durby's,
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Remember When,
And Much More...*



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
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SCC BIRTHDAYS!



Mike Oster	November 1
Kathy Bales	November 2
Connie Cassel	November 4
Judy Myers	November 4
Gurmit Walch	November 5
Susan Oster	November 6
Linda Nelson	November 11
David Sacks	November 14
Dawn Siprut	November 14
Lyn Trayte	November 16
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Joann D'Alessandro	November 22
Judi Findsen	November 27
Barbara Follette	November 30
Manny Siprut	November 30



Jennifer Rabin	December 4
Steve Patricola	December 7
Gloria Ketterl	December 9
Rick Cartell	December 11
Pam Perno	December 12
Steve Bidwell	December 14
John Runyon	December 16
Peter Boland	December 17
Sharon Quigley	December 20
Terry Patricola	December 24
Christine Pekarul	December 25
Bill Follette	December 29

COMING EVENTS!

November 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

November 11 - 7th Annual Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships at WestWorld

November 12 - SCC Car Corral at Can-Am 500 NASCAR Cup Series Race at PIR

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

November 18-19 - Trip to Titan II and Pima Air & Space Museums

December 2 - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet and Holiday Party

December 6 - Board Meeting

January 10 - Club Dinner Meeting

January 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

January 28 - A Day with Frank Lloyd Wright trip

February 3 - Mystery Trip

February 14 - Club Dinner Meeting

February 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night

February 24 - Cocktail Party at the Rabins' Home

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



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

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

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

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

**This issue of the Scottsdale Corvette Club Newsletter
is dedicated to the memory of our friend
and long-time member
LARRY BLOOM**

Cheryl wrote early in the morning on November 3rd, 2017:

Dear Friends, Larry left us very quietly and peacefully at 11:55 p.m. tonight, November 2nd. His sister, Dorothy, and our two friends, Mitch and Jaye Cooper, were with me. He never really responded much all day, but he was very calm and comfortable. I played a tape of Puccini arias for him which he loved, as well as some other lovely music. He was surrounded by love as he took his last breath.

We will let everyone know what arrangements are made. Thanks for all your love, prayers and support during the past months.

Love, Cheryl



Editor's Comment: I received the following email from Larry on April 26, 2014, and wanted to share it with you all. Larry had a special place in all our hearts with his enthusiasm for Corvettes. When he bought the Corvette pictured above and I found out about it, I asked him to share some information for the newsletter. Here is what he wrote:

"Hi Dorinne, last night the Sorces and the Blooms had a photo shoot and Krysha sent the "evidence." Did you receive it?

"A little story -

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

"On October 3, 2013, for my birthday (which is still the 4th) I ordered a new 2014 Stingray coupe. You can do the math. I was 73 years old at the order date. Was I excited!! As it turns out, the dealer's allocation was very limited and I waited almost three months and nothing coming. In bemoaning my fate to Father Ken Harder, he suggested I contact Chuck Mullins at Van Chevrolet. He was great; took the order on January 20, 2014. The base Torch Red 2LT, with a black interior, automatic, chrome wheels, NPP exhaust, Z51 spoiler, and premium carpet mats arrived on March 18th.

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

"You can use this in the newsletter if you wish.

Larry"

HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE?



Patrick Dennis says:

Saw this on Facebook and thought it would be interesting for the newsletter. Don't know of any 6-light C3's in the Club but have seen them at shows here and in Prescott from time to time. Here's the link to read more about it and see more photos:

<https://macsmotorcitygarage.com/six-tail-lamps-on-a-corvette/>



New Cruisers

Steve Luoma and Christine Pekrul and their 2017 Admiral Blue Grand Sport
and 1969 Sunburst Orange Stingray



WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

And More New Cruisers

Ron and Judy Myers and their 2016 Silver Z06 Convertible
Ron calls the Vette the "tail of the dragon"
The Myers may be our first Sun City members



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And More New Cruisers



Joan and David Sacks and their 2016 Laguna Blue 2LT Stingray



Barbara Shaw and her 2013 Crystal Red Grand Sport Coupe
Barb is a long-time Corvette owner and a member of Desert Corvette Association. Your editor enjoyed meeting and getting to know her on the Popeye's Passion trip recently, where we discovered that we have many mutual friends in Corvette circles around the Valley of the Sun.

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

From the Driver's Seat

By Ken
Harder

It's hard to believe that we are entering the Holiday season with only two months left in the year! What a busy past two months we have had, rolling out a new Club website, Board of Director elections, Bylaw revisions, membership renewals, a 2018 Activities Calendar to be rolled out at our November monthly meeting, and several great activities, including the Prescott Car Show, the Queen Creek outing, and Dorothy Durby's House Party.

November and December will also be exciting, with the Titan Missile Command in November and Control trip and our Toy Run and Holiday Party on December 2, 2017. Six couples will also be attending the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships at WestWorld on November 11. More great activities are planned for 2018, and I hope many of you will attend the November monthly meeting on November 8 when next year's calendar will be presented. I want to thank our members for both their suggestions for the 2018 Activities Calendar, and also their willingness to "lead" events in 2018, as our goal is to generate more member involvement and to be responsive to a wide range of members' interests in our activities and events. If you submitted an idea that is not on this year's calendar, please be aware that it will not be lost, but there are only a certain number of activities that we can plan each year.

For those who may be interested, the website has been used extensively through October, with over 175 responses representing almost 300 people. We have learned some lessons along the way, and we are working on improvements to the system that we may implement in 2018.

Beginning January 1, the cost for the monthly dinner meeting will increase to \$23.50 per person. The actual cost of the dinner is \$27.20, which includes the gratuity and sales tax. We have held the same price for a couple of years despite escalating food costs, but now find we need to increase the charge to members. The Club is pleased to subsidize the cost of the dinner for members, but also beginning January 1, prospective new members and guests will be charged \$27.20 and we will ask them to pay in cash before the meeting. Gainey has been a great central location, with a dedicated room, ample parking, good food, comfortable surroundings, and we look forward to another great year there.

As we close out the year, I want to thank the members of the Board and their spouses/significant others for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year. With the departure of the Walch's mid-year, the Board came together and tackled many issues with great synergy and chemistry, and our new Board members have stepped in and will be accepting even greater responsibilities going forward. A special thank you to John and Linda McClelland, who have worked many hours on the development and roll-out of our new website. Also, I would like to thank Kathy Bales and Pam Strimbu for their role in our Vette Vixen's this past year, and I would also like to acknowledge the great work of Dorinne Dobson in making our Newsletter so robust and fun to read with each new publication. Lastly, a big thank you to Walter and Michele Juessen, for their tireless dedication and contributions to our Club over many years! Walter will continue to handle the poker events in 2018, and both will continue to be active. Lastly, I would like to thank each and every member of the Club for your support, cooperation and suggestions. All of you make our Club what it is, and remember, 'we just want to have fun.' Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Ken



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

Sad news today about Larry Bloom's passing on November 2. This issue is dedicated to his memory, and I hope the little story that he told me a couple of years ago will rekindle some fond memories of Larry for each you as well.

What a fun couple of months we've had! First the annual Corvette show in Prescott, where SCC took over the Motor Lodge and enjoyed the cool mountain air for a couple of days of partying and looking at and trading stories about Corvettes. Rollie wrote a great article for your enjoyment, and Mark Bales and Patrick and Linda Dennis took lots of photos. Thanks to all for your good work on behalf of the newsletter and the Club. Then we had a very fun day at the Queen Creek Olive Mill on the Popeye's Passion run in October. We learned all about olive oil and even tasted some. A nice lunch under the shade of the pergola was a fitting finish. Dorothy Durby outdid herself once again with her chili party in late October. What a beautiful evening it was, and Dorothy's back yard is perfect for a fall party! Three different kinds of chili - with cheese and onions and cheesy muffins - absolutely great food! Not to mention the artichoke dip and the deviled eggs - Dorothy's deviled eggs were the greatest! You can read all about our great times and see photos of the fun we've had on the pages of this newsletter.

Best of all, we have something in this issue we haven't had in a while. Not one, but TWO "Tech Articles"! Mark Bales wrote a piece about the possible production date for the 2018 Corvette and the status of the C8. And Patrick Dennis shared his experiences with getting more mileage out of his tires by changing the alignment camber.

Thanks to all the folks I've mentioned who contributed to this newsletter, as well as thanks to those I haven't mentioned.

I am enthused by the activities scheduled for January and February of 2018 which I wheedled out of John McClelland early so that I could show them on the Coming Events page (page 4). If the activities for the remaining ten months of 2018 are as interesting sounding as these first two months, we are in for a rollicking good time next year!

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne





**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



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

**SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS
GATHERING**

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

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

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



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**THE NEXT DINNER WILL BE ON
NOVEMBER 15TH!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE PRIZE MONEY
STARTS OUT AT \$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00 EACH
MONTH IF THERE IS NO WINNER. THE PRIZE WAS \$25.00
IN OCTOBER; THERE WAS NO WINNER! SO BE SURE TO
ATTEND THE NOVEMBER MEETING! YOU MIGHT BE THE
BIG \$50.00 WINNER!**



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

Those who contributed to this issue are:

Mark Bales
Patrick & Linda Dennis
Jim Dobson
Ken Harder
Steve Luoma
John McClelland
Ron Myers
Mike & Susan Oster
Suzy Poulter
Steve Rabin
David Sacks
Frank Tasnadi
Rollie Trayte



***SCC TOY RUN TO VAN
CHEVROLET AND
HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, December 2nd***

*Bring your unwrapped toy to Van Chevrolet.
Then drive to Moon Valley Country Club in
Phoenix for dinner and dancing. Dinner
tickets are \$50 per person.*

*Check your email for details and sign up for
the festivities by going to the Club's website
to RSVP and pay online. Deadline is
November 22nd!*

You won't want to miss this fun evening.



From my Wickenburg car guy friend:

2018 Chevrolet Corvette: Our View

An interesting article by Aaron Bragman
for cars.com. Here's the link:

[https://www.cars.com/reviews/2018-
chevrolet-corvette-our-view-
1420697739241/](https://www.cars.com/reviews/2018-chevrolet-corvette-our-view-1420697739241/)

REMEMBER IF YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR SCC NAME BADGE, CONTACT:

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PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE ALL CORVETTE SHOW

*Story by Rollie Trayte
Photos by Mark Bales and
Linda and Patrick Dennis*



For some of us, the annual Prescott Corvette show brings a feeling much like a kid at Christmas - it's something we look forward to every year - knowing it'll be full of great things with maybe a few surprises and we can't wait for it to come.

Yeah – okay - that may be a bit of an overstatement, but for the 11th year, members of the Prescott Vette Sette cleared out the drunks from Whiskey Row and around three sides of the Square and on Friday, September 22nd, and Saturday the 23rd, it was pure Corvette heaven.

Nearly 250 Corvettes were registered for this, the 11th year of the Vette Sette's all Corvette show, that one exuberant member called “the largest all Corvette show west of the Mississippi” (or at least west of Camp Verde, which is more likely factual).

*Some members headed north Friday 'the easy way' on I-17 amidst the hundreds of under-powered campers, motor homes, commercial trucks and other annoying obstacles while other more adventurous folks took ‘the back way’ out of Wickenburg on Highway 89. Having gone this way previously and noting the lack of guard rails combined with the inclination to double or triple the posted speed limits -- I personally found the route of I-17 and route 69 through Prescott Valley less demanding/terrifying after my April heart surgery. (I know- chicken-=\$#*t, right?) Back to the story:*

The host club held a socializer/reception Friday evening up at the square and like most years, there are those that attended that wished they had not and others that tolerated it.

Having learned from prior experience, there were a large number - some 16-18 strong - that ventured to a pleasant Mexican restaurant called Guacamaya's for margaritas, cervesa and delightful dinner fare. For many of us, Uber provided both a reasonable transit and a fascinating/entertaining story from the Uber pilot from Montana.



*Dining at Guacamaya's
Clockwise from upper left, Dawn and Manny;
Steve and Jennifer;
Pam and Patrick;
Michele and Walter;
Donna and Mike*





*Clockwise from upper left, Foster and Kathi; Bob;
your author, Rollie and Lyn; and Linda, Jerry and Rollie*

Saturday dawned crisp and clear - absolutely perfect car show weather - and as a group, we headed out from the Prescott Motor Lodge for the short drive up to the southeast entry point for the Square and were directed to Whiskey Row on the west side of the Square. Coffee, donuts, hideous green polo shirts and a couple hundred Vettes roaring to life at the 10:00 a.m. start time, with Mark leading the way in Walter's incredible sounding C7R. It was truly an awesome cacophony of sound. (I add this only because cacophony's a great word and I rarely get to use it.)

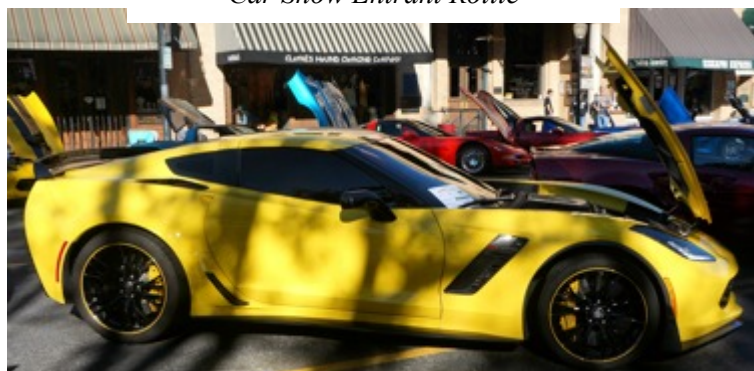
I'm sure Mark Bale's wonderful photos will offer a hint of some of the fabulous people and cars that make this show unique and an absolute treat for Corvette knuckleheads like me. (and thanks to my bride of 43 years for tolerating my near obsession on Corvettes)



Car Show Entrant Rollie



Car Show Entrant Steve



Car Show Entrant Walter, but Walter's still in bed



Car Show Entrants Kathi & Foster; Kathi dropped her donut

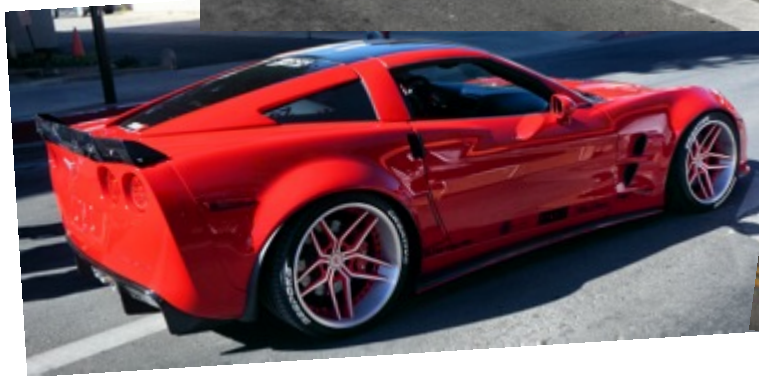


Car Show Entrant Patrick



Carbon 65

MORE SHOTS OF CORVETTES AT THE SHOW





Lyn & Rollie at the show



Above, Linda and her Vette; at right, Patrick & Rollie relaxing on the Courthouse lawn



Another street scene

Is that the Rabins sitting in the foreground?

Saturday evening once again brought the Scottsdale Corvette Club together at the legendary Papa's Italian restaurant where we safely Ubered (once again with a great story from the Uber pilot) and a surprisingly great meal with ample liquid libation for the occasion. A great evening with good friends!



Cocktails on the Strimbu's patio

Early birds rumbled out of the Motor Lodge about 0730 at idle speed so as not to rudely awaken those that enjoy the bliss of sleeping in on a lazy Sunday and with a quick stop at Mickey D's for sustenance, we enjoyed an unremarkable but enjoyable cruise back to Fountain Hills.

Many thanks to Jerry Strimbu for coordinating the trip and a tip of the cap to the Prescott Vette Sette for another great show benefiting the Prescott Firefighter charities.

Regards.

Rollie



SCC Corvettes at the Motor Lodge



2018 C7 PRODUCTION RUN SHORTEST IN 60 YEARS?

and..

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE ZR1 AND C8...

By Mark Bales

Let's say you ordered your new 2018 Corvette and you receive a TPW (targeted production week) of January 1, 2018. On average your brand new car should be in your driveway in late January, 2018. Enjoy it while you can. A month later, your neighbor might have a "brand new" 2019 Corvette sitting in his driveway. Your new 2018 depreciated one model year in less than a month.

GM rocked the Corvette world on October 12, when they announced the following:

- Final orders for the 2018 ends the week of November 16 (normal cycle, orders would end Spring '18).
- Order books for the 2019 will arrive around November 20th.
- 2019 Corvette ordering begins November 30th.
- 2019 production will begin the end of January.

Adding to the confusion, GM announced that other than a paint choice or two, there will be no changes from the 2018 to the 2019. Of course, expect some "limited edition" to take over from the Carbon 65. We also wonder if "no changes" also means no 10-speed auto, as recently introduced in the Camaro.

So, what does all this mean? As I type this, Corvette enthusiasts around the world are scratching their heads asking the same question. The 2018 production run may be the shortest since the 6,970 units produced in 1959. Or possibly the 9,752 1997 C5's produced due to a delayed introduction.

Obvious speculation is that GM is prepping for the introduction of the ZR1 and the mid-engine C8 (more on that below). Other speculation is that the 2019's will roll out of the new paint facility in Bowling Green. A handful of 2018's will come from the same facility, but the paint finish improvements are expected to be so good maybe GM didn't want two '18's sitting next to each other, one with orange peel and one without. Although, that would provide some lively discussion on forums and at car shows. "My 2018 is better than yours!"

Pricing should be interesting. Will GM raise the price on the 2019's? If so, how do they justify an increase if identical to the '18's? Will there be GM and Dealer incentives offered on the '18's to clear inventory? Whenever you order a car towards the end of the model year production run, you risk the same car being thousands of dollars less a few months later when the dealers want to clear out the old. Buyers with '18's on order in October weren't thinking that. We imagine a few of 'em are pissed.

What We Know about the ZR1 and C8

Here is what we KNOW about the ZR1 and the C8, as of this writing. Remember, you heard it here. We Don't Know when. Some speculation is the C8 is ready now and that GM is changing the whole model year thing to get it out ASAP.

We Don't Know anything about the engine/power train.

We Don't Know pricing. Which leads to...

We Don't Know if the mid-engine C8 will be priced so high that GM will offer an "entry" level C7-like front engine alternative.

Basically, we don't know squat!



From Rollie Trayte: "Want fries with that? Is this the mid-engine Corvette? Spotted on Woodward Avenue in Detroit at Mickey D's... From CorvetteBlogger.com."



Trip to Titan Missile Museum and Pima Air & Space Museum November 18 and 19, 2017

This promises to be a fun weekend. Watch your email for details and RSVP and pay the fees for the trip on the Club's website.





TIRE ALIGNMENT

By Patrick Dennis

I found this information and wanted to share it with Corvette Club members. By changing the alignment camber to less aggressive settings as shown in this article, we can get much better tire mileage. I did the dual several years ago and get great mileage from my Michelin tires.

It's a common issue I have run into doing alignments for the last 17 years. The GS and Z06 are set with a considerable amount of negative camber. These cars were designed to be driven hard through corners. When you buy one and drive it normally daily, you end up with tire wear. This is because the outsides of the tires don't get scrubbed down from the hard cornering to match the inside wear.

To combat this, I usually recommend those daily drivers use base specs on their GS and Z06.

For example:

2013 GS/Z06

2013 FE4 (Z06) w/ RPO XFH, FE5 (ZR1) w/ RPO XFH

front

camber - 1.30* +/- 0.60*

caster - 7.20* +/- 0.60*

total toe - 0.10* +/- 0.20*

rear

camber -1.30* +/- 0.60*

total toe - 0.00* +/- 0.20*

That's a considerable amount of negative camber for daily use.

2013 FE1/FE2, FE3 w/o RPO XFA/XFG

front

camber - 0.45* +/- 0.60*

caster - 7.50* +/- 0.60*

total toe - 0.10* +/- 0.20*

rear

camber - 0.45* +/- 0.60*

total toe - 0.00* +/- 0.20*

You can see the huge difference in negative camber. so it matters what your intended purpose is in driving the car will make on tire wear.



'Popeye's Passion' Trip to the Queen Creek Olive Mill October 12

Story and Photos by Mike Oster

Festivities for our Fall day trip began with the ceremonial passing of the checkered flags to the new Sweep of Sweeps.

Now fully recovered from sweeping the Chinese Fire Drill of our trip to Payson, Steve Patricola here bestows upon John McClelland his royal title—



Below, at the 2-hour mark of the briefing, notice the attentive and courteous attention each member is paying to Mike's turn-by-turn instructions of the forthcoming trip—



Dubbed "Popeye's Passion" (get it?), this olive-themed trip featured yo-yo-ing through every traffic light in Gilbert. Sweep John received 7 new bars on his uniform--one for each light missed.

Entering the Queen Creek Olive Mill farm, we proceeded to park by a lovely stand of ... cotton plants---



(Editor's note: Thanks, Mike, for *finally* providing pics of members and cars!)

No Children of the Corn, these Queens of Cotton: Gloria & Susan inspect the crop---



Nice feature of the trip: immediately on our arrival, we were each given an ice cold glass of draft beer from nearby San Tan Brewery. mmmm...beer.

Thus fortified, we proceeded on a guided tour of farming techniques—



Manny took an early lead with two excellent questions. Next stop on the tour was a discussion of the milling process—



Large white thing on the *right* grinds the stuff ... the one in the middle appears to be some sort of beer consumption device.

Gathering steam, Manny brought his total question count up to 4.

Then to class in the pressing and blending room.

Here, Manny prepares his lightning round of questions 5-8; Marie pays attention; Susan tries to get the bartender's attention; and Bill wishes everyone Peace on Earth—



Can you guess what the day's most frequently asked question was?...

Yep —“What is the difference between Virgin and Extra Virgin olive oil?”

We started asking it in the field, continued our pestering at the milling wheel, and kept after our guide here in the blending room until she answered it... Answer: The batch of olives used to produce Extra Virgin oil has zero defects, whereas the olives of Virgin oil may have a few defects.

Hearing a few chilling examples of the kinds of things that are considered 'defects,' no one was much interested in follow-up questions.

A fitting finale, each member was given a small sample of oil. The sensory process is a bit like wine tasting. You look at the color and blurt out a few adjectives. Then you swirl it around a bit. In olive oil tasting there is a word for this—stupid. It accomplishes nothing. Then you taste the stuff and, with eyes skyward, let the descriptors flow from your heavenly inspiration and K-8 vocabulary: Fruity—nutty—acidic—mouth-feel—peppery—silky—smooth—silky smooth—did anyone say fruity? ... and so on.

You already know what comes next.

What is at the end of every tour you've ever been on?...right, *Exit Through Gift Shop*. Row upon row of delicious samples of regular and exotic oils and stuffed olives. Did you know there was such a thing as bacon-flavored olive oil? ... it was better than you might think. There was also a chocolate-flavored olive oil. Some in our group tried it. Not me. You have to draw the line somewhere.

Finally, it was time for lunch. And more beer. While the *hoi polloi* looked on, your Scottsdale Corvette Club was escorted to their exclusive al fresco dining venue, *La Pergola*. This is an Italian word for shed.

Grasshoppers chose wisely from a selection of three different gourmet sandwiches---the Kalamata, the Lucca, and the Belice.

Not knowing what they were eating but happy with their choices, our attendees commenced with a startlingly accurate reenactment of *La Dolce Vita*—



Left to right: Mike Reagan and his Not Donna date, Marie Camacho, new member Barb Shaw, Dorinne and Jim Dobson



Left to right: Linda and John McClelland, Suzy Poulter and Charles Nance, Manny and Dawn Siprut



Left to right: John and Gloria Ketterl, Joan and Dave Sacks, Ron and Judy Myers, Terry and Steve Patricola



Left to right: standing bros—Larry Capek and Bill Ng; seated—Peter & Lucy Boland, Susan Oster, Charlene Capek



Fill in the blank: "Every great lunch that starts with cold beer should end with warm _____"

Yes!—Chocolate Chip Cookies.

If you didn't get yours, see this guy on the left—

Until next time,

Mike Oster

PICTORIAL ADDENDUM TO POPEYE'S PASSION ADVENTURE

By Suzy Poulter



Interesting view of Corvette caravan through rear view mirror



Charles Nance in front of Olive Mill sign



Basil growing in the Mill's herb garden



The Vettes!



The giant olive processing machine at the Olive Mill





CHILI PARTY AT DOROTHY DURBY'S

A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY
BY MARK BALES

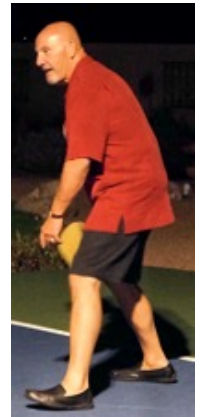
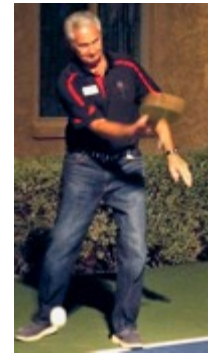




Above, our hostess, Dorothy, and the CHILI!

At right, the pickle ball aficionados

Below, Dorothy and her crew of helpers



Remember When

The SCC Holiday party in December 2000 was held at Debby Usery and Scott McPherson's home. Scott was the newsletter editor, and these two pages were part of the feature on the 2000 holiday party. Golly, some of us look really young! And some are no longer members but not forgotten...

VETTE-TOGETHERS

All Corvettes are
RED



Christine & Steve Bidwell



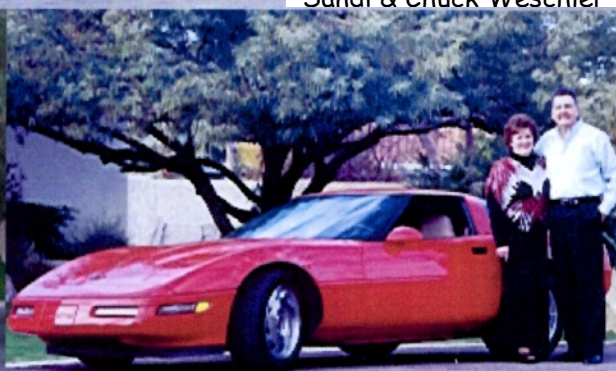
Jane & Hugh Anderson



Sandi & Chuck Weschler



Our hosts, Scott & Debby



Connie & Mike Cassel



Barb & Bob Gerhart

The rest are
just...

VETTE-TOGETHERS



Mary & Doug Hanson



Sue & Dick Kulczycki



Mark Shaw



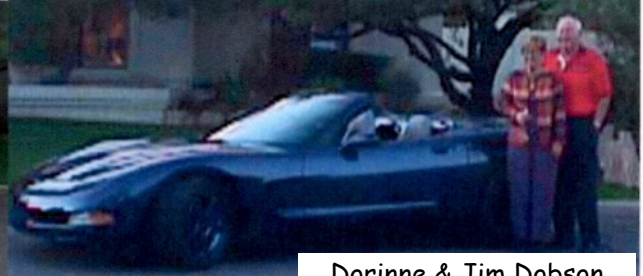
Cyndi Van Hook



Terry & Mary Turley



John & Norma Parker



Dorinne & Jim Dobson

Editor's Note: I labeled the photos so we'd all know who was who, but there were a few I couldn't identify and even Jim couldn't remember. So if you know the names of those who are unidentified, I'd really appreciate it if you could share them with me.



THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

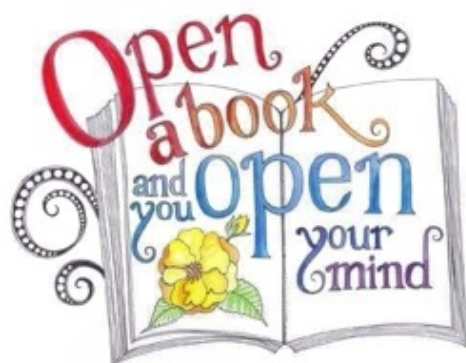
By Dorinne Dobson

***Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley.** I just finished reading this book. Wow! What a story! The premise is the crash of a private luxury jet plane into the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard, from which the only survivors are a 40-something man and a 4-year-old boy. The man is a life-long swimmer and he manages to swim to shore with the boy on his back and a dislocated shoulder. He's almost 30 miles offshore and the effort is tremendous and takes many hours, but through sheer determination and grit, he makes it. The novel then explores each of the passengers on the plane, and describes the efforts made to recover the aircraft and the black box to find out why the plane went down approximately 18 minutes after takeoff without a mayday call or any indication of malfunction. It includes an interesting look at today's news media and its reporting tactics. Once into this book, you will not wish to put it down till you find out what the heck happened.

***A Column of Fire* by Ken Follett.** The third novel set in the fictional city of Kingsbridge from the mid-1500's to the early 1600's, continues the saga begun with *The Pillars of the Earth* and *World Without End*, two of his earlier works. Elizabeth I becomes queen of England amid political turmoil and religious debate between Protestants and Catholics. Though this is a huge book (909 pages to be exact), and thus difficult to read in bed without a crane to hold it up, it is a compelling story about what was considered at that time the radical notion of religious tolerance. Follett has an intensely readable style and his descriptions of the more dramatic interludes during the period covered by this novel include the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572 (where Parisian Catholics murdered thousands of Huguenots (French Protestants)), the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, and the miraculous defeat of the Spanish Armada by a much smaller force led by Sir Francis Drake.

Happy reading!

Dorinne





CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

Courtesy of Your Club Activities Committee



January 21

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

February 25

A Special Dinner



March 17-20

Trip to Death Valley!

April 2

Copperstate 1000



May 5-7

Route 66 Fun Run

June 17

Octane Raceway



July
NO ACTIVITIES!

August 12

Chill out on the 'Pine & Dine'
Day Trip to Payson!
Cruise in your Vette
and Enjoy a Cool Lunch in the
Pines of Payson



September 22-24

Prescott All-Corvette Car Show



October 21

Queen Creek
Olive Mill

October 28

House Party at
Dorothy Durby's



November 18-19

Trip to Titan II And
Pima Air & Space
Museums



December 2

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
And Holiday Party





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