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SCC meets the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month  
at 6:30 PM 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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## ***New Cruisers***

Pratt and Sandi Ashworth and their  
2006 White (with embellishments!) Coupe

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

\*See a picture of Pratt and Sandi's  
Vette on page 11 of this Newsletter.



## **November**

Kathy Bales - Nov. 2nd  
Ted Taylor - Nov. 2nd  
Connie Cassel - Nov. 4  
Sandi Ashworth - Nov. 5  
Leon Boyd - Nov. 12  
Dawn Siprut - Nov. 14  
Christel Boeck - Nov. 15  
Lyn Trayte - Nov. 16  
Mike Reagan - Nov. 25  
Judi Findsen - Nov. 27  
Barbara Follette - Nov. 30  
Manny Siprut - Nov. 30

## ***SCC Birthdays!***

### **December**

Jack Weber - Dec. 1st  
Fred Rosenbaum - Dec. 6th  
Pratt Ashworth - December 10th  
Steve Bidwell - Dec. 14th  
Linda Gutherless - Dec. 14th  
John Runyon - Dec. 14th  
Kathy Shires - Dec. 24th  
Janette Boyd - Dec. 28th  
Sharron Summerson - Dec. 28th  
Bill Follette - Dec. 29th



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## **Coming Events!**

**November 4th - Ethnic Epicurean Experience**

**November 14th - Club Dinner Meeting - Board Elections**

**November 17th - Queen Creek Olive Mill Day Trip**

**November 21st - Vette Vixens Dinner**

**No Board Meeting in November due to Thanksgiving**

**December 2nd - Holiday Party**

**December 5th - Board Meeting**

**December 7th - Toy Run to Van Chev. & Private Party**

**January 9th - Club Dinner Meeting at Van Chevrolet**

**January 16th - Vette Vixens Dinner**

**January 23rd - Board Meeting**

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





## From the Driver's Seat...

**John Runyon**

As I write this letter, my service as the President of your Scottsdale Corvette Club is drawing to a close. When I recall my first column in January of this year, I remember promising you, the membership, that I would try to be a good steward of the club that was handed to me by my predecessors. Also, I felt that there would be no need to redefine, reinvent or refocus our Club, but I would try to make some small changes and see how they would be received by you, since your enjoyment would be paramount in my vision. I sincerely believe that those goals have been met, mostly due to the support that I have received from the Board and the positive participation that has been received from the membership.

While serving as your President, I have attempted, with varying degrees of success, to see that the SCC

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does not stagnate but grow, and to encourage member participation in our activities, as well as provide new events to capture your interests in socializing with fellow members. It would appear that these goals are being met in reality. Looking back on the year, we have created some great events for your enjoyment.

The quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Experience, which still tongue ties Walter every time he tries to say it, has become a very well attended evening of fun, food and camaraderie in an informal setting. If you haven't been able to attend one, try to do so for your own enjoyment. You won't be disappointed! Our first Van Sponsor membership meeting was held in February and it received great reviews from both the Van staff and our members, so much so, it will become an annual club event. Our destination trips, which provided ample time for our participating members to socialize in an informal setting, received strong positive responses, and we look forward to more of these great itineraries and experiences in the future. The "House" parties throughout the year were just terrific, and again your strong attendance was clear indication that you really enjoy these types of events. Many thanks go to the hosts and hostesses for these parties because without them we would not have the luxury of having



so much fun with fellow members. (Please note that we have an article in this month's newsletter regarding hosting House Parties, and I sincerely hope that you will give serious consideration to getting yourself involved in these enjoyable events.)



Our plate is now occupied on a regular basis with events and activities which are well received by our membership. We are very fortunate to have one of the best Event Calendars of any Corvette Club that I know of. None of this happens in a vacuum. It's easy to identify to whom credit is due. Our Activities Director, Walter Juessen, devotes considerable time to organizing our events and insuring our enjoyment and for that we are very appreciative.

Further credit is due to our Board of Directors, who as a group can be very proud of the SCC's progress.

Without their active cohesive participation, ideas, and good counsel we would not be where we are today. These are the Club members who devote their time and energies to make it possible for you to enjoy the benefits of membership to the Scottsdale Corvette Club. Throughout this year, I have relied on and been supported by the Board, and this has made my job much more rewarding and productive. To all of them, I give my sincere appreciation and say that it was a distinct pleasure to have served with you.

I can honestly say that these are exciting times to be a SCC member. The Club is progressing nicely on a track that will insure your enjoyment in the future. However, it takes your participation to continue this. If you have thought about getting involved, getting reconnected, or attending an event - don't put it off any longer. Being an active SCC member is a rewarding experience. Don't miss the opportunity!

In closing, it's been a pleasure serving your needs and interests during the past year. I couldn't have done it without your encouragement and support and for that I will always be thankful. I look forward to seeing you at the next SCC event.

John

## From the Driver's Seat

P.S. Don't forget to reserve your attendance at the Annual Holiday Party, December 2nd. It's going to be a great night of food, fun, and entertainment!!!



Sandi Weschler won \$50 in the Members' Drawing at the October meeting, since there was no winner in September! The pot for November will be \$25.00.



Once again we've proved that it pays to attend the monthly membership meetings! Congratulations to Sandi!

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## *New Cruisers and Their Cars*



Pratt and Sandi Ashworth's 2006 Coupe!



Tom and Christina Georgiou and their 1995 White Convertible

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## IMPORTANT!

### NOVEMBER MEETING IS ELECTION NIGHT!

Let's all plan to attend the next membership meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, to elect new Board members. The meeting will be at Jilly's American Grill at 6:30 - the usual time and place, and we'd really like to see a large turnout of the members. This is the most important meeting of the year. This is your opportunity to choose the members of the Board of Directors for the next year.

We are pleased to have two new members running for election for the two vacancies on the Board. They are:

David Leiva  
and  
Rollie Trayte

Running for re-election are Mike Cassel and Walter Juessen. All four Board positions are for two-year terms.

The two vacancies on the Board were created by the expiration of Dorothy Durby's term, for which

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she chose not to run again, and John Runyon's stepping into the Past President position as an ex officio member of the Board for one year.

Here's another reason why it is important to attend the November membership meeting. Each candidate for the Board will be asked to give a short statement at the meeting on his interest in the Board position and the Club.

Hope to see you all at the November meeting. If you cannot attend, be sure to fill out the ballot that Dorothy emailed to you and send it to her either via email or snail mail.



Dave Leiva



Rollie Trayte





## WANT TO HOST A PARTY IN 2008?

Walter is busy planning the Club calendar for 2008. Since house parties are some of the best loved events the Club offers, judging from the number of members who attend them, the Club is interested in having two to three house parties a year.

The Club policy on house parties is to reimburse the host and hostess a flat \$250 to be used toward refreshments. The host and hostess define what the party will be, the size of the party, what a reasonable charge to the members should be, and whether they want members to bring dishes to contribute to the party. Based on the comfort level of the host and hostess, the Club parties have a limited attendance.

We've had some great house parties in the past, and are looking forward to more great ones in the future. If you are interested in hosting a Club party at your home, please contact Walter Juessen, the activities director, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so we can get the event on the 2008 activities calendar. Walter's email address is [juessen@aol.com](mailto:juessen@aol.com).

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## WHAT'S NEW FOR CORVETTE?

By Mark Bales

Everyone, mark your calendars! On Thursday, November 29th, as part of its Ultimate Factories series, the National Geographic channel will tour the Corvette plant at Bowling Green, Kentucky. It will be on all satellite and cable channels that carry National Geographic. The following is the press release from National Geographic:

Ultimate Factories: Corvette

Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 P.M. ET/PT  
(World Premiere)

America's love affair with the Corvette began more than 50 years ago. Since then, its mystique has held strong, thanks to its sleek muscular body, raw power and unyielding speed. Now, Ultimate Factories takes viewers inside the development of the Corvette Z06, a high-performance street machine that is fantastically aerodynamically efficient. Go inside the Corvette factory in Bowling Green, KY, to see how this machine is built from start to finish.

Note: The program will likely be re-run several times, so if you miss this one, keep checking the schedule.





### From Member Rollie Trayte:

Corvette has a fairly unique tire pressure sensor that displays tire pressures, and any associated problems, on the driver information center on the dash. These sensors are associated with their respective corners of the car.

If wheels are ever replaced or swapped, the owner has to be careful to put each wheel back on the corner it came from, or he/she will need to reprogram the sensor to the car.

If you don't have the tool, which costs a couple hundred dollars, most Chevy dealerships will do it, but probably not for free.

I recently purchased the Bartec Tire Tool, and will gladly make it available to our membership for a reasonable fee - generally, one Corona with lime at an SCC meeting.

Ed. Note: If you're interested in seeing the tool and/or trying it out, contact Rollie.



## CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND WEB SITES

By Jim Dobson

The year is rapidly winding down and there is a lot of good Corvetting ahead in the coming months.

Many of our members spend time on the internet exploring the many Corvette sites that are out there. I don't think anyone could keep up with all of them, but we have some members that are surely leading the pack. I would like to solicit all of our members who are on the Corvette Forum or any other Forum to share with the group the forum and the name that you use. It would be interesting to share this information and find out how many of our members are using these resources.

Per an email from one of our newer members, Pratt Ashworth, I have added two websites to the list at the end of this column. These websites were of particular interest to me because we have a '62 Vette under restoration.

If any of you out there are aware of any sites that may be of interest to our members, please forward them to me so they may be included in our newsletter.

## Auto Auctions

Starting in November the winter classic automobile auctions begin. Opening the season is the 18th annual ICA Thanksgiving Auction in Chandler. This auction includes a lot of local cars and more affordable iron than what you will be seeing in the January auctions:

International Classic Auction in Chandler, AZ  
November 23rd and 24th  
<http://www.icaauctions.com>

The rest of the auctions are in January and some of them are running concurrently again this year. The first one is the Barrett-Jackson exposition that offers a lot of glitz and high end cars.

Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 1/13/08 to 1/20/08  
<http://www.barrett-jackson.com/>

Russo and Steele Auction 1/16/08 to 1/20/08  
[http://www.russoandsteele.com/scottsdale\\_auction.html](http://www.russoandsteele.com/scottsdale_auction.html)

R-M Auction 1/18/08 Arizona Biltmore  
<http://www.rmauctions.com/>

Kruse International Auction 1/24/08 to 1/27/08  
<http://www.kruse.com/auctions/sctdale08/index.asp>

Silver Auto Auction: Fort McDowell Arizona  
[http://www.silverauctions.com/auction\\_show.php](http://www.silverauctions.com/auction_show.php)

## Concours

Phoenix American Classics and  
Concours d'Italiano  
Saturday, January 19, 2008  
and

Phoenix Concours d'Elegance  
Sunday, January 20, 2008

<http://www.elegantcars.com/Phoenix/elegance/>

### Interesting Web Sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cowtown Vettes [http://](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2006/051306_BLUE_P3.html)

[www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2006/051306\\_BLUE\\_P3.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2006/051306_BLUE_P3.html)

Classic Reflection Coachworks <http://www.crcoachworks.com/index.phtml>



## THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB AND WHAT IT'S MEANT TO US

### A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN & JANE RUNYON

We caught John and Jane Runyon at home. John had just returned from a round of golf. They are living in a temporary home while they work on building their new home in Desert Mountain. Their new home will hopefully be ready for occupancy approximately a year from now.

John introduced the subject of the Club and what it has meant to him and Jane personally. Jane said they have met some lovely people and made good friends. The Club has opened their horizons, and caused them to go places and see parts of Arizona they never would have known about or gone to on their own. For example, said John, "we never would have stopped at the Nut House" on I-10, where the Club stopped a number of times for a break on trips to Southern Arizona. The Mystery Castle on South Mountain was another place they cited as a place they never would have gone on their own. "The Club has made us more adventurous," said John. The trip down the Coronado Trail was also mentioned - "We never would have gone there," but they had a great time on that trip.

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John said the social aspects of the Club are paramount and have led to the expansion of their social life beyond the Club's activities as they have become good friends with many of the members of the Club. One of their pleasures in the Club is finding that they have many things in common with others that are not necessarily Corvette related. "The Corvette is the vehicle that gets us to the social interaction," says John.

Being fairly recent transplants to Arizona, John says, "When you weren't born here, you wonder whether you



will make friends" and whether your social life will be successful.

John had Harley Davidson motorcycles in Michigan and loved to ride, but he gave it up because he couldn't find anyone to ride with. At one of the early dinners he and Jane attended at Roy's, Steve, Lon and Dick got John in a corner and told him they were going to ride their motorcycles next week. John said, "If you guys are really going to ride, I am going to get a Harley." A number of Club members ride together fairly regularly, and have been on several bike trips together. John says, "That's another benefit of the Club for me. I never would have gotten back to doing something that I love to do if not for the Corvette Club."

Dick Kulczycki recruited John for membership in the Club. Dick saw John's Corvette parked at one of the Desert Mountain golf courses where Dick is a ranger and left his card on the windshield with a note to call him about the Corvette Club. John was intrigued and wanted to call Dick but before he could do it, he lost the card. He searched the internet for local Corvette clubs and sent an email to Hugh Anderson, who was then president of the Club, saying he had lost the card of a guy from Michigan with a long Slavic name who belonged to a Corvette Club in the Scottsdale area and asking for help in locating him. Hugh wrote back, "You must mean Dick Kulczycki."

John went to his first Club meeting at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch, wearing a sport coat and leaving Jane at home. He thought he would dress the part since the meeting was at a high class resort, and he thought it was going to be a "guy thing." He got there and everyone was dressed casually and there were all these women there. Everyone said, "Where's your wife?" John won an entertainment book in the raffle at that first meeting. He found the group very friendly and outgoing, and the next month Jane came with him to the meeting.

Jane and John met Walter and Michele for the first time at the Club outing to the Sonic Drive-in Restaurant and the outdoor movie. The four, with their commonality of interests with overseas living and experiences, have become fast friends and socialize together outside the Club.

John and Jane say that from their viewpoint some of the strong points of the Club are: The members are genuine and outgoing and make people feel welcome, which was a good experience for them as recent transplants to the Valley of the Sun; and the women have activities outside of the Club, as well as the monthly Vette Vixens dinners.

John and Jane became active in the Club right after joining. Because they felt so welcome, they wanted to



actively participate. John said the "Standin' on the Corner in Winslow, Arizona trip" was one he and Jane would never have made if not for SCC. While in Winslow, everyone met in Carolyn's room for drinks before dinner, and Hugh, Carolyn, Mark and Chuck "leaned on" John about getting on the Board. When he asked what was involved, they assured him it was "not heavy lifting," and explained how once you are elected to the Board, you gravitate to a position that fits your interests. John says he decided to run and has never looked back. "It forces you to learn about the Club and the values of the Club," he said. This was another step toward getting involved with the Club. As John said, "The best experiences in my life were when I put myself out and got involved."

At the time they joined the Club, the Runyons had a 2002 red convertible. About a month after joining, they got a 2004 red convertible. John said, "All my Corvettes are red." Jane reminded him that the first one was black. Oh, yes, said John, it was black-on-black-on black - a 1998 convertible. And he'll never have another black one. It was impossible to keep the dust off - keeping it clean "drove me nuts!" He had always wanted a Corvette, but being 6'5" he didn't fit in the older models very well. He had just sold his business when the first of the C5's, the 1998, came out, so he and Jane acquired their first Corvette.



John said he had to get an automatic transmission in the '98 so that his kids could drive it. Their oldest daughter, Vickie, who was 21 at the time, thought it was great to drive with the top down. When they first moved to Arizona, they left the '02 red convertible in



the garage at their home in Detroit. Kate, their youngest daughter, "drove the hell out of it." He told her to be careful parking it, and one night while she was out, someone clipped the side mirror and broke it so it was dangling down the side of the car. Their son, David, called and told John that Katie had broken the mirror and was afraid to call him and tell him. They shipped the car to Arizona with the broken mirror taped in place, and John later took it to Van Chevrolet, where they did a great job fixing the mirror and repairing the paint chips it had made in the door.



As a young person, John was very shy. Once he matured, he realized that in business you cannot get ahead unless you are more overt and outgoing. He made the leap from technology to sales, and considers that to have been one of the greatest changes in his life. In sales, he enjoyed talking to people and convincing them to buy. John had to work hard to

change, and now he would rather give a presentation than listen to one.

John and Jane believe that helping others is important. If you give, you will get back in return, says John. "We have given many times, and have gotten back many benefits in return."

John says he enjoyed being Vice President of the Club more than President. The Vice President can work behind the scenes and do the President's bidding. He was reluctant to become President, and has tried to move the Club forward during his term. As President John wanted to carry on and see the Club continue to evolve. He likes the tech sessions that have been added to the monthly meetings and said thanks to Mark for handling those. He also thought it would be good to see more activities outside the calendar of events, and Walter and John talked about the Ethnic Epicurean Experience concept, with the one criterion that it NOT be expensive because they wanted people to come out for these dinners. We complimented John on working more house parties into the calendar, as these events always get a large turnout.

John says he had the luxury of having a great Board of Directors to work with. He instituted the concepts that all correspondence with the membership should come through the Secretary and all correspondence with the Board through the President.



**Featured Members John & Jane Runyon**

John hopes his legacy will be that he tried to keep the Club evolving. I think we all agree that he's done a great job!

John pointed out that traditionally at the Board meetings the spouses have been encouraged to participate and give their input and opinions, even though they have no voting power. For example, Connie has handled the Holiday Party arrangements for a number of years and has done an excellent job. And Kathy and Dawn handled the arrangements for the caterer at the dinner meeting at Van Chevrolet earlier this year.

Elections are coming up at the November meeting. John urges everyone to consider becoming more active in the Club. Getting involved in the Board is an excellent way to chart the course of the Club and keep it evolving through fresh ideas. As John says, "We have a great Club and are positioned to carry on and improve it even more."



**SANTA BARBARA TRIP**  
**September 16-19, 2007**

**By Jane Runyon**

Photographs by Manny & Dawn Siprut,  
Lon & Dorothy Durby, and John Parker

For some of us, it is the drive, and for others it's the destination that makes the Corvette Club trips so much fun. Under Walter's watchful eye, four of the seven couples who signed up for the trip left the parking lot at Mimi's at Desert Ridge on a hot Sunday morning. Walter was not in his new car as he

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had accidentally left his radar detector on the night before and woke up to a dead battery, so we had to be led by his second best car. We should all be so lucky as to have a spare Corvette in our garage!

We were to meet up with the Weschler's who had a head start on us due to the fact they had a brand new coupe and were watching their speed for a while. It didn't take us long, and then we were five on our way to Santa Barbara. It was smooth sailing most of the way with a quick stop at a very busy Ruby's Diner at Cabazon for their wonderful burgers, fries and shakes. Of course, nothing is

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smooth sailing as far as traffic in L.A. and for a while we became part of the annoying parking lot that the freeways have become. However we made it through with no mishaps and arrived in Santa Barbara a little tired and stiff but happy to be there. The valets took great care with our cars and parked us right outside the front door in a neat row.



Actually there were six Corvettes and a black Audi A8LW12 which got more admiration from the valets than the whole row of Vettes. This was driven by the Folettes as they were visiting their son in Thousand Oaks and had borrowed his car to drive up



to Santa Barbara.

After a short rest for those who needed it or a walk around the town for those who did not we met in the lobby to walk to the evening meal which was held in a fish restaurant called "Fresh Catch". Of course it had a wonderful selection of seafood dinners and everyone enjoyed the walk after being in the car most of the day, especially since it was pleasantly cool after the Arizona sun. Dawn and Manny met their neighbors from Scottsdale just as they were leaving the restaurant; it's a small world for sure.



The next day we split up into several groups. One group headed up Highway 1 to the Hearst Castle, a two hour drive away. There they toured the mansion and houses and stayed for lunch at the visitors center before driving back a different route by cutting over on 46 to the 101. A slight mishap happened to Walter as part of a tire from the truck in front of him hit his splash guard and broke it. I am told the Juessens had one and a half ounces of gas left in their car and the Durbys came in on fumes but all arrived back safely. Walter wishes it to be known that there were no U turns on this part of the trip.







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Dawn and Manny drove part of the way with the group but peeled off at Pismo Beach and rented ATV's and for two hours drove them all over the state park. They said it was hard work but great fun to drive up and down the sand dunes and it left them quite exhausted.



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That evening saw us on the roof of the Andalusia with its nice view of the mountains where we met for cocktails before eating in an Italian restaurant called the Trattoria Vittoria, again just a short walk from the hotel. Good food and wine left us pleasantly relaxed after a day of driving and sightseeing.









### Santa Barbara Trip

The last day was spent in different groups again. The main group set off to visit three local wineries. First stop was the Rusack and probably the favorite one of the three. The second was the Koehler and finishing up, the Fess Parker. All were in the beautiful horse and wine country north of Santa Barbara. As these were close to the Danish village of Solvang a short stop and walk around there was a must. The Parkers drove four miles further on to Buellton where the Anderson Split Pea Soup Company is located. They ate some there and purchased several cans to bring home. Walter wishes it to be known that he had to do only one U turn on this part of the trip!









Santa Barbara Trip

The Durbys and the Runyons chose to spend the day exploring more of Santa Barbara and the Runyons even had time to visit the local movie theater to see "3:10 to Yuma". They highly recommend it.



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The last evening we ate in a restaurant called Epiphany, part owned by Kevin Costner. I don't know why his name keeps popping up on our trips but it does. A couple of years ago we ate in a restaurant close to where "Tin Cup" was made and of course he had eaten in that restaurant too. Anyway it was California Cuisine and quite delicious and again walking distance from the hotel. It rounded off a very nice day.





The next morning we woke up to a light rain but it soon disappeared as we headed east to Arizona. All in all a great trip and thanks to Walter and his navigator Michele for organizing it and leading us safely there and back.



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### Coming up in November.....



#### the Queen Creek Olive Mill!

Be sure to plan to join us on Saturday, November 17th, when we will drive out to the Queen Creek Olive Mill for lunch at del Piero, their on-site restaurant, and a tour of the Olive Mill. Queen Creek Olive Mill was awarded the *New Times* Best of Phoenix Award for 2007 for the best olives. It should be a fun and interesting afternoon. It sounds like we already have a large group signed up for this event!



Chuck & Sandi's 2008 Crystal Red Coupe







We couldn't have had a more perfect evening for the Oktoberfest party at Dick and Sue Kulczyk's beautiful home! It was the kind of evening that makes us all appreciate our desert paradise.

With forty people in attendance, we had a plethora of wonderful dishes. Dick and Chuck grilled the brats just before the party started and had them simmering in beer, so they were all ready to be eaten without standing over the hot fire during the party. We had hors d'oeuvres galore, thanks to the talents of our SCC cooks: a scrumptious hot onion dip, a chicken crescent wreath made with refrigerated crescent rolls that was out of this world, a beautiful molded shrimp mousse, and other yummy treats too numerous to mention. And that was just the appetizers!

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50 << New Members Pratt and Sandi Ashworth's Vette  
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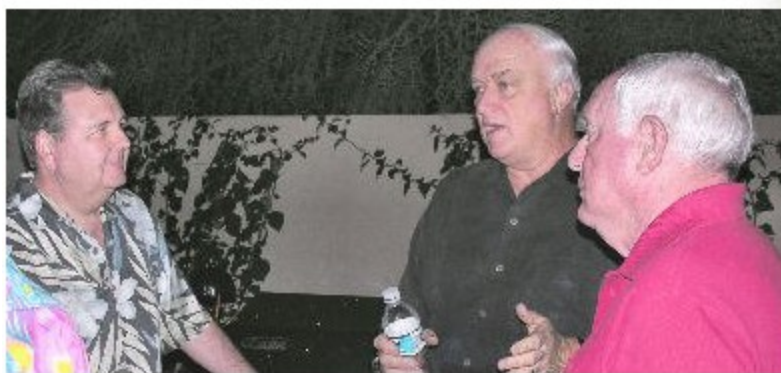
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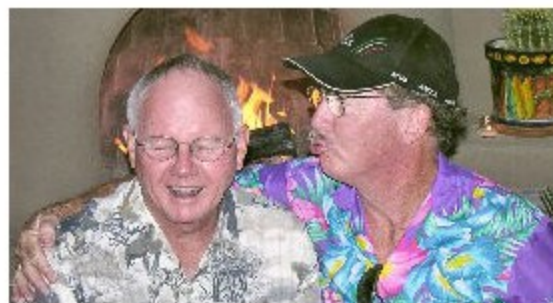
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When it came time for the main course, we picked up our brats and buns from the grill, and proceeded to the dining room table which was laden with two different kinds of German potato salad, spaetzle (German noodles), red cabbage, sauerkraut, cucumber salad, and many other wonderful side dishes to carry out and complement the Oktoberfest theme.



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Who had room for dessert? Well, there were so many choices and they were all so gorgeous and tasted good - who could say no?

It was another fun evening with friends and good food. Many thanks from all of us to Dick and Sue for opening their home to us.



Our Illustrious Hostess and Host



## Doc and Debbi Lambert's '62 C5

By Pratt Ashworth

**This is not a misprint.** Doc and Debbi's "new 1962 Almond Beige Corvette" is based on a 2003 Anniversary Red convertible named "ANN" with a Shale interior - very close to the Fawn Beige of the '62 Corvette. The "'62 body" is by Classic Reflection Coachworks (CRC) located in Lakewood, Washington. Doc dropped the '03 off at CRC on December 30, 2005, where ANN was stripped of her C5 skin. He picked ANN up on May 2, 2006, with her new skin. ANN will enjoy life hereafter as a '62 Almond Beige Roadster with modern technology, safety and creature comforts such as a/c, p/s, p/b, p/w, stereo, etc., etc. Plus this '62 will not ride like your father's 1953 Chevy pickup! While you can select any exterior color, Doc chose the color of his original '62.

Doc and Debbi live in Fort Worth, Texas, and are members of Cowtown Vettes. They have owned several Corvettes over the years. However, Doc said he was amazed by all the new "friends" he gained as he drove the "new" '62 back home to Texas.

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Here are a couple of websites for you to gander at! For the rest of the story on ANN, click on the tab "story" at the Cowtown Vettes website:

[http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2006/051306 BLVE P3.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2006/051306%20BLVE%20P3.html)

The CRC factory website is

<http://www.crcoachworks.com/index.phtml>

Editor's Note: On the following four pages is a "reprint" of Doc's description of the rebirth of ANN from the Cowtown Vettes website, along with some pictures from the story on the website.



## My 1962 Almond Beige Corvette (The first 32 years)

Many of you remember when I did a frame-on restoration of my '62 back in 1999. She was red when I bought her in San Antonio in 1973 and when she revealed her original color of almond beige in 1999 that was the beginning of a lot of car shows. Only 820 of the 14,531 corvettes produced in 1962 were almond beige exterior and fawn beige interior. She received an NCRS "Top Flight" award that year and many, many other awards along the way. She was sold after 32 years, at the 2005 Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show. Crazy you say? Perhaps. Even though I didn't fit comfortably in the cockpit (I'm normal size at 6' 4" - the cockpit is small) I had perfected a technique during those 32 years where it just seemed the easiest for me to get in, drive, and then get out. But all C-1 ragtops leaked, did not have a/c, p/s, p/b, p/w, stereo, etc., etc., (and it rode like my Father's 1953 Chevy pickup)!

Before I sold her in 2005 I had seen an article in the Corvette Enthusiast magazine, March 2005, Vol 8, Issue 3, p 38, "*Bringing Back The Feeling*" that piqued my interest. After the sale I went out and bought a 2003 Anniversary Red convertible (they have a "Shale" interior - very close to the "Fawn Beige" of the 62s). That article had influenced my selection. During the 2005 season I participated in a few low-



speed autocrosses and believe that I have that out of my system now. We called her "ANN" to distinguish her from our other 2003, a Medium Spiral Gray Metallic convertible that we had taken 'Museum' delivery of in 2003. Since both were 2003s we had zero trouble adjusting to which vette we were in! During early 2005 I had placed my name on a "list."

## "ANN" Gets a New Dress Our 1962 Almond Beige Corvette (For the Next 32 Years)?

That list that I had my name on was for a specialized 1962 body manufactured by "Classic Reflection Coachworks" (CRC), to be mounted on our 2003 Anniversary model ("ANN") with shale interior. One can select any color exterior so I choose almond beige and the shale interior was



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almost a perfect match to the original fawn beige -- so we ended up with a duplicate '62 almond beige exterior and the insides of the 2003 ANN (color, modern technology, safety, & creature comforts) -- the best of both worlds! See the CRC site at: <http://www.crcoachworks.com/>.

I dropped ANN off in Lakewood, WA on 30 Dec 2005 for the transformation. A few days later, she had been stripped of her C5 skin and being prepped for the '62 skin. On May 2nd, 2006 I picked her up with her new skin where she will



live as a '62 Almond Beige Roadster. ANN is production unit # 6. It was amazing all the new "friends" I gained as I drove her back home to Texas!

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ANN showed off her new dress to Cowtown Vettes on 13 May at the Bruce Lowrie Sponsor Display. So now we are back into the car show circuit - occasionally - with our "CRC 62 Almond Beige ANN"! Hence, our license plates: "A6T2C5". Yep, a decent driver for long distances too.

Cheers. Doc & Debbi Lambert







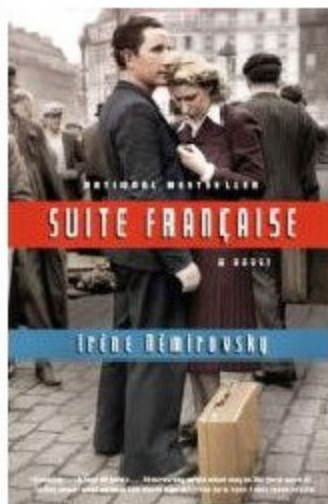
## It's Autumn! Why Not Read a Book?

By Jane Runyon

Once in a while along comes a book that you start to read and don't want to put down and on the other hand you don't want to get to the finish either. Such is the book by Irene Nemirovsky called "Suite Française." It is, unfortunately, an unfinished piece of work as Irene started to write this book at the beginning of the second World War and was sent to Auschwitz before she could complete it. It was meant to be written in five parts but she managed only the first two, leaving a few notes on how she planned to continue the story. Carried around Europe by one of her daughters, the manuscript, thought to be a diary for many years, was finally published sixty-four years after her death.

The first part of the story revolves around a group of Parisians as they frantically pack their houses to avoid the coming Nazi invasion and the

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second moves to a village in rural France and tells how a small village copes with a division of the German army billeted there for an unknown length of time. She is an astute writer and nails the characters brilliantly.

There are copious notes at the end of the book. Do not skip over them as they give more insight into what Irene was thinking as she was writing this masterpiece. There is also a biography of her life.

Go and buy, beg, borrow or steal this book. You won't be disappointed and hopefully will understand a little bit more about WWII and human nature when faced with a threat to everyday life.

# ANDIAMO BISTRO





## ANDIAMO ITALIAN BISTRO

### OUR THIRD ETHNIC EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE

What an outstanding attendance we had for our Third Ethnic Epicurean evening on Sunday, November 4th! I think we ended up with twenty-eight people, and Andiamo is a fairly small place, so we took up a major portion of the restaurant.



After a little socializing around the bar, we all sat down for dinner. Because of the size of our group, Andiamo had prepared a special menu for us. Appetizers were served family style so we all helped ourselves to antipasto, raviolis and Caesar salad - all very tasty. Then we had a choice of entrees including filet of sole almandine, veal marsala, chicken franchise and medallions of pork tenderloin with blackberry bourbon sauce. I heard many positive comments



about the sole, the veal and the pork tenderloin, but somehow did not encounter anyone who had the chicken. With all these delicious dishes plus the wonderful bread, it was almost hard to consider dessert. But of course we did consider it, and it was very good! We had a choice of tiramisu or chocolate tartufo (chocolate ice cream rolled in hazelnuts).

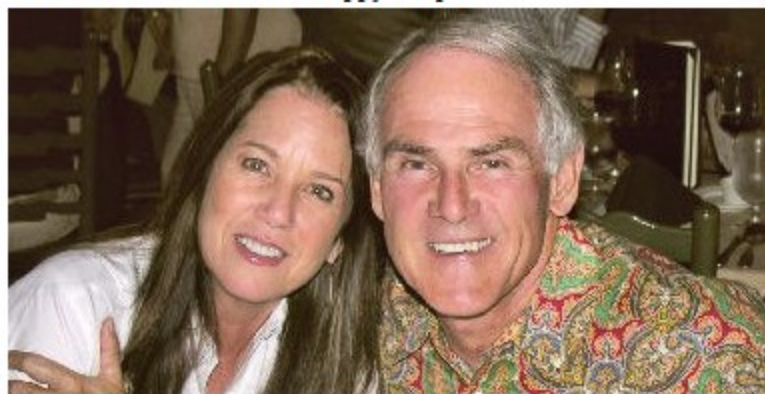


Tim Jayne & Cyndie Van Hook



## Ethnic Epicurean Experience

In attendance and "soon to be betrothed" were two couples: Lloyd and Cheri, whom we all know, and new member Cyndie Van Hook and her fiancé Tim Jayne who are to be married the day before Thanksgiving. Congratulations and best wishes to these two happy couples!



Cheri & Lloyd

As you can see, Mark as official photographer did his usual fine job in capturing this event for your enjoyment.

I'm sure we'll all be looking forward to our next ethnic dinner with great anticipation.



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## GRAND CANYON RAFTING TRIP



Walter Juessen, our Activities Director, is exploring how many of our members are interested in an adventure: Six days and five

nights rafting down the Colorado River from Lee's Ferry (just south of Lake Powell) to Whitmore Wash. The best way to do this is to get your own group together for a guided tour because it is more fun to do it with people you know than with strangers. Walter says this is one of the best things he has ever done (three times!) and Lloyd Benner has done it eight times!

The best time of year to take the trip would be the beginning of June or the end of August. To find out more about the trip, go to the website: [www.westernriver.com](http://www.westernriver.com).

**This is not an official Scottsdale Corvette Club event.** But Walter thinks we might get a nice group together to take this trip. A minimum of 14 people, maximum of 18 people, is required to take a private tour. The cost of the trip would be around \$2,800 per person with 14 people, and around \$2,100 per person for 18 people. Almost everything is included, except transportation from Scottsdale to Marble Canyon and back.

Since there is great demand for this kind of trip, it must be booked at least six to eight months in advance. Walter would be happy to organize the trip on a private basis, not as the Activities Director for SCC.

If you are interested, please contact Walter by email at [juessen@aol.com](mailto:juessen@aol.com) or by phone at 480-483-7886.

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

*Pratt Ashworth*

*Mark Bales*

*Jim Dobson*

*Dorothy Durby*

*Walter Juessen*

*Sue and Dick Kulczykcki*

*John Parker*

*Jane Runyon*

*John Runyon*

*Dawn and Manny Siprut*

*Rollie Trayte*

*Sandi and Chuck Weschler*



## F1 RACE FACTORY

(Another Impromptu Event!)

A group of SCC members met at F1 Race Factory at 48th Street south of University on Saturday morning, August 26th. We had an appointment to race each other in Formula 1-style Karts on the "adult track." We met in the Monaco Room where we watched the Karts go around the track. When our turn came, we went out, chose a helmet and got into the Karts. Then it was hell bent for leather to see who could go the fastest. NO BUMPING ALLOWED! Rolf and Mariette had been practicing! They are even thinking of becoming members so they can race more often! So it goes without saying that Rolf and Mariette had the best times at the end of the first race.

We went back to the Monaco Room after our race and had lunch of pizza and salad. Then we went out for our second race. Again, Rolf and Mariette were heavy competition, but Clay, Lonnie's friend, managed to beat out Mariette for second place over all in the second race. Mariette came in third, and Dawn placed second in the women's division.

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A good time was had by all of us who participated. Thanks to Walter and Jim for investigating and arranging this fun day at the track!



## THE RONDINE CORVETTE



Here's one good reason we'll all want to attend the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale on January 12-20, 2008: one of the cars being auctioned will be the one-of-a-kind Rondine Corvette, hand-built by Pininfarina, the Italian coachbuilder, for the 1963 Paris Motorshow.



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At a time when many manufacturers switched to a unitary chassis construction, the fiberglass-bodied Corvette was a popular subject for Europe's coachbuilders. Pininfarina was one of them and at the 1963 Paris Motorshow they launched the steel-bodied Rondine Coupe. Based off the recently introduced C2 chassis, the Rondine sports a very elegant shape of which various cues were later found on the Fiat 124 Spyder.



[Click on the picture to see the dash panel](#)

The Rondine Corvette



Click on the picture to see an enlarged rear view



### MEMBERS' INFORMATION CHANGES

Bob and Roseann Ostapovich have a new email address. It is:

[roseannaz@yahoo.com](mailto:roseannaz@yahoo.com)



### HOLIDAY PARTY!

**The deadline for paid reservations - that means the money must be in Mike Cassel's hands - is NOVEMBER 21st!**

**IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN EVENING! MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!!**

### !NOTICE!

**Everyone! If you sign up for a dinner at a restaurant or an event where the Club pays an admission fee based on the number in attendance, PLEASE let Walter know if you will be unable to attend!!! It creates difficulties in seating at the restaurant or costs to the Club when we expect a certain number of people to attend and several do not show up!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 17** - We'll be visiting the Queen Creek Olive Mill for a tour of the farm and the olive mill and lunch at the on-site restaurant, del Piero. If you'd like to know more about this interesting venue, visit their web site at <http://www.queencreekolivemill.com>.

**December 2** - SCC's Holiday Party at Grayhawk Golf Club is one of the high points of the year. Cocktails at 4:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person which includes two drink tickets per person. Music for dancing and listening by Dok & Gal, who played for us last year. Paid reservations are required by November 21.

**December 8** - Our annual Toy Run to Van Chevrolet! We meet at Jilly's American Grill in the parking lot at 3:00 p.m. and caravan to Van where we will be met by the Marines and the sales people at Van's. Everyone brings a unwrapped toy for a boy or a girl. We deposit the toys at Van and exchange greetings with the Van personnel. Then we all caravan to Lon and Dorothy Durby's home to socialize over drinks and food. Please let Walter know if you will be attending this fun event no later than Sunday, December 2nd.



For the Toy Run -  
Don't forget to  
wear your  
Santa Claus  
hats!!!



## MEMORY LANE

### REMEMBER WHEN -

*By the Kulczyckis and the Weschlers*

We thought it would be fun to do a "Memory Lane" article this month ~ reminiscing about all the different restaurants we have used over the years for club meetings. So Chuck, Sandi, Dick and Sue invite you to travel back in time with them.....

The first meeting place Dick and Sue could remember was "Sam's Cafe" on Scottsdale Road (This was before Sandi and Chuck joined the Club). We don't know when members started meeting at Sam's, but we met twice a month and know it was at least throughout 1999. We did not have as many social events back then, and the Club was quite small. In fact, the first social event we remember was a fun outing on the "Dolly" boat on Canyon Lake. This event was also attended by Dorinne and Jim Dobson, Bob and Barbara Gerhart (who actually did not have their Corvette yet!) Scott McPherson and Debbie Usery, Lloyd Benner, Terry and Mary Turley, Hugh and Jane Anderson, and Jeff (our President at the time). To the best of our recollection, this would have been spring of 1999. We ended the day with a great barbecue at Terry and Mary's house.

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The Dolly Steamboat Outing - Spring of 1999  
That's Jeff Thomas with his hat in front of his face.

Sandi and Chuck did some research, and we think we met at Sam's Café until August, 2000. Then we moved over to the Macaroni Grill (right across the street) in September 2000. The club was getting bigger now, and we utilized the entire back room at the restaurant. The food was good, but we had to compete with the noise of the restaurant, so we eventually decided we had to find somewhere else to meet.

We started meeting at Café Terra Cotta, which was in "La Borgata" shopping center in January, 2001. They had a nice side room that we met in, which got a little tight as the group continued to grow. However, the food was so good we all decided we could deal with the space issue. Unfortunately, Café Terra Cotta closed their Phoenix location (they still have a restaurant in Tucson) and we were again looking around for a new meeting place.



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After looking around at many places, we decided on Leo's restaurant which was further south on Scottsdale Road. We met in the back room of Leo's from September, 2001 until December, 2001.

Members continued to research possible meeting places, and we started meeting at the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch in January, 2002. We met in a nice big banquet room at the Hyatt, with lots of space. Over time we tried various menus to



please members of the club, and overall it worked out pretty well. We were at the Hyatt for a long time, when in the words of Mark Bales, "The Hyatt at Gainey Ranch has thrown us out!" If we remember correctly, we went to Hugh and Jane's and ordered pizza for our meeting the night we were "tossed" out!

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Editor's Note: We had a car on display inside our meeting room at the Hyatt several times. These pictures of a 1959 Corvette owned by a member of the Club at the time were taken at the December 2002 meeting.

So, in October, 2004, we were once again homeless. If we remember correctly, Jo and Jay Tipton, former members who live in Fountain Hills, suggested the Split Window Diner in Fountain Hills. The restaurant had a 50's soda shop theme, and the owner had a Corvette. They were very nice to us there, but we decided it was a bit far for many of us, so we made a new plan to try various restaurants for a few months. Our meetings were at the Split Window Diner in October, 2004, and January, February and April of 2005. In February 2005 we tried Garduno's (where the meeting competed with the mariachi music!) and in March 2005 we tried Tutti Santi.

## Memory Lane

After searching around again for a suitable meeting place, we started meeting at Jilly's American Grill in May 2005, and we are still at Jilly's working on a new record!

Hope you enjoyed this little trip down "Memory Lane"!

Sue and Dick & Sandi and Chuck



### The Patriotic Trio

Remember the 1954 Red, White and Blue Corvettes that were pictured in the last issue of this newsletter. The asking price was \$129,000 each and they were offered as a package at the Kruse Labor Day Weekend Auction in Auburn, Indiana. The sale of the cars brought \$353,700, or just under \$118,000 apiece. Not too shabby!

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

### **November 17**

"Last Race Before the Holidays" Autocross

Arizona Competition Corvettes

Low-Speed Autocross

Phoenix Municipal Stadium

Contact: Dale McKeeman - damckeeman@aol.com

### **December 1**

"Jingle Bell Rock" - 7 Game Rallies

Xtreme Corvettes & Corvette Motor Sports

Lunch at Casino Arizona & 7 Rallies starting  
at 12:45 p.m.

Contact: Charlie Eisbrenner - 480-957-6411  
or Ed Van Scoy - 480-497-5958

Here's another reason to attend  
SCC's Holiday Party on December  
2nd. Where else can you get a  
free photograph of you and your  
honey in holiday garb?





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Scottsdale Corvette Club!*