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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*

Cyndie Van Hook and Tim Jayne and their  
2007 Machine Silver Metallic Convertible

**WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!**

\*See a picture of Cyndie and her new  
Vette on page 10 of this Newsletter.

## *SCC Birthdays!*

### September

Debbie Usery - Sept. 2nd  
Roseann Ostapovich - Sept. 5th  
De Taylor - Sept. 11th  
Mary Turley - Sept. 15th  
Robert Avondo - Sept. 25th



### October

Harriet Carroll - Oct. 2nd  
David Leiva - Oct. 6th  
Kay Schaffroth - Oct. 6th  
Sarah Toney - Oct. 7th  
Bob Bailey - Oct. 17th  
Bev Weber - Oct. 29th  
Ron Snodgrass - Oct. 31st



## **Coming Events!**

September 12th - Club Dinner Meeting

September 16th-19th - Trip to Santa Barbara, CA

September 19th - NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER!

September 26th - Board Meeting

October 10th - Club Dinner Meeting

October 13th - Private Party at the Kulczykckis' Home

October 17th - Vette Vixens Dinner

October 24th - Board Meeting

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**

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

Hopefully, you have all had a wonderful summer doing the things and activities that one does during the vacation months. Jane & I had a wonderful trip back to Michigan to visit family and friends. The weather cooperated fully during our travels and that always makes it a more pleasant experience. But, we are back in the Valley of the Sun and are getting prepared to enjoy exactly the things that we love being in Arizona for. That of course involves our activities in the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

Funny, but the Club has become an integral part of our social life and, as I look back at our involvement, I think how fortunate that we are to have been able to participate in it. Often, I wonder what our life in Arizona would have been without it, and I can't even imagine having as much fun. So, my thoughts for this issue of the SCC Newsletter revolve around "getting involved" in the Club.

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First, let me say unequivocally that getting involved with Club activities provides an excellent vehicle to meet fellow Club members and have a say on what you would like the Club to be doing in the future. I know from personal experience that Jane & I have enjoyed the Club much more because of it. Because of our involvement we have grown friendships and in our case being transplants to the area, this has made our transition to our new home much easier and certainly more enjoyable.

There are numerous SCC members that I could thank for extending courtesies to us when we first joined and encouraging us to become more active. Fortunately, we welcomed their hospitality and listened to their enthusiasm and gave it a try. Sometimes people join clubs but then fail to participate in them. That's sad and I am writing to encourage each one of you to take advantage of what membership in the SCC provides.



1955 Chevy CorVette V8



## From the Driver's Seat

So, how does one participate in the Club? That's easy, first come to the monthly meetings early and mingle before the formal agenda begins. There are a number of people with different interests, and I am sure that you will find others who share your passions. Next, we have an interesting activity calendar which features different events from day to overnight trips, dinners, parties, special events etc., and we are constantly trying to think of more things to capture your attention. I am sure that you can find some activity that will interest you. If not, how about suggesting one, and the Board will certainly give it consideration. After all, it's your Club and we want to provide the things that will encourage participation.

And, I would like to mention another very important thing that you can do to get involved. That is serving on our Board of Directors. I can say that when I was first approached to consider serving, I thought of the typical excuses, such as, "I'm too busy with other things", "It takes too much of a commitment", "How do I know that I will like it", and etc., etc., etc. (as Yul Brynner would say). Well, I'm personally glad that Board members continued to solicit my participation until I agreed to run for a Board position, because again, by becoming involved in the management of the Club, I developed deeper friendships and feel that I overtly helped develop a continuing foundation for the growth of the organization. Plus, it provides a very self-satisfying feeling of accomplishment which is shared by all of our Board Members.

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So, elections to the Board will be occurring at the November General Meeting, and I encourage all of you to seriously consider serving. We have a good time at our monthly Board meetings, and it isn't all work. Don't feel that you will be overwhelmed. There isn't a whole lot of heavy lifting since we try to spread the responsibilities without burdening any one individual. After all it isn't a paid position!

Existing Board Members will be soliciting individuals in the upcoming weeks to see if there is interest in serving on the Board. I ask that you listen to their pitch, keep an open mind and consider "getting involved". I sincerely believe that if you try it, you'll like it!

#### From the Driver's Seat

As always, I look forward to serving your interests and if you have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along.

See you soon!

John



The winner of the members' drawing at the August membership meeting was Roseann Ostapovich! I guess we've all figured out that the Ostapoviches are our luckiest new members, both having won this drawing already!

It just goes to show that it pays to attend the monthly membership meetings! Congratulations to Bob and Roseann!

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### *New Cruisers and Their Cars*



Cyndie Van Hook and her new  
2007 Machine Silver Metallic Convertible  
Welcome back to SCC, Cyndie!



MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR  
SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 13TH!  
IT'S OKTOBERFEST  
AT DICK AND SUE  
KULCZYCKIS' - AN  
EVENT NOT TO BE  
MISSED!





### *Editor's Corner*

This issue marks the beginning of my second year as editor. My how time flies when you're having fun! I have to confess that I have really enjoyed putting the newsletter together. Each issue is a new challenge, trying to come up with materials of interest. I have had such tremendous help and support from so many Club members. While the contributors are too numerous to mention them all here, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Mark Bales, who has been my mentor from the beginning and has never failed to come through with photographs, articles, or items of interest. Also my husband, Jim, has had many interesting insights and ideas that have helped immensely in putting the newsletter together.

Because Jim and I were traveling for several weeks during the latter part of July and early August, I was a little worried that I didn't have any significant articles for this issue. One day last week I received a series of emails from Arne Swensen, including his delightful article entitled "Bellagio Surprise" and the photographs to go with it (including the placement of the photos in the article!). What a great surprise that was! It truly

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made my day! You'll find a couple of web sites that Arne also contributed to this issue. Look for them further on in the newsletter. Thank you, Arne!!!

Everyone please take notice! I am always looking for articles, ideas, photographs, memory lane contributions... anything at all that you would like to see in the newsletter. Even if it's just an email about a memory you have from some event that you participated in - humorous, informational, whatever! I would love to hear from you!

Dorinne

### **Corvettes & Ghost Riders**

Want to see a neat website? Go to <http://www.corvettesandghostriders.com/>. This event takes place October 4 through 7, 2007 in Tombstone, Arizona.



### Van Chevrolet Discount Cards

The new Van discount cards are out and will be distributed to members at the meeting on September 12th. Be sure to attend the September meeting at Jilly's American Grill so you can pick up your card.

### **LADIES. REMEMBER!**



**NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER  
DURING SEPTEMBER DUE TO  
CONFLICT WITH THE TRIP TO  
SANTA BARBARA!**





## ELECTIONS ARE COMING SOON!!

Please consider whether you would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors of Scottsdale Corvette Club in 2008. If you have any interest, please contact any Board member to let them know. Nominations will be entered at the October membership meeting, with the elections in November! Time is getting short! It's time to seriously consider getting involved with the Club!



Here's an interesting web link from Arne Swensen:

This is fun if you have about 5 minutes to spare. Good Music and a Blast from the Past of Cars.

<http://oldfortyfives.com/CarsWeDrove.htm>

## CORVETTE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND WEB SITES

By Jim Dobson

Dorinne returned from Vacation to put the newsletter together. I returned from Vacation and continued my activity of the prior couple of weeks. In other words, I am not back from Vacation yet and I am getting ready to leave again for a couple more weeks.

By the next issue, I will definitely be back and Dorinne will have me working again.

Hope everyone has enjoyed there summer so far as much as we have.

Jim

### 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.forresteracingengines.com/>

## BELLAGIO SURPRISE

### The Story of a Birthday in Las Vegas

By Arne Swensen

June was Sharon's Birthday so I suggested we celebrate in Las Vegas. She always likes to celebrate her birthday a week at a time.

We left the Corvette in the corral and used the backup Acura for the journey. I was afraid someone might try to steal the On-Star system on the Vette. And then On-Star would be unable to find it when I called in for help in locating the car in the parking lot. Right!

I did a lot of gawking at the new buildings that I hadn't seen before. We went from casino to casino. Wow, it really had changed in 10 years. And some beautiful interiors that were a joy to just stroll through, taking in the colors and the decorations.

That leads me to the Bellagio and the delightful surprise we found there. It started with the lobby:

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and the "take your breath away skylight" made of colored pieces of glass.





## Bellagio Surprise

A little ways away was the garden room with its monolith, where I asked Sharon to pose.



Click on Picture to See Close Up of Sharon

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Next was the garden room





Bellagio Surprise  
with all types of vegetables



and flowers

Bellagio Surprise  
and more flowers

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and still more flowers.





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Then as we turned around, she came into view.....

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Her color was fawn...and her presence, commanding....





## Bellagio Surprise

Nothing like seeing another Corvette to make you feel at home. And this one was sent all the way from Bowling Green's collection....



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The Bellagio really does go all the way to make their guests feel at home.

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## FLAGSTAFF TRIP

By Sharon Swensen  
With Photos by Mark Bales,  
Sharon Swensen and John Parker



On August 11, six Corvettes left Fountain Hills headed for Flagstaff. Those making the trip were Mark and Walter, Dick and Sue, Arne and Sharon, John and Norma, Jack and Bev, and Michael and Alice. Mark and Walter were "a couple" as their spouses were out-of-town.

At 9:45 AM, we headed for Payson. We made our first pit stop at a rest area at the junction of 87 and 188.



Then on to Kohl's Ranch for a nice lunch.





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From Kohl's Ranch, we backtracked twelve miles to Payson, where we picked up 87 again and headed north past Pine and Strawberry. We turned onto County Highway 3, driving through some beautiful country. A pit stop at Happy Jack's campground before we continued north past Mormon "Lake", which has practically no water, and Lake Mary, which is quite low but there were still people water skiing.

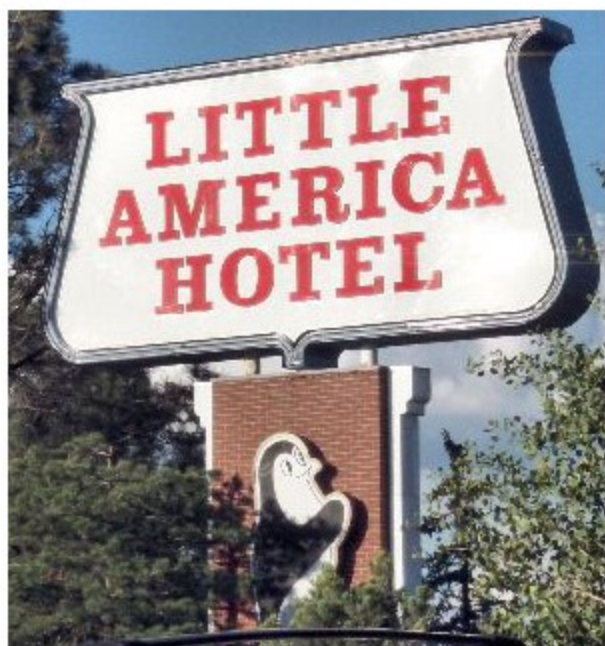






Walter Navigating



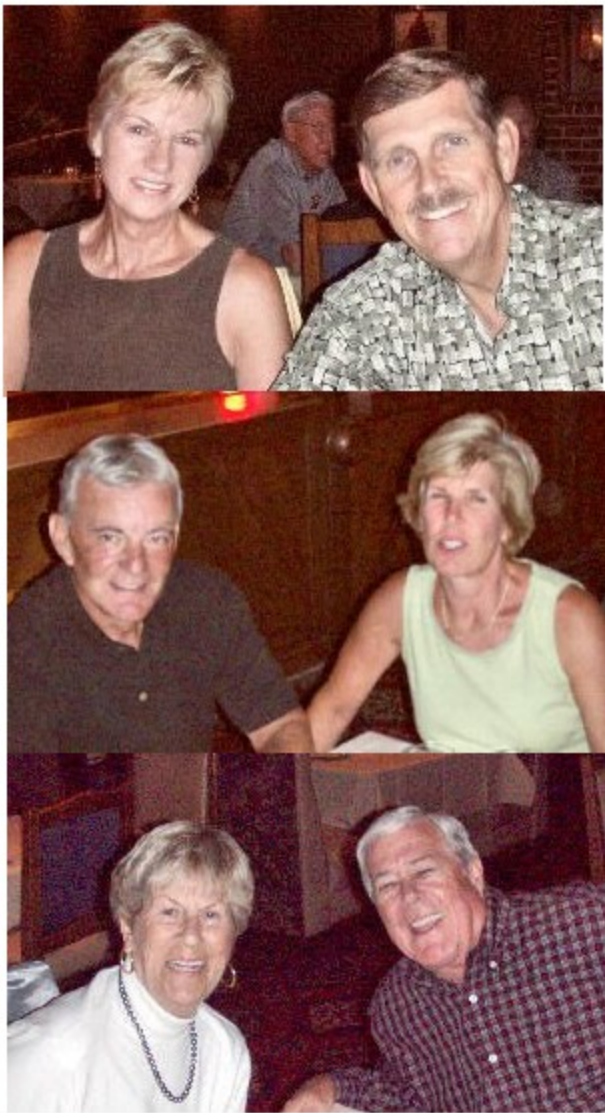


We arrived at Little America in Flagstaff around 3:30 PM. We were to meet for dinner at 6:30 so had three hours to relax. There was a 2 mile trail through the woods, which Sharon enjoyed. Dick and Sue walked some of it but claimed they didn't have the right kind of shoes to make the whole circle. I guess I can buy that since I know they're exercise people. After my walk I was very thirsty so stopped in the bar to get a beer. Lo and behold, there was Walter, Mark, John, Dick and Sue.

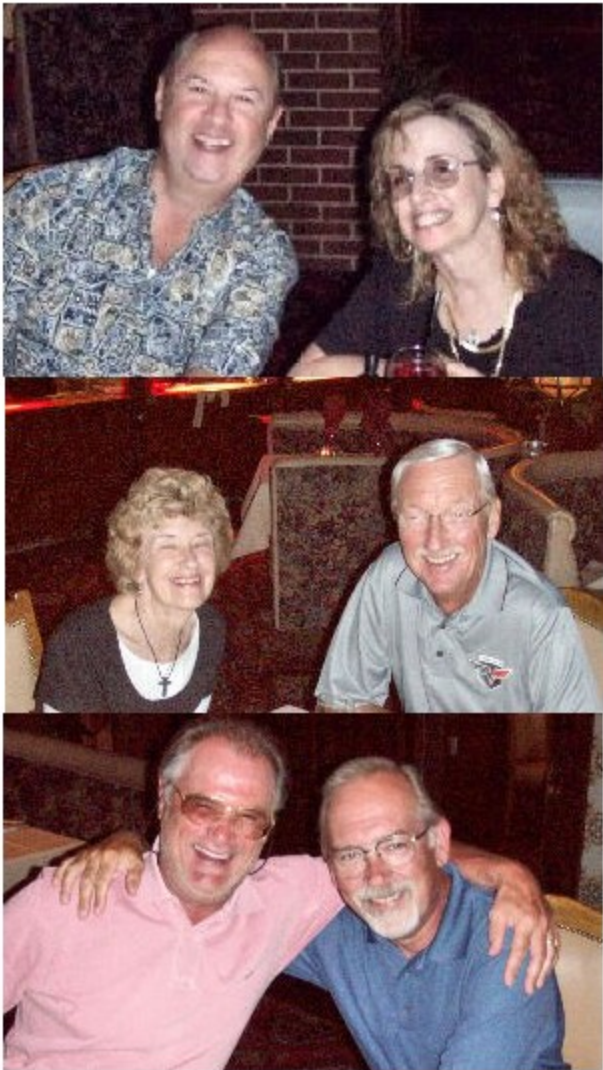




After a leisurely dinner, we said our good-byes, as everyone was on their own for the return trip to Phoenix on Sunday. All in all, the trip was "short but sweet."







**Grand Prix Arizona**

Grand Prix Arizona is offering discounted tickets to the Arizona Corvette Racers Group, which includes members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club, per an email from our governor, Alice Pfeffer. The Grand Prix Arizona race will be held in downtown Phoenix starting on Thursday, November 29, 2007, ending on Sunday, December 2, 2007. You can get more information on the race at the official web site: [www.grandprixarizona.com](http://www.grandprixarizona.com).

**CANCELLED**

A copy of the order form is attached to the cover email containing this newsletter. For more information, contact [curtism@grandprixarizona.com](mailto:curtism@grandprixarizona.com).



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## Star Spangled 1954 Red, White & Blue Collection

ProTeam Corvettes has assembled a very patriotic trio of 1954 First Generation Corvettes to be sold at the Kruse Fall Labor Day Weekend Auction in Auburn, Indiana, on Saturday, September 1st, 2007. All three have the Blue Flame Six cylinder engine and have been either NCRS Top Flight or



Bloomington Gold certified. These cars are priced on the ProTeam web site at \$129,000 each and will be sold as one lot. The auction will be likely be



history by the time you read this, but if you're interested in what they sold for, you can go to [www.kruse.com](http://www.kruse.com) after Labor Day and check out the sale prices.







## It's the Dog Days of Summer!

### Why Not Read a Book?

Since there are a lot of readers in SCC, Jane Runyon came up with the idea that we might introduce a short column for the newsletter with a reading suggestion. This is the "trial run" for such a column, and since the deadline is short, I am going out on a limb with the first suggestion. We will be looking for ideas, comments and suggestions from you, the members, as to whether you find this interesting and whether you would like to contribute reading suggestions for future issues.

The book is:

### "The Last Enemy" by Grace Brophy

This was a Poisoned Pen "First Mystery Club" pick - which means that it is the first mystery (though not necessarily the first book) written by the author, and the staff at the Poisoned Pen

book store in Scottsdale deemed it worthy of reading and recommended it to the members of its First Mystery Club.

I enjoyed "The Last Enemy" very much. It takes place in Assisi, Italy. An Italian-American, Rita Minelli, a relative of the aristocratic Cassati family in Assisi, is murdered during Holy Week. Commissario Alessandro Cenni is the police investigator and the lead character. The further he delves into the murder, the more the members of the Cassati family appear to be involved. The novel contains great descriptions of the Umbrian region of Italy and compels the reader to turn the pages to discover the solution to the mystery.

Dorinne



The following story and web link was submitted by Arne Swensen, who knew you all would love anything car-related. Enjoy!

A New York man retired, wanted to use his retirement money wisely, so it would last, and decided to buy a home and a few acres in Portugal. The modest farmhouse had been vacant for 15 years; the owner and wife both had died, and there were no heirs. The house was sold to pay taxes.

There had been several lookers, but the large barn had steel doors, and they had been welded shut. Nobody wanted to go to the extra expense to see what was in the barn, and it wasn't complementary to the property anyway.....so, nobody made an offer on the place.

The NY guy bought it at just over half of the property's worth, moved in, and set about to tear into the barn.....curiosity was killing him. So, he and his wife bought a generator, and a couple of grinders.....and cut thru the welds.

What was in the barn.....?

Go to: <http://www.intuh.net/barnfinds/afa70.htm>  
and start wishing it had been you who bought the place.



*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:*

*Mark Bales  
Christine Bidwell  
Jim Dobson  
John Parker  
John Runyon  
Arne & Sharon Swensen*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 16-19** - the long awaited trip to Santa Barbara, California, that Walter has been talking about organizing for some time now! A four-day trip starting on Sunday and ending on Wednesday! The average daytime temperatures in Santa Barbara in mid-September are low to mid-seventies! If this sounds good to you, watch for more details coming your way soon!

**October 13** - Oktoberfest! It's party time at the Kulczyckis' home, where we'll be treated to bratwursts and beer! This promises to be a fun evening. Be sure to sign up early as attendance is limited to 40 people. Watch for more details in the near future!

**October 17** - Vette Vixens Dinner. After a long summer of no dinners, Dorothy promises an exciting evening at an interesting place! All you SCC women, mark your calendars to be sure to attend this dinner!



**November 4** - Our third Ethnic Epicurean Experience will be held at Adiamo's Italian Bistro at 6987 North Hayden Road in Scottsdale. Walter says the food is good, the prices are reasonable, and with our usual grand camaraderies, what more can we ask?

**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** - It's Holiday Party time again!

**December 8** - Toy Run at Van Chevrolet and party afterwards

## MEMORY LANE

Memory Lane for this issue is a re-creation of the article on SCC's tour to Death Valley in March of 2001 that was published in the Summer 2001 edition of *Blue Bars*, the official publication of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.



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FEATURES



**Tour to Death Valley**

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## Death Valley Getaway

By Jim and Dorinne Dobson  
Scottsdale Corvette Club  
Scottsdale, Arizona

"We're going to Death Valley for a long weekend," I told my friends and co-workers. "What for?" they said. "There's nothing there but sand and rocks and dirt, and it's the hottest place on earth!"

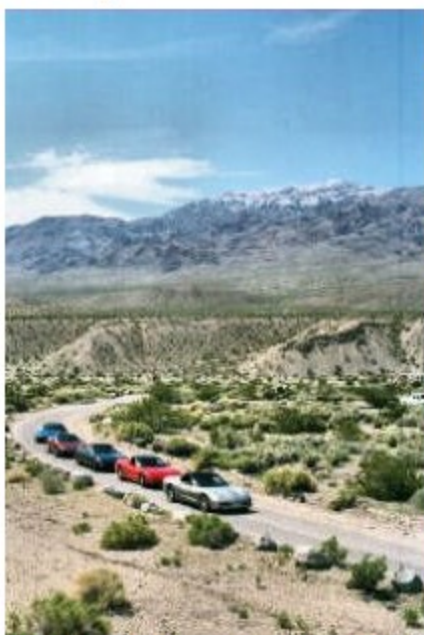
For us, this trip was to be different. Normally, we run the back door and Terry Turley, our trusty activities coordinator, leads the pack. However, Terry couldn't make this trip, and we were called upon to lead. You certainly get a different viewpoint from the front.

At the drivers' meeting the rules were laid out, and everyone agreed that that was the way they wanted to make the run. This run was different insofar as it had not been pre-run as most of our trips are. We had our destination in hand and were somewhat familiar with about two-thirds of the route, although it had been a few years since we had driven it.

Promptly at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2001, nine Corvettes transporting seventeen members and one guest departed from Phoenix, Arizona, heading for Death Valley. There were five convertibles and four coupes, the first time



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in our many trips over the years that the convertibles outnumbered the coupes. Our trek took us up the Black Canyon Freeway to Prescott and then north to Interstate 40 and Kingman where we had lunch and a refueling stop. Then it was on to Las Vegas. In maneuvering the freeway system in Las Vegas, we made a miscue trying to get on Highway 95 and ended up on Main Street in the heart of downtown. By "skill" and a lot of luck

(Steve Bidwell in the second car sported a freeway entrance), we got back on track and headed up Highway 95 to Beatty, Nevada, where we had another refueling stop before heading into the Death Valley National Park.

Descending into Death Valley, the feeling was almost ethereal - like we were traveling on Mars or into some territory from science fiction. The white sandy floor and the surrounding rocky mountains create quite a memorable picture. After 500 miles on the road, we arrived at the Furnace Creek Ranch, our lodgings for the weekend, about 4:30 p.m. As we walked up to the registration building, there

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was a long line of people waiting outside the front door, and we thought, "Oh, no, that surely can't be the registration line." Dick Kulczycki went to stand in the line, and the rest of us went inside. There was no one waiting at the registration desk. The line outside was campers waiting for shower passes; only 125 are issued each day, so you have to be early in line (morning and night) to get one.





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After the long trip we all headed for the bar for cold beer and popcorn and peanuts in the shells, and the Arizona basketball game on TV. Later we had dinner at the Wrangler Steak House just a few steps from our cabins. It was a beautiful balmy evening, and the sky was black and filled with bright stars - the kind of sky you never see in the city. We agreed to meet at 9:00 the next morning to plot our day's sightseeing in Death Valley.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny, and most of us had breakfast at the 49er Café just down the way from our cabins. At 8:45 the only ones we hadn't seen were Hugh Anderson and Jane Chang, so we called their room. They were still in bed!! We split into several groups and set out in different directions. Our group quickly discovered that some of the things we thought we'd look at entailed driving

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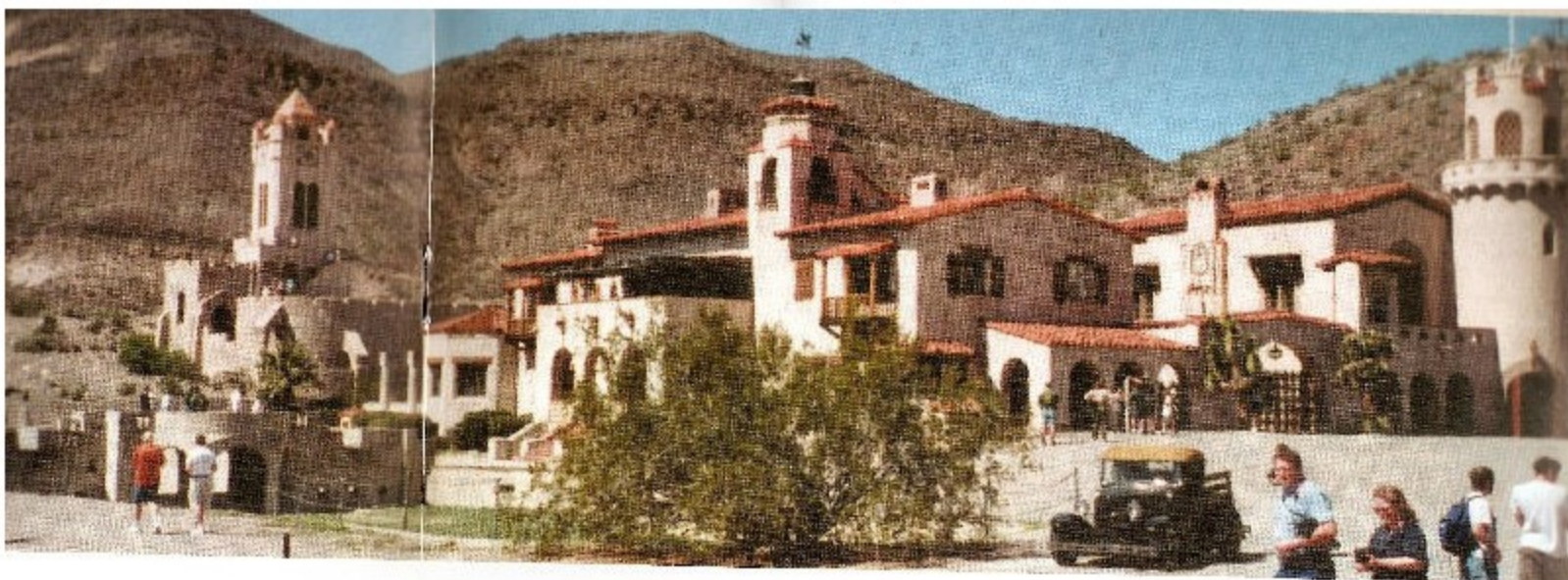
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on dusty, gravel, non-Corvette-compatible roads. So we opted to visit the Ubehebe Crater in the northern part of the Park near Scotty's Castle. The crater is 2,400 feet in diameter and was created a thousand years ago by a huge volcanic eruption. The winds generated in the crater are very strong and blow constantly. The crater walls contain many layers of color and different rocks.

From the crater we drove the short distance to Death Valley Ranch, commonly known as Scotty's Castle, in Grapevine Canyon. This fantastic house was built beginning in 1922 by Albert Johnson, a Chicago tycoon, who began financing Walter (Scotty) Scott's gold mining efforts. When Johnson







went to Death Valley to see his investment, he found that Scotty's efforts were not lucrative, but while there he fell in love with the place and he and his wife decided to build a vacation home in Death Valley. The Castle is filled with the Johnsons' original furnishings, even the rugs, dishes, draperies and paintings. It is a grand mansion built in the Spanish style around a central courtyard. The layout for a gigantic swimming pool that was to be both a diving pool and a wading pool is still in place, but was never completed. Scotty's Castle, in the midst of the dry, salty canyons of Death Valley, is surrounded by lush landscaping. The water source is a natural spring that still runs through the property. The Johnsons maintained a room in the Castle for Scotty, and

and after Johnson's death, Scotty lived in the Castle until he died in the mid-1950s.

After the Castle tour we took a driving tour through the Artist's Drive on the other side of Furnace Creek. This drive is recommended for late afternoon because, as the sun lowers in the sky, it brings out the colors in the mountains and rock outcroppings in this one-way circle drive. The atmospheric conditions must have been perfect, because the colors were beautiful, ranging from mauve, purple, pink, through orange, red, yellow, and blues and greens. It was an absolutely stupendous experience.



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As the sun went down and the colors faded away, we stopped at the Furnace Creek Inn for happy hour. The Furnace Creek Inn is an elegant old hotel surrounded by lush gardens. The parking lots are quite rocky and definitely not designed for Corvettes. The Inn's large veranda with tables and umbrellas in the cool of the evening was the perfect spot to relax and watch the mountains fade into the night before heading for dinner.

We reluctantly left the Furnace Creek Inn to meet the rest of our friends at the dining room at Stovepipe Wells Village, a thirty-minute drive in the evening breeze with our tops down.

On Sunday morning we headed for the southern entrance to the Park at Shoshone, which is approximately 100 miles south of the Beatty entrance, and drove down close to the salty, al-





## Memory Lane



kaline floor of the Valley. At one point we were 290 feet below sea level. It's an uncanny feeling to be driving along the floor of the Valley with the colorful mountains rising all around, some of which are snow-capped.

The trip home turned out to be longer than planned when Chuck and Carolyn Van Santen's car, a 1998 convertible with only 16,000 miles, decided to quit running just outside of Las Vegas. (Another victim of a leaky battery wiping out the computer.) The long wait for a tow truck in the hot Las Vegas sun took a little of our spunk, but at least there was a pleasant breeze. Chuck and Carolyn spent a couple of days in Henderson, but made it back to Phoenix after their car was repaired.

Death Valley may be the hottest place on earth in midsummer, but we all found that in March in the spring, it can be an enchanting, very comfortable, and interesting experience.

This was the first three-day trip undertaken by the Scottsdale Corvette Club. SCC is a relatively young club that started with ten members in August of 1999 and has grown to a membership of over seventy members. The club enjoys touring, schedules a trip almost every month, and is proudly sponsored by Van Chevrolet, Scottsdale, Arizona.

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IF THOSE HARLEY-RIDING SCC MEMBERS DECIDE TO TAKE A MOTORCYCLE TOUR BACK EAST, HERE'S A SUGGESTION FOR A STOP-OVER DESTINATION:

### H.O.G. Wild at ProTeam Auburn

ProTeam's Indiana showroom played host to the Indianapolis chapter of the Harley Owners Group, affectionately known as H.O.G.'s. The Sunday drive up I-69 was picture perfect and there was no sign of disappointment when they dismounted and entered the 30,000 sq. ft. climate controlled showroom filled with 70 plus classic Corvettes. We were equally impressed by their choice of transportation. Although there was no Harley for Corvette trades, there were plenty of offers to exchange test drives. If you would like to make special arrangements for your Corvette/Motorcycle club to visit our Auburn location, email: [nathan@proteamcorvettes.com](mailto:nathan@proteamcorvettes.com) or call 260-927-1967 to check availability.

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

**September 29**

Historic Prescott All Corvette Show  
Prescott Vette Sette Corvette Club  
People's Choice Car Show,  
East Side of Courthouse Sq.  
Contact: Curt Franz at [PrescottVett@aol.com](mailto:PrescottVett@aol.com)

**October 21**

9th Annual October Vette Fest  
Sun Country Corvette Club  
All Corvette Car Show  
Power Chevrolet, 9055 W. Bell Rd., Peoria  
Contact: Babs Warren - [babs@phtinstalls.com](mailto:babs@phtinstalls.com)

**October 21**

"Summer's Finally Over" Autocross/New Driver  
School  
Arizona Competition Corvettes  
Low-Speed Autocross and Class for Beginners  
Phoenix Municipal Stadium  
Contact: Dale McKeeman - [damckeeman@aol.com](mailto:damckeeman@aol.com)

**November 17**

"Last Race Before the Holidays" Autocross  
Arizona Competition Corvettes  
Low-Speed Autocross  
Phoenix Municipal Stadium  
Contact: Dale McKeeman - [damckeeman@aol.com](mailto:damckeeman@aol.com)



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