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*Coming Events, Trip to  
Monument Valley &  
Pagosa Springs, CO, Salt  
River Canyon Trip, And  
More...*

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Meetings:

SCC meets the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month  
at 6:30 PM for a dinner  
meeting.



**!NEW LOCATION!**

Meetings are held at:  
Gainey Ranch Golf Club,  
Ballroom C  
7600 Gainey Club Drive  
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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

Dave Leiva - October 6th  
Kay Schaffroth - October 6th  
Bob Bailey - October 17th  
Bev Weber - October 29th

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## **Coming Events!**

September 10th - Club Dinner Meeting  
September 12-14th - Coronado Trail (South to North)  
September 17th - Vette Vixens Dinner  
September 27th - Board Meeting

October 4th - Ethnic Epicurean Experience  
October 8th - Club Dinner Meeting  
October 15th - Vette Vixens Dinner  
October 18-19th - Tombstone-Kartchner Caverns Trip  
October 22nd - Board Meeting

November 12th - Club Dinner Meeting  
November 15th - Boat Trip on Local Lake  
November 19th - Vette Vixens Dinner

December 3rd - Board Meeting  
December 6th - Holiday Party  
December 13th - Tooy 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.





## Editor's Corner

What a summer it has been! A new meeting place for SCC at Gainey Ranch Golf Club - see the

ambience and beauty of the place on page 8. We'll look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

My sincere thanks to Fran and Ken Harder for sending me a completely formatted article with photographs about one of the several trips they took this summer. I know you will enjoy reading about their experiences. Please note the Corvette show they went to in Breckenridge, Colorado, and consider whether this might be an event we would like to attend as a Club activity next summer.

There are lots of interesting events coming up. I hope you will all check them out and contact Walter to say you'd like to go. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved with the Club and participate in the activities. Getting involved is the best way to make friends and get

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the most out of your Corvette experience.

While we were on the trip to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, in July, Jim and I had dinner with Dick and Linda Gutherless at the Ore House in Durango. What a great place that is to eat! Dick and Linda just got back from their summer travels today and promptly emailed me the picture they had taken of the four of us having dinner together. I am including it here since I had already formatted the remainder of the newsletter, and I knew you would all want to know that Dick was looking particularly hale and hearty and was clearly enjoying their summer travels, after his illness in the spring.

Dorinne





View from the Dining Room Window  
at our New Gainey Ranch Meeting Place



Dining Room Set Up for SCC Meeting

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**YOU COULD BE THE WINNER!**  
**75 BIG ONES AT**  
**THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!**

**THERE WAS NO WINNER IN**  
**JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST!**

Who said it doesn't pay to attend SCC meetings?



## FOUR-DAY TRIP TO MONUMENT VALLEY & PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO





## Monument Valley & Pagosa Springs

Only three Vettes met at Carefree Highway and I-17 on Thursday morning, July 17th, to make the long drive to Monument Valley in the northeast "Four Corners" area. We stopped for lunch in Cameron and headed on to Mexican Hat, Utah, to spend the night. After settling in at the Mexican Hat Inn, we gathered for cocktails on one of the rooms.



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The restaurant choices in Mexican Hat were pretty limited. We settled on the Mexican Hat Saloon which was walking distance from our hotel. You haven't lived till you've had dinner on the patio in Mexican Hat, Utah, sitting at a picnic table and watching the "chef" cook burgers and steaks on a swinging iron grill over an open charcoal fire.



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After dinner we wandered down to the picnic table perched on the edge of the San Juan River to enjoy the evening air and a little more wine.

The next morning we drove back through Monument Valley to get some pictures, and stopped at Goulding's Lodge which is uniquely situated amidst the rock formations of Monument Valley. This area was the site of many western movies and we checked out John Wayne's cabin pictured below. We also saw the Mexican Hat rock formation, for which the town of Mexican Hat and the inn and saloon, etc. are named.







Vettes at Goulding's Lodge



Here we are at the San Juan Goosenecks Park



THE Mexican Hat

We took a short side trip to see the Goosenecks of the San Juan, which ought to be one of the wonders of the world, the way that river has cut such deep and curving channels into the rock over the centuries.









Three Vettes at the San Juan Goosenecks Park

After seeing the sights of Monument Valley, we headed across country and mountainside to Colorado. Shortly before arriving in Cortez, we stopped at the Mesa Verde Pottery shop owned by the Tipton family (Jo and Jay are former members of SCC). It was my first time there, and what a great shop it is! We asked about good places to eat lunch and were directed a few miles down the road to the Millwood Junction Restaurant at Mancos. This turned out to be an excellent restaurant where we had salads and hamburgers.

We pressed on to our destination, the Springs hotel in Pagosa Springs which is about 60 miles east of Durango. The Springs was a very unique and beautiful spot, with the most gorgeous hanging flower pots everywhere and cool rustling pine trees. The sulphur stench of the hot springs in the hotel lobby was noticeable, as the hot springs are right outside the windows surrounding the swimming pool. But once away from the pool and lobby area the odor was not obtrusive. You can see the beautiful setting of the hot springs and the hotel on the next page.









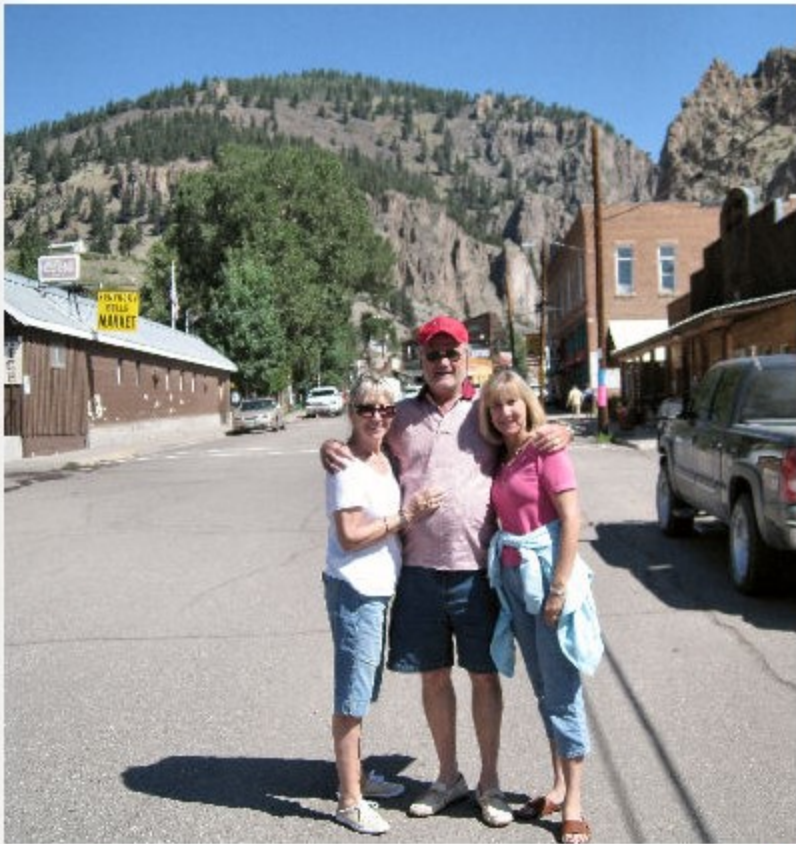
After we settled in at the Springs, we drove to the Old Miner's Steakhouse which is about three miles east of Pagosa Springs on the highway to Wolf Creek. Jim and I have eaten at the Old Miner's everytime we've been in Pagosa Springs over the past twenty-five years or so, and it has always been a highlight. The concierge at the Springs told us that the restaurant was closed for nearly a year while it







was completely renovated and updated. I have to confess, it didn't look that different to me, other than the addition of a very nice patio - waiting area around the front entrance. The food is still good, and the company was outstanding, as always on an SCC trip.





Saturday was a free day, so Walter, Michele, Mark and Kathy all drove to the towns of Creede and South Fork up in the mountains to see the sights and hunt for antiques and arts and crafts. It looks like they were successful in their quest, as they found an arts and crafts fair with a blacksmith and a lumberjack's festival.











Don't They Look Comfortable?

On Saturday evening, the Juessens and Baleses enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant overlooking the river that flows through Pagosa Springs.

On Saturday, Jim and I drove back toward Cortez to visit with our neighbors who spend the summer at their place in the pine forest. We spent the afternoon visiting with Larry and Jan Malmstrom, who are also friends of SCC members, Arne and Sharon Swensen. Then we drove back to Durango and met SCC members Dick and Linda Gutherless at



the Ore House for dinner. Dick and Linda spent the summer driving their motorhome around the western states, and were parked in Durango while we were there. Check out the Editor's Corner to see a picture of us all enjoying our dinner at the Ore House.

On Sunday morning we started home to Arizona. Thank you, Walter and Michele, for another fantastic, well-planned and well-thought-out Corvette outing!

Dorinne



*Here's a little something some of the guys  
may find of interest.*

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## PHOTOS OF MEMBERS THIS SUMMER!



Jim and Lon on their August motorcycle trip to the Northwest  
Click on the Eagle to see another view of Jim







## SALT RIVER CANYON WEEKEND TRIP

By Jane Runyon



Five cars met up in front of a Starbucks on the morning of the 16th of August. No doubt about it, it was hot and humid, and we were all looking forwards to the drive toward cooler climes. After everyone had picked up a cup of coffee we had a quick sign in and briefing from our fearless lead

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car driver. There was a small "discussion" on the best route to take as part of the 101 was closed for the weekend but it meant just a minor detour for us and soon it was smooth sailing towards Globe which was to be our first stop.



The group was hungry by the time we arrived in Globe. After a couple of U-turns and a tour of the town we finally found the restaurant we were looking for, Libby's el-ray. This was not the fault of our fearless leader's navigator. Actually, it was





Cars at Scenic Overlook on Salt River Canyon

easy to miss as the sign was very high and Libby's was written in very small letters and the el-ray in larger ones. It is renowned for being an excellent Mexican restaurant and it did have some different things on the menu, one of which was nacho chips drizzled in butter, not the best thing for someone watching their waistline, but as it was quite famous for these of course we all had to try them. I don't think the food was quite what we expected considering the glowing review the newspaper gave it and would probably not return.

Anyway, with full stomachs, we left and drove on with a stop to admire the Salt River Canyon with its 2000-foot drop to the river at the bottom. By this time it was considerably cooler and we didn't linger long but hopped back in the cars to drive through Show Low and Pine Top and on to the Hon-Dah Resort and Casino run by the White Mountain Apache Tribe.









Much, much cooler air greeted us along with the scent of pine trees so it wasn't too much of a disappointment when we found we had arrived too early to check in to our rooms. We explored the hotel and grounds and the casino while we waited but eventually we received the room keys and relaxed for a while before meeting up for the evening meal.

This was eaten at Charlie Clark's Steakhouse in Pine Top. Described as an elegant western restaurant, it certainly fit the bill. The food was very good, steaks, chicken, prime rib and seafood were the main dish-





es offered. I think we would all recommend this place if you are ever up in the area. We picked up one more couple, Dick and Linda, who were vacationing in the area and had recommended Charlie's to us so there were six couples who sat down to eat. Then after dinner we lost one couple as Jim and Inga decided to head back to Phoenix and not stay overnight with the rest of us.

The next morning we all departed at different times, some early birds and some not so early. Some with more cash than they came with and some less.

A big thanks to Walter and his trusty navigator Michele for arranging another fun trip for the club.

Jane





# 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*

*Dick Gutherless*

*Fran and Ken Harder*

*Jane and John Runyon*

*Manny and Dawn Siprut*

*Sandi and Chuck Weschler*



## THE HARDERS' GREAT SUMMER ADVENTURE

**By Fran Harder**

Fran and Ken Harder hit the road this July heading to Colorado. We spent 2 weeks vacationing with our Corvette loving cousins from Ohio and ending up at the 35th annual "Vettes on the Rockies" car show. Our trip began with a stop in Santa Fe and enjoying the arts district for two days. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum was fabulous to visit. We met our cousin's Paul and Leslie Oslansky in Colorado





Paul is a Master Judge and Bow Tie Judge for the NCRS.

We drove through the "Garden of the Gods", and toured the Air Force Academy.

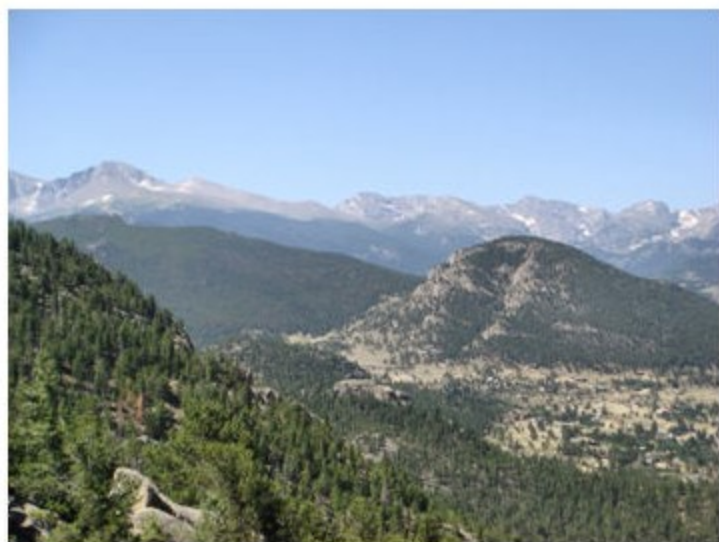


We decided that we couldn't leave Colorado Springs without driving up Pike's Peak. And, what a drive that was!!!! Coming down was a real nail-biter with so few guardrails and the speed which "hotfoot" Ken chose to take the curves



Our next stop was a relaxing stay in Estes Park. The scenery is spectacular in the park and we had a chance to see a herd of elk and moose along the road.





After 3 days we packed up the cabin and headed back down to Breckenridge for the Corvette show.



Activities included road rallies, a fashion show and BBQ's. We enjoyed a wine tasting and a tram ride up a mountain. We participated in our first Show and Shine which was in Frisco, and had about 530 Vettes parked up and down several blocks of main street.



We had a wonderful time meeting Vette owners throughout the country. The majority of the cars were recent models, but there were several "sweet" vintage models and modified Vettes.





During the judging of the Show and Shine, our car was packed with luggage, wine and souvenirs as we had to leave right after the event. The judges thought the car was packed so well that the sponsors are considering a new competition category for next year: "Who can pack the most stuff into the trunk." It was a fun weekend and we'd recommend it to other club members for their consideration as a place to go next year.



Editor's Note: Thank you to Fran and Ken Harder for this excellent article which should be of interest to all SCC members. I am grateful for this wonderful contribution to our Club's newsletter.





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 12-14** - A three-day trip on the Coronado Trail from south to north this time. This is always an enjoyable time driving in beautiful country on a terrific Corvette road.

**September 17** - Vette Vixens Dinner. All you SCC women, mark your calendars to be sure to attend this dinner!

**September 17** - F1 Race Factory outing for the guys, on the same night as the Vette Vixens dinner. What a good way to occupy the guys while we girls are out on the town!

**October 4** - Another Ethnic Epicurean Experience. This time we're going for Mexican food at Las Fonda del Sol in Scottsdale.

**October 15** - Vette Vixens Dinner. All you SCC women, mark your calendars to be sure to attend this dinner!

**October 18-19** - A weekend to Tucson for visits to the Titan Missile Museum or the Pima Air & Space Museum and a visit to Kartchner Caverns. This is the last opportunity to see the big cave this year before they close it for the season to let the bats do their things. **September 20th is the deadline to reserve for this trip.** If Walter is unable to get reservations for Kartchner Caverns, then possible alternative destinations are the town of Mescal or the Chiricahua National Monument. **PLEASE LET WALTER KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS TRIP!**

**November 15** - A boat trip on one of the local lakes is scheduled - Walter will be providing more details on this outing.

**December 6** - It's Holiday Party time again!

**December 13** - Toy Run at Van Chevrolet and party afterwards



## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!**

*Be watching your mailbox in October! Billings for annual membership dues will be in the mail, and they're due and payable in early November. The Club has to pay the NCCC dues in early November, so if you want to be on the roster for 2009, be sure to send your checks in early!*



## Gas Stations Of Yesteryear

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There's one of the next ones still standing (not in use) on Sprague St. in Winston - Salem, N.C. A Shell station in case you can't figure that out.



Notice the prices on this one. Yes, that's only \$.34 for Hi test and \$.28 for regular. Oh, don't forget the 9/10 of a penny. LOL!



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

**September 20**

All Corvette Car Show

Prescott Vette Sette

Held on Court House Square in Prescott AZ

Email contact for more information:

PrescottVett@aol.com

**October 4**

2nd All Chevy Show at Larry Green Chevrolet in  
Cottonwood

Verde Valley Vettes

Contact: Larry @ 928-634-5745

**October 9-12**

Corvettes & Ghost Riders

4-day event in Tombstone, AZ

Website: [www.corvettesandghostriders.com](http://www.corvettesandghostriders.com)

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 depending on the route you choose.



You can sign up via the website above for  
 Caravan Chat where you'll have an opportunity  
 to share experiences with fellow participants, as  
 well as receive updates from the National Chair  
 regarding the Caravan.

Our volunteer Captains have worked to make  
 the routes as spectacular as  
 possible, and each Caravan will offer  
 participants unique activities and stopovers.



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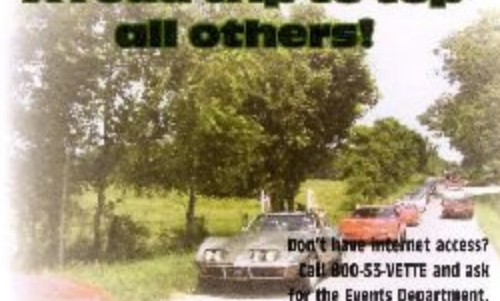
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Live the Corvette lifestyle,  
 create history, and  
 celebrate the adventure that  
 kicks off the Museum's 15th  
**Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sept. 3-5, 2009.**

Look for details coming soon to assist you  
 in registering for the Museum's Celebration  
 festivities!

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## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1! SAVE THE DATE!**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For the 28th Annual Wickenburg Home Tour  
Sponsored by Las Senoras de Socorro to  
benefit the Desert Caballeros Western Museum

These pictures are just a sample of the beautiful homes that will be on the tour. There are five beautiful homes, plus two bonuses! Tickets are only \$20.00. There will be a free arts and crafts market and a \$7.00 lunch (sandwich, chips or salad, dessert & drink) available at the Wickenburg Community Center. For more information and/or tickets, contact Dorinne Dobson.

**COME ON OUT TO WICKENBURG FOR A RELAXING  
DAY OF FUN AND SIGHTSEEING!**





A photo from the GM Racing website of the 2008 Corvette Z06 pace car for NASCAR's 15th Allstate 400, parked on the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana Tuesday, on July 22, 2008. This race marked the 15th time that Chevrolet has paced the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard and the fourth consecutive time Corvette has led the pack. The Z06 was driven by retiring General Motors Vice President Global Vehicle Sales, Service and Marketing John Middlebrook, who served previously as Chevrolet's General Manager.

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