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**Meetings:**  
SCC meets the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month  
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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!

### September

Roseann Ostapovich - Sept. 5th

Mary Turley - Sept. 15th

Robert Avondo - Sept. 25th



### October

Terri Anderson - Oct. 6th

Dave Leiva - Oct. 6th

Kay Schaffroth - Oct. 6th

Bob Bailey - Oct. 17th





## Coming Events!

September 9th - Club Dinner Meeting  
September 16th - Vette Vixens Dinner  
September 19th - Historic Prescott Corvette Car Show  
September 23rd - Board Meeting  
September 26th - Ethnic Dinner - Brazilian

October 9-11th - Tombstone Ghost Rider Event  
October 14th - Club Dinner Meeting  
October 21st - Vette Vixens Dinner  
October 28th - Board Meeting

November 7th - Gimmick Rally  
November 11th - Club Dinner Meeting  
November 18th - Vette Vixens Dinner  
**NO NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

December 2nd - Board Meeting  
December 6th - Holiday Party  
December 12th - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet

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.

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## Editor's Corner

In September, we start thinking of fall. This September, I hope you'll all be thinking about traveling to Prescott on Friday or Saturday, September 18-19, to partake of SCC's September event, the Historic Prescott All Corvette Car Show on Saturday, September 19. As you have heard from my emails over the past several months, there will be parties on Friday night at the Prescott home of Carol Brandwein and Bob Bailey and on Saturday afternoon, after the car show, at the Prescott Valley home of Tom and Christina Georgiou.

As editor, I am thrilled to have contributions to this issue of the newsletter from Ben Walker and Ken Harder. Ben not only wrote about the Club's outing to the Diamondback's game in July, but he also found an interesting Italian-inspired, American-made, Corvette C6-based sports car, the SV9 Competizione from SV Motor Company in San Francisco. Ben did some extensive research to put this story together, contacting SV Motor Company and the whole 9 yards. Check out Ben's story and the photos starting on page 33.

Ken Harder took a trip to the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, Illinois, where he took lots of photos, saw a lot of rare Corvettes and learned a lot about the





**CHRISTINA GEORGIU, YOU  
MISSED OUT! YOUR NAME WAS  
DRAWN FOR THE MEMBERS'  
DRAWING AT THE AUGUST  
MEETING!**

**THE SEPTEMBER DRAWING WILL  
BE \$100.00! BE SURE TO BE  
THERE!**

Dorinne

Here's an interesting link from Jim Dobson. It's entitled "GM: From the Corvette to the Cimarron," and is a pictorial slideshow of 60 years of General Motors cars and trucks with brief descriptions, showing when GM got it right and when it didn't.

[http://  
www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/gallery/  
2009/06/01/GA2009060102819.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/gallery/2009/06/01/GA2009060102819.html)

## **'Vetter Up! Club Members Hit Chase Field for a Diamondbacks Baseball Game**

**By Ben Walker**



**SCC Diamondback fans at the game, from left to right: David and Kris Leiva, Ken and Fran Harder, Lyn and Rolie Trayte and Scott Sheldon.  
Not pictured: Bonnie Weiland and this writer.**



Saturday, July 25th, Chase Field, downtown Phoenix. The audience was 26,000 strong, yet within the mighty throng were nine SCC members cheering the Diamondbacks to victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. And enjoying the treats provided in the AYCE section of the stadium. (Psst! AYCE is "All You Can Eat" in Diamondback-ticket language.) ☐

Attending were event coordinator David Leiva and, wife, Kris, Rollie and Lyn Trayte, Ken and Fran Harder, Bonnie Weiland and guest plus Scott Sheldon and this writer.

After clearing Checkpoint Charlie for the AYCE area, Club members partook of good ol' American ballpark fare: hotdogs with all the fixings, chips, sodas and (hurry-hurry-getCha-red-hot) peanuts in the shell.

At the game's midpoint, the jumbo video screen scrolled a list of area organizations attending the game, and SCC's name appeared brightly. Staking their claim to alit fame, cheers emanated from The SCC Nine.

The game? Oh yeah. Diamondbacks, 4. Pirates, zip. And so too our Vettes during the rides home.

Ben

**CORVETTES & GHOST RIDERS  
TOMBSTONE RUN  
OCTOBER 9-11**

Our October event is coming up fast! August 24 is the deadline for making hotel reservations for this weekend event. Here are the details on the hotel:

Motel:	Best Western Lookout Lodge
Phone:	520-457-2223
Dates:	Oct 9 & 10, 2009
Rate:	\$98.99 plus tax (includes free breakfast)

The website for Corvettes & Ghost Riders is: <http://www.corvettesandghostriders.com/>

Mike Cassel is in charge of this event if you have questions.



## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2009

### JANUARY

14 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 24 - WIND TUNNEL - Manny  
 27 - Board Meeting

### FEBRUARY

11 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 14 - VALENTINE'S  
       PARTY- Alice  
 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 25 - Board Meeting

### MARCH

11 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 14 - BAGDAD TRIP-Dorinne  
 18 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 25 - Board Meeting  
 28 - Ethnic Dinner

### APRIL

8 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 18 - PIMA AIR&SPACE MUS.  
       - Rollie  
 22 - Board Meeting

### MAY

1-3 - ROUTE 66 FUN RUN  
       - Mike  
 13 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 20 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 27 - Board Meeting

### JUNE

10 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 13 - TBA  
 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 24 - NO BOARD MEETING  
 27 - Ethnic Dinner

### JULY

8 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 11 - BASEBALL @ Chase  
       Field - Dave  
 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 22 - NO BOARD MEETING

### AUGUST

12 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 26 - Board Meeting  
 29 - RIORDAN MANSION  
       FLAGSTAFF - Mike

### SEPTEMBER

9 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 16 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 19 - PRESCOTT CAR SHOW  
       - Dorinne  
 23 - Board Meeting  
 26 - Ethnic Dinner

### OCTOBER

9-11 - TOMBSTONE  
       GHOSTRIDER  
       EVENT - Mike  
 14 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 28 - Board Meeting

### NOVEMBER

7 - GIMMICK RALLY -Rollie  
 11 - Club Dinner Meeting  
 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner  
 NO NOV. BOARD MTG.

### DECEMBER

2 - Board Meeting  
 6 - HOLIDAY PARTY - Manny  
 12 - Toy Run to Van Chev.



# Bloomington Gold

## 400 June 26 & 27

Corvettes!

Pheasant Run Resort • St. Charles, Illinois

### A 4,000-Mile Road Trip

By Ken Harder

What's a fella to do? When Fran Harder left for a 9-day Salt Lake City genealogical research mission and then a photography workshop in the slot canyons of the Grand Canyon, Ken Harder decided it was time for a **Road Trip!!** And, just not any road trip---he opted for a 4,000-mile excursion to attend the 37th Annual Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, Illinois (a western suburb of Chicago, located 35 miles from downtown).

Bloomington Gold is the longest running, continuous national Corvette show, and it has set the standards by which other Corvette shows are measured. Originally held in Bloomington, Illinois (hence the event's name), the founding organization eventually ran into financial difficulties, and the event was taken over in 1997 by Dana Mecum (Mecum Auto Auctions) who moved it to St. Charles in 2002. This prestigious event is held at the Pheasant Run Resort, a highly rated resort with many amenities including a championship 18-hole golf course. The course is tree lined, with a meandering creek, several ponds and lakes, cavernous sand bunkers, and well manicured fairways and greens.

But there is no golf allowed at Pheasant Run during Bloomington Gold, because the golf course provides the setting for one of the Midwest's largest Corvette events! General guest parking is limited to the outer golf holes, while Corvette owner-guests and competitors and auction Corvettes are parked on the interior golf holes. Access to the inner golf course is accomplished by using the golf course cart paths!! Imagine al-



There's a little backup on the 13th tee!!!

most a thousand Corvettes parked along fairways, near ponds and lakes, and in the middle of these tree-lined fairways! No wonder it is also called "America's Most Beautiful Corvette Show." Weather for the four-day event (June 25-28) was sunny and hot, with temps over 90 degrees and humidity over 80% (made one appreciate that "dry" heat in Arizona!)



A view of one of the fairways and green with cars awaiting the judging competition.



## **Bloomington Gold - 2 Events in One**

Created in 1978, Bloomington Gold certification (BC) is solely for the purpose of sport and preservation of Corvettes. The main mission is to encourage the continued preservation of authentic Corvettes, their heritage and histories, and Corvettes that have been restored to "factory original conditions."

BC Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates are indicators as to what degree of restoration or preservation of a given Corvette and its components APPEAR to deviate from "typical factory production." Gold Certified Corvettes appear to have been either preserved or restored to within 95% of factory production appearance, conditions, functionality, and, to a very minor degree, cleanliness. Those appearing within 90 - 94% would earn a Silver Certificate, 85 - 89% a Bronze Certificate.

Another event, the Survivor Event, was created to recognize those cars that APPEAR to have more than 50% of the car preserved (Note: not re-

stored) as factory original. The Survivor Event also requires that the car is in good running condition as the Corvette must complete a 50-mile race course unassisted.

If a car is judged to be both a survivor and also attains a Bloomington Gold Certificate, it is considered a "Benchmark" Corvette and represents the highest designation for that car and is representative of how that vehicle looked when produced at the factory. And while the judging is for purposes of sport only, a Benchmark Corvette usually obtains significantly higher bids at auctions as prospective owners value the knowledge and experience of the judges in this and other Corvette events. The awards represent the judgment and opinions of the National Corvette Certifications Board and the National Corvette Survivor Board (NCCB/NCSB) judges as to the appearance and authenticity and damage/deterioration of the automobile "as is," on the day it is judged. Most of the judges are also National Corvette Restorer Society (NCRS) certified, who are Corvette owners themselves and have years of



experience judging local, regional, and national Corvette events and competitions.



A big crowd gathers for the judging competition.

**Judging Criteria**

Even if a component does not deviate from the typical factory production, the component may have damage/deterioration which will affect its score based upon the following:



Ken (Note Club logo shirt)  
with BC Gold judge Paul Oslansky (right)  
and car owner Mickey Re (left).

- Component - Damage/Deterioration is:
- 1) Typical Factory
  - 2) Light
  - 3) Moderate
  - 4) Heavy

Judging worksheets are completed by each judge, and then a composite worksheet is submitted af-



ter discussion between the judges and the car owner/restorer. A total of 8500 points over all the categories mentioned above is possible, and to obtain the coveted Bloomington Gold Certificate, one needs to score 8075 points or higher. Judges will discuss issues with car owners/restorers and will explain why they have rated a component a certain way. Many car owners are knowledgeable, but some rely on restorers who may not be familiar with unique peculiarities of certain models/model years. This provides an opportunity for car owners to learn from the judges, whose knowledge is both deep and vast. For example, on the 1963-1967 Corvette, the mold for the chassis produced a "dimple" under the 13th bar of the air induction grill located just below the windshield on the driver's side. Many restorers file this dimple down in the restoration process, believing it should not be there. Another example, certain model years specify part numbers for certain components that require installation screws to be "slotted" or "phillips" heads! Restorers may not be aware that they have used the incorrect screw type. While these

two items may not result in major point reductions, most owners appreciate the knowledge and feedback provided by the judges, and there are generally few disagreements and the judges have all the necessary documentation to substantiate their findings.



A four-person judging team determines whether a car is Certified Bloomington Gold.





Another view of the car being judged  
on the previous page

A total of 120 Corvettes were entered into the Bloomington Gold Competition, and 59 were entered in the Survivor Competition, with many cars entered in both competitions. Of that total, 101 were judged as Bloomington Gold, 44 were judged as Survivor, and there were a total of 22 Benchmark vehicles.

In the Mecum Auto Auction, held on Friday and Saturday, a total of 250 cars were made available

at the auction. Auction cars included the personal car of GM designer Harley Earl ( '63 Corvette Convertible); GM styling legend Bill Mitchell's wife's customized car, a 1967 Corvette COPO Convertible; Astronaut Jim Lovell's personal Corvette; and a "select six" of Paul Pierce's collection of Corvette Convertibles, including one from 1960 and 1966, and four from 1967. This was a "reserve" auction, which means that the owner may not sell his car unless he receives the



Bidders gather for the Corvette auction on Friday.



reserve price that he/she has established, or despite the down economy, he decides to take the reserve off. The auction was surprisingly well attended (you may have seen it broadcast on local cable TV channels) but bidders were looking for bargains which resulted in only about 125 of the auction cars being sold.



Apollo 13 Astronaut Jim Lovell's personal Corvette was sold at the Mecum Auction.

On Sunday, the Special Collection Grand Finale took place. This is the premier presentation event for the most rare and historically significant Corvettes in the world. The cars included Corvette prototypes, design Concept cars, racing cars, one-of-a-kind production cars, Corvettes built in Italy which included special coachwork, Corvettes known for their special options, unique colors, special performance engines, and Corvettes that have been hidden away for decades only to be discovered and presented at the Special Collection. Over 50 very special Corvettes were on display, and sad to say, this was the 25th and final year of the Special Collections, as it is not planned to be a part of the 2010 Bloomington Gold event.

### Road Trip - 2010?

Anyone for a Road Trip next year? The Bloomington Gold event is again scheduled to be at Pheasant Run from June 24-27, 2010. The drive is fun, although Ken took three days to get there after visiting friends in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He did "rush" home to see Fran, clocking

## Bloomington Gold Corvette Show

1736 miles on the return trip in less than 26 hours (avg. speed 67.417 mph). And, by the way, Ken's C-6 got 27.477 mpg, despite sweltering heat, A/C on all the time, and over 500 miles of Chicago city expressway driving that he forgot was bumper-to-bumper all the time! Although Ken very much enjoyed his solitary road trip, next time he'll fly (on a plane, that is!)

For more information on Bloomington Gold, go to: [www.bloomingtongold.com](http://www.bloomingtongold.com).



Here's Fran and Ken - Thanks for a great article!

## CORVETTE PRICING

Mark Bales suggested a feature on the official pricing for the 2010 Corvette and provided the link below. Jim Dobson added a comparison with the introductory 2009 pricing, but we don't have a link for this information. Because it wouldn't fit conveniently into the newsletter, the 2009-2010 price comparison chart will be sent in a separate email. We hope you will find it interesting and useful.

The 2010 information came from Rick "Corvette" Conti on the Corvette Forum, [forums.corvetteforum.com/c6-corvette-general-discussion/2381438-full-official-2010-corvette-pricing.html](http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c6-corvette-general-discussion/2381438-full-official-2010-corvette-pricing.html)







If you are a fan of the Transformers movies, with "Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen" currently in theatres, you may be interested in the **2010 Chevrolet Camaro Transformers Special Edition**. Take a look at the factory-built version of Bumblebee, a central, mechanical character in both CGI-intensive films in the photos below. More information can be found on these two links:

[www.autoblog.com/2009/07/26/comic-con-2009-gm-shows-off-transformers-special-edition-camaro/](http://www.autoblog.com/2009/07/26/comic-con-2009-gm-shows-off-transformers-special-edition-camaro/) and

[blogs.consumerreports.org/cars/2009/07/2010-chevrolet-camaro-transformer-special-edition.html](http://blogs.consumerreports.org/cars/2009/07/2010-chevrolet-camaro-transformer-special-edition.html)



## **C6 GOES ITALIAN STYLE - THE 0 TO 60, FOUR-SECOND FLAT SV 9 COMPETIZIONE**

**BY BEN WALKER**

(Source: Jessica Lambert, SV Motor Company, San Francisco, CA)

From the hills of San Francisco it comes. 450hp. Pirelli PZero Rosso tires. Zero to 60 in four seconds (One- third faster than the stock C6). 12 seconds in the quarter-mile. 60 to zero braking in 107 feet. 132 pounds less than a regular C6. 1,000 to be built. It's the Corvette C6-based, SV 9 Competizione from SV Motor Company.





### SV 9 Competizione

Also known as the SV 9C or the 9C, the car is a collaboration of auto industry specialists from such firms as Pratt & Miller Engineering; Corvid Technologies; Pirelli Tire and others. The inspiration of the team was to produce a limited-edition, American coach-built, sportscar whose performance and aesthetic characteristics rivaled those of Italian road cars at a price that would make it accessible to a broader section of the population (as long as you can afford the \$99,995 entry fee).

To produce the SV 9C, the team married the strength of the C6 Corvette with the styling and sensibility of an Italian bodywork maker. Translation? SV designed and built a unique body made



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from lightweight carbon fiber then - with slight modification - incorporated the C6 drive-train and the remainder of its underpinnings.

Upfront, and reportedly with a nod to Alfa Romeo's (\$300,000) 8C, a jet fighter-inspired aerodynamic management system. 'Round back, with those single brake lamps, the designers took what might be a swipe from Italy's house of Zagato (aka, Aston Martin's choice for outside-of-the-box designs). On the side, it's unmistakably, know-it-in-the-dark Corvette.









**SV 9 Competizione**

Inside, every SV 9C features carbon fiber-reinforced racing seats upholstered in handstitched Italian leather supplied by Mario Levi SpA (i.e., the same source used by Ferrari). There are multiple accent choices for the steering wheel, instrument panel and console - including leather, burl wood, titanium or, yes!, open-weave carbon fiber.

For the exterior color, color, color. 18 choices from the standard line. Seven more from SV's optional, plated line. The leather interior is available in four solid colors plus one, two-tone combination.



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The sound of *vroom* is supplied by either of two exhaust systems created specially by ANSA Automotive. Both are based on ANSA's designs for the Ferrari Daytona or the 599.



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The SV 9C's sticky Pirellis are fitted with custom-forged, oversize alloy wheels which, along with the car's suspension and brake pack-









age, were specially tailored for performance and delivering over 1g of lateral acceleration. Choose from four styles of wheels and four colors for the brake calipers plus - you guessed it! - open-weave carbon fiber.

Alright, let's get down to brass valve stems. Does one order the SV 9C and not see themselves at every intersection? Or pony-up for the C6 ZR1 and still not see themselves at every intersection? Exclusivity is heck, yes?

Related information: [svmotorcompany.com](http://svmotorcompany.com); [alfaromeo.com](http://alfaromeo.com); [pirelli.com](http://pirelli.com); [ansaautomotive.com](http://ansaautomotive.com); [prattmiller.com](http://prattmiller.com); [corvidtechnologies.com](http://corvidtechnologies.com); [zagato.it](http://zagato.it); [astonmartin.com](http://astonmartin.com); [ferrari.com](http://ferrari.com); [corvette.com](http://corvette.com).

Ben



# Thank You, Thank You,

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

- Mark Bales
- Jim Dobson
- Ken and Fran Harder
- Manny Siprut
- Ben Walker



## THE SCC MOTORCYCLE GANG ON THEIR AUGUST 2009 TRIP TO STURGIS



Pictured, from the left, Steve Bidwell, Jim Dobson,  
Mark Bales, Dick Kulczycki and Chuck Weschler





Views of Beartooth Pass,  
Wyoming, above



Just a few bikes in  
Sturgis, at left

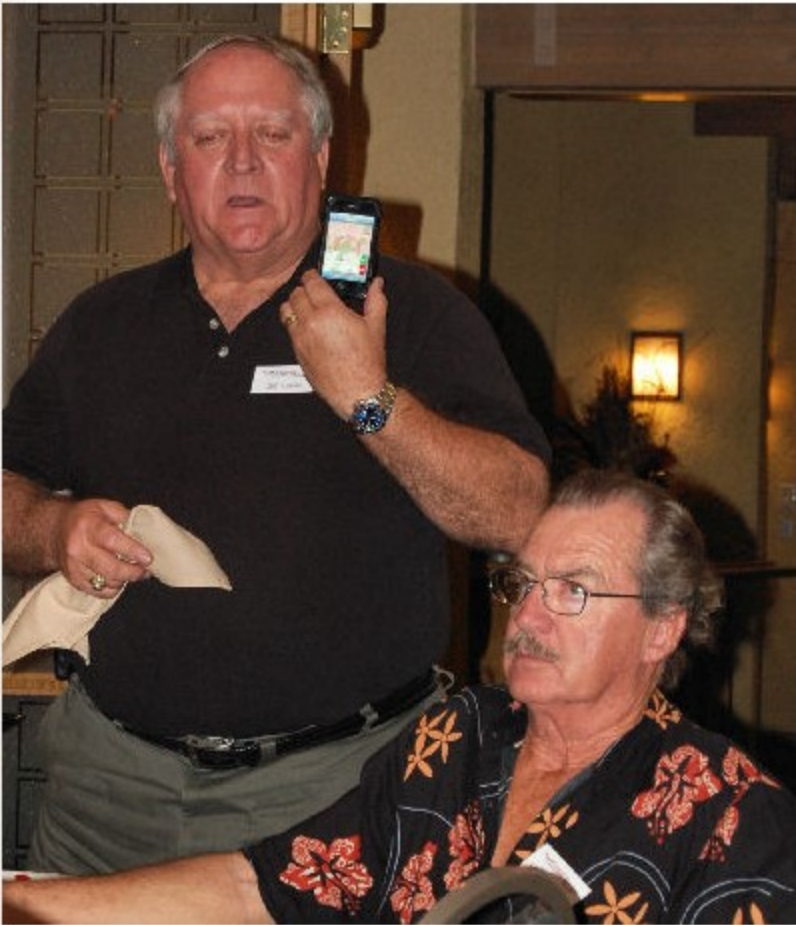
**Ben's Candid Shots**  
**at the August Dinner Meeting**  
**Photography by Ben Walker**

Ben's Candid Shots

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## SCC's September Event



The Third Annual Historic Prescott All  
Corvette Car Show  
Saturday, September 19, 2009  
in Downtown Prescott  
on the Court House Square

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Registration is from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Showtime is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is \$30 and includes a T-shirt  
After August 19th, registration is \$35

Even though early registration is over, you can  
still register for the car show, online at  
[www.prescottvettesette.org](http://www.prescottvettesette.org)







Here's a photo of Carol Brandwein and Bob Bailey, sitting on the Court House lawn at last year's Prescott car show. Carol and Bob have graciously invited SCC members to party at their Prescott home on Friday evening, September 18. We'll be having Mexican food - tacos, guacamole, beans and all the fixin's.

The other good news is that Tom and Christina Georgiou have invited SCC members to stop off at their home in Prescott Valley on Saturday afternoon after the car show for

refreshments, so you will need to decide whether you wish to spend Saturday night in Prescott or appoint a designated driver to chauffeur you back to the Phoenix area.

We hope you will all take advantage of the hospitality of these two member families in offering their summer homes for your relaxation before and after this event. You may attend either or both parties even if you do not wish to participate as an entrant in the car show, but merely plan to attend the car show as an observer.







Dorinne and Jim Dobson are the event chairs, so please do not hesitate to contact them with questions at [ddobson58@cox.net](mailto:ddobson58@cox.net).



# BOOK REVIEW

By Dorinne Dobson

I am the proud owner of a new Kindle DX, the wireless reading device being marketed by Amazon. The August assignment for the reading group at the library in Wickenburg was anything by Agatha Christie. So the first book I ordered on the Kindle was "Sleeping Murder" by Agatha Christie.

This is one of the Jane Marple mysteries, and it was written by Agatha Christie during World War II. After writing it, she put it into a bank vault where it remained for over thirty years. It was finally published in 1976, and was heralded as "Miss Marple's last case." It was very successful, and many said Christie had saved the best for last.

A sleeping murder is a murder in retrospect, one which occurred in the distant past. The heroine, Gwenda, and her husband move into a house in England, and soon odd things start to happen. One day as she descends the staircase, she has a vivid recollection of herself as a child looking through the

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bannister and seeing her mother lying dead on the floor below.

Gwenda meets Miss Marple, and soon Miss Marple offers suggestions and discreet advice on solving the mystery of Gwenda's mother's disappearance/death eighteen years ago.

This was a timeless and entertaining story. Not having read many of Christie's books, this one made me want to read more of them.



### CALLING ALL SCC WOMEN!

Be sure to save the third Wednesday evening every month for the Vette Visen dinners. When are you ever going to get a better opportunity to eat at a new and different, or old and incredibly good, restaurant with your girlfriends? Every month, we try a different place - and it's always fun, and interesting, and the company is beyond belief GREAT! TRY IT! I KNOW YOU'LL LIKE IT!

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## EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE ROADRUNNER REGION OF NCCC

### September 5

Desert Corvette Club - Mini-Millard 2009  
People's Choice Car Show and Poker Rally  
Julio G's Restaurant, Scottsdale  
Contact: Gil Fidler - gefidler@cox.net

### October 8-11 (THIS IS SCC'S OCT. EVENT)

Corvette Motorsports and Vettes & Rods  
Corvettes & Ghost Riders Tombstone Run  
People's Choice Car Show, Poker Rallies and Other Activities  
More information at [corvettesandghostriders.com](http://corvettesandghostriders.com)

### October 11

Verde Valley Vettes - Monopoly Rally & 3 Poker Runs  
Larry Green Chevrolet, Cottonwood  
Contact: Larry - 928-634-5745 or Robin - 928-254-0512

### October 24

Corvette Club of Arizona Thorobred Thunder X  
All Chevy Car Show  
Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler  
Contact: Jim Enriquez at [jenriquez@cox.net](mailto:jenriquez@cox.net)



## VISIONS OF AN IOWA CAR COLLECTION

**Story and Photos  
by Manny Siprut**

*These are all photos that were taken a few weeks ago in Des Moines at Dennis Albaugh's place. He opened his car collection for a fund raiser. He has well over 100 cars, which include among other cars, every Chevy convertible model ever made.*

*Dennis, who is Iowa's only billionaire, has a large acreage, which includes his personal 18-hole golf course, a mansion, and a club house. The club house is a large building that houses his "corporate headquarters," golf club house for his family and friends, and has a large walk-out basement where most of his cars are stored. These cars are not average quality. They are all museum quality. Dennis made most of his money by being the patent holder on the key ingredient in RoundUp.*

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*Manny and a bunch of 1958 Chevys  
Click on Manny's sunglasses  
to see a larger-size photo*





1962 Vette



Manny and an Old Chevy







*The fundrasing event was to show Dennis Albaugh's cars, which were all inside. It was open for others to bring in their cars; those are the ones on the golf course. The cost of the event was \$10 to see the cars and \$20 to show your car.*







Manny and a 1953 Corvette



**Iowa Car Collection**



**1916 GMC Stake Truck**

*This looks like the truck that was at the Barrett Jackson Auction last January. Anyone know if it's the same one?*

*What a great car collection! Thanks to Manny for taking the time to see and photograph this collection to share with us.*

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