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***Check out the story inside!***



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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!



Ken Harder	September 10
Jerry Strimbu	September 10
Gloria Ketterl	September 12
Karla Redford	September 13
Carol Lipsky	September 24
Charlene Capek	September 26
Charlene Lenzi	September 29
Barbara Shaw	September 29



Steve Luoma	October 8
Tali Amir	October 9
Brian Anton	October 10
Frank Tasnadi	October 18
Ernie Griffanti	October 20
Kandy Ricotta	October 22
Foster Thomas	October 23
Cindy Berger	October 24
Ron Myers	October 26
Philip Berger	October 30
G.G. Martino	October 31

## **COMING EVENTS!**

**September 12 - Club Dinner Meeting**

**September 15 - "Drive and Dine" at Trilogy at the Verde River**

**September 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night**

**September 21-23 - Prescott Vette Sette's 12th Annual All-Corvette Car Show**

**September 28-30 - Run to the Pines Car Show, Parade & Dinner Party**

**October 10 - Club Dinner Meeting**

**October 12-14 - Grand Canyon Western Ranch with horseback riding, Buffalo Safari, wagon rides and Sky Walk over the West Rim of the Grand Canyon**

**October 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night**

**October 24 - Board Meeting**

**November 3-4 - "Cowboys and Copper" - Trip to Tombstone and Bisbee**

**November 14 - Club Dinner Meeting**

**November 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner & Men's Poker Night**

**December 5 - Board Meeting**

**December 9 - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet and Holiday Party at Grayhawk Golf Club**

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



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

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

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

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



## *New Cruisers*

*Debbie Silva and her 2018 Silver Stingray*

*Dan and Paula Noell and their 2015 Crystal Red Convertible*

*Joe and Kris Walters and their 2007 White Convertible*

*(We hope to have photos of these new members  
and their Corvettes for the next issue)*

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



**WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER!**



**Steve Rabin**





## PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE ALL-CORVETTE SHOW THIS SATURDAY!

Your editor must apologize to Rollie Trayte! Due to the late publication of this issue, the reminder of the Prescott All-Corvette Car Show happening this Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, did not get out to you in a timely manner. If you feel like taking a drive to Prescott this weekend, you can take in the Car Show on Saturday. It's an event the Club has often participated in, and one that is near and dear to Rollie's heart. If you go, be sure to look up Rollie and other Club members who may be there!

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## PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE FINAL NEWSLETTER

*2018 Historic Prescott All Corvette Car Show*

Saturday, September 22, 2018



### WE'RE READY !!



Know that we are excited about hosting the 12th Annual Historic Prescott Corvette car show, meeting some of you for the first time, and many of you from previous shows. The City of Prescott, "Everybody's Hometown", welcomes you and hopes you have a fun weekend. Here are some updates before we see you.

### The Reception (Friday, September 21, 2018)

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM For Registrants & Guests only No pets or weapons allowed

In addition to delicious appetizers, the open bar will have popular brands of beer and wine for \$4 each, sodas \$2 and water \$1. Paying with cash will get you through the lines quicker and avoid sales tax on credit card purchases. Cocktail music provided; free parking in the City's Granite Street Garage directly behind the Courtyard and short walking distance to the reception, with security provided.

### SHOW DAY (Saturday, September 22, 2018)

Parking will begin and Registration opens at 7:00 AM. The entrance is on Carleton and Cortez Streets. All cars will need to approach downtown from the east side. There will be plenty of lunch tickets, raffle and silent auction items announced to the winners throughout the day. A much improved sound system will notify you.

### After the Show Activities

Beginning at 4:00 PM in neighboring Prescott Valley, all Corvettes are invited to the Balloon Fest featuring a beer and wine garden which is FREE to Corvette cars.

We will be parked around the circle entrance at the entertainment center. The Prescott Valley Rotary Club is one of the sponsors with proceeds going to their local Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.

This will be a fun event. **And FREE!**



## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

*By Ken Harder*

Hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to new member, Debbie Silva. Please say hello at our next meeting. We did not have a July dinner meeting, but we did have 48 members and 5 guests attend our August monthly meeting. We had 9 members attend the Musical Instrument Museum (Out of Cycle) event on July 28, and a special thanks to Mark and Stacey Chulew for putting that together for the Club. We also had a great turnout (29 members) for our "Cabins and Cuisine" overnight at

Sedona's Orchard Canyon (formerly Garland's). See Bill Ng's article in the Newsletter for more information on this trip, and thanks to Bill, Marie Camacho, and John and Linda McClelland for leading this really exciting and (perhaps slightly) confusing event!

Upcoming events include another "Out of Cycle" event, the "Drive and Dine" to Trilogy at Verde River, which will take place on September 15. Dean and Maura Perna have planned a wonderful scenic drive to Saguaro Lake, and then to Trilogy Restaurant for lunch. Our members have told us how much they enjoy these one day "drive and dine" events, and we are almost at our 40-person maximum. Thanks to Dean and Maura for suggesting and leading this event. Also in September, we will have 42 members (registration has been closed for some time) attend the "Run to the Pines" to Show Low and Pinetop. Thanks to the Osters, Nelson's and Brandt/Prenzno for leading this event. In October, the Patricola's are leading a 2-night trip to Grand Canyon Western Ranch. Registration for that event will open on September 8, with 10 cabins available. Many thanks to Steve and Terry for their work on this event.

On July 22, John McClelland sent out a "Call for Proposals" to solicit members' input on possible Activities for inclusion in the 2019 Activities Calendar. He has a short article regarding this in this Newsletter, and I want to thank those members who responded. Your input is important as we want to incorporate our members' preferences and suggestions in the planning process.

On October 1, we will be sending out our 2019 Annual Dues Renewal reminder and ask that you process your renewal as timely as possible and to let us know if you choose not to renew. Also, we will be announcing that our Board elections will take place in October, as our October dinner meeting is where we finalize the Board nominations for election at our Annual Meeting, which is held in November. As previously announced, Frank Tasnadi has advised us that he will not be seeking re-election. The Board wants to thank Frank (and Lisa) for their many contributions to the Board and the Club over the past several years, and fortunately for us, Frank has indicated that he and Lisa will still remain active in the Club. Frank has volunteered to become our "point person" for several "car-related" Activities. Frank (and Lisa) will be missed on the Board, but we are grateful that they will remain active and play an important role in some of our future Activities. Steve Rabin joined the Board on September 1, and in addition to Steve, Brenda Brandt, Peter Boland and Bill Ng have decided to stand for reelection. We have four nominees for the four positions that are expiring this year. More details about the election will follow.

Our next dinner meeting is on September 12, 2018, and I hope to see many of you there. My best to each of you.

Ken





## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

This issue of the newsletter is LATE, in case you haven't noticed. Sorry about that, but vacation time and other matters prohibited me from getting this issue out in a timely manner. Due to the lateness of the newsletter though, I have included on the "New Cruisers" page a welcome to the two couples who joined our Club right after our September dinner meeting last week (and well after Ken had written his President's article). Please say hello and welcome to Dan and Paula Noell and Joe and Kris Walters at the next meeting or event.

I hope you all are enjoying the Scottsdale Corvette Club as much as I am. As charter members, Jim and I have remarked that we have never seen so much enthusiasm from the membership or so many events that are taking place each month. It looks like we have a very dedicated group of people in charge of running the Club. Let's all get behind them and support their efforts!

Speaking of events, please check out John McClelland's summary of the 2019 Call for Proposals on the next page. Hopefully you responded to John's request for ideas for next year's calendar of events. It sounds like next year is going to be a great year with even more events, including parties and "drive and dine" trips.

The weekend at Orchard Canyon Resort in Oak Creek Canyon must have been wonderful. Check out Bill Ng's article in this issue. What a beautiful place! Jim and I had the pleasure of spending a weekend there with Suzy Poulter and Charles Nance in July, since none of us were available to take the trip with the Club. We can all attest to the wonders of the resort on Oak Creek, the beautiful restfulness of the place, and the great food.

The day at the Musical Instrument Museum in July was really interesting because we got to see the restricted areas of the Museum, where they receive, restore, maintain, and archive the instruments that come to the Museum from all over the world. Thanks so much to Stacey Chulew for volunteering her time to guide us on the portion of the tour in the public areas, as well as arranging for us to have the VIP tour of the restricted areas.

A member requested that the Club's "rules of the road for caravanning" be reprinted in the newsletter. You will find them on [page 15](#).

Once again, thank you to all who contributed articles, photos or ideas for this issue of the newsletter. I cannot say enough about you all - without you, this newsletter would not happen.

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne





## **2019 “Call for Proposals” Summary**

John McClelland  
Director of Activities

Our 2019 “Call for Proposals” went out on July 22 and closed on Aug 19, 2018. I want to thank everyone that responded. We had 26 responses, which represents about 50 people, or more than 1/3 of the Membership! This is a large enough sampling of the Club that the Preferences and Suggestions are being given considerable weight in the overall planning for the 2019 Calendar of Events now in progress. Thank you very much!

There were many good suggestions for Activities in 2019. So many that some may appear not only in the 2019 Calendar, but also as potential 2019 Out-of-Cycle Activities, or even in 2020.

I want to especially thank those folks that offered to Lead an Activity. As you know, with our limited resources, the robustness of our Activities Calendar depends strongly on participation of our Members. One Preference for 2019 that stood out almost unanimously was a strong desire for more “Drive and Dine” Day Trips. These are simple Day Trips where we Drive on an interesting route to Dine at a restaurant for good food and socializing. We need more of these. If you have a good idea for one and are willing to Lead, there is still time to let me know!

Our schedule is to complete the 2019 Draft Calendar of Activities by the end of October and present it to the Board for approval, along with any changes they recommend. The final 2019 Calendar will be rolled out to Club Membership at the November 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

### ***FRAUDULENT VINTAGE CORVETTES IN CANADA?***

*My Wickenburg “car guy” friend sent me this article about a Florida man with what he considered to be an authentic 1967 Corvette another 1967 Corvette in Canada with an identical vehicle identification number. Read about it here:*

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sgi-corvette-saskatchewan-1.4818791>





## Online Registration and Payment System "Tips"

### Check your Email Spelling when Registering And Problems when Paying with Credit Cards

John McClelland 9/12/18

#### Check your Email Spelling when Registering

When you sign up for an Activity and give your Email Address, check the spelling! This is the Email Address that we will be sending all of the information about the Activity to. If you get it wrong you may not get the final information/itineraries or updates.

#### Problems when Paying with Credit Cards

Remember that you are not confirmed if you don't get a Confirmation Notice after signing up. If you don't see it, most likely the payment did not go through. I will see this as an Incomplete and will try to contact you and help out. The first thing you should do, if you haven't done so already, is to read the "How To" document on the website. You can find it under "About Us/How To:

[http://www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com/index\\_htm\\_files/Tips%20on%20EZ%20process%20v3.pdf](http://www.scottsdalecorvetteclub.com/index_htm_files/Tips%20on%20EZ%20process%20v3.pdf)

The important thing to remember is that the Software package we use for Payment with PayPal and Credit Cards is free to the Club. As with other "Free" software, they will try to get you to create a PayPal account (which you don't need to pay by Credit Card). The "How To" tells you how to avoid these.

If you are still having problems, you can contact me at [JohnMcCSCC@gmail.com](mailto:JohnMcCSCC@gmail.com), and we can set up a session before one of the dinners where I can walk you through the process on the computer.



Patrick Dennis sent this to share with you all to put a little humor in your day. The headline reads: "Connecticut Police Pull Over 10 Sports Cars for Going Too Slowly, Blocking Highway. Here's the link:

<http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2018/08/21/connecticut-police-pull-over-10-sports-cars-for-going-too-slowly.html>



**SCC MEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



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

**SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS  
GATHERING**

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

**WILL WE SEE YOU THERE ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH?**

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



**SCC WOMEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**THE NEXT DINNER WILL BE ON  
OCTOBER 17TH!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE PRIZE MONEY  
STARTS OUT AT \$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00  
EACH MONTH IF THERE IS NO WINNER. BE SURE TO  
BE THERE! YOU MIGHT WIN!**



# Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) Backstage Tour

## Saturday, July 28, 2018

Story by Stacey Chulew

Photos by Suzy Poulter



What can we do if we are in town during these 110++ degree days? Well Charles, Suzi, Bob, Dorinne, Jim, John, Linda, Mark and Stacey went to the Musical Instrument Museum. Stacey and Mark have been actively involved with the Museum since they took a tour while it was still under construction. The Museum had reserved parking for our Corvettes. Everyone gathered in the lobby, and Ida Jones, adult tour supervisor for the MIM, greeted everyone (and did a wonderful job getting the “backstage tour” organized for us).

Our first tour began at 11:00, and it was a VIP behind the scenes tour. We had access to almost every area of the Museum that is strictly meant for employees working in those areas from the Green Room in the theater to backstage to upstairs in the control room to the recording studio. Our tour continued to the Collections area where over 13,000 items are located to the Conservation Lab where every instrument gets checked upon arrival and many instruments get “fixed.” Then on to the area where mounts are made to display the instruments and to the fabrication and paint area. Thank you, Robert at the MIM, for an informative “Behind the Scenes VIP Tour.”

We all went to Cafe Allegro at the MIM and had a wonderful lunch and a chance to sit down and schmooze. At 1:00 Stacey led a one-hour tour of the five geographic galleries upstairs. We stopped in

Guinea, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Israel, Iraq - and that was in just one gallery!! We went to Asia, Oceania, Latin America, the United States and ended in Europe with the 3-D Symphony and Murano Glass Symphony.

A wonderful time was had by all!! Thank you, John, for getting the MIM day off the ground.

Stacey



Red, white and blue Vettes at the MIM along with Charles, Bob, Jim and Mark



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

Mark Bales  
Marie Camacho  
Stacey Chulew  
Patrick Dennis  
Jim Dobson  
Ken Harder

John McClelland  
Bill Ng  
Mike Oster  
Suzy Poulter  
Rollie Trayte

## PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS



*Saturday, September 15*

### "Drive and Dine"

*Lunch at Trilogy at the Verde River  
(This is an "Out of Cycle" event, not on the  
Club calendar)*



*Friday-Sunday, September 21-23*

### Prescott Vette Sette 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Corvette Car Show

*Car Show on Saturday; dinner on Saturday night  
(This is a Non-SCC-sponsored event, not on the  
Club calendar)*



*Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 28-30*

### Run to the Pines

*Cavalcade of Cars Parade,  
Run to the Pines Car Show,  
and private dinner party at  
Pinetop Country Club*



*Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 12-14*

Grand Canyon Western Ranch  
*Campfires, horseback riding, buffalo safari,  
wagon Rides and the Sky Walk  
over the west rim of the Grand Canyon*



*Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4*

### Cowboys and Copper

*Old West Shoot-Out in Tombstone,  
Tour of Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee,  
Dinner and overnight stay in  
one of Bisbee's historic hotels*



*Sunday, December 9*

### Toy Run to Van Chevrolet and Holiday Party

*All Corvettes meet, bring an unwrapped toy and  
caravan to Van Chevrolet, followed by  
cocktails and dinner at Grayhawk Country Club*

REMEMBER IF YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR SCC NAME BADGE, CONTACT:  
Ahwatukee Trophies - [Sales@ahwatukeetrophies.com/](mailto:Sales@ahwatukeetrophies.com/); 480-785-5292  
Brian or Keely are the two main people to contact; Cost is approximately \$11.00.





## ROAD TRIP GUIDELINES

*Scottsdale Corvette Club promotes safe driving in all our events. We are careful to plan driving events and trips that adhere to proper safe-driving guidelines and the enjoyment of our trips. We encourage all members to wear seatbelts and drive safely and courteously. Members are responsible for their own road safety by obeying the traffic laws of the regions in which we travel.*

### Caravan Staging

1. Arrive at the designated meeting place on time
2. Arrive with a full tank of gas
3. Bring an SCC-approved two-way radio (not FRS)
4. All Drivers must attend the Drivers Meeting
5. The Lead car(s) and Sweep car(s) will be announced
6. Be ready to leave on time

### Caravan Guidelines

1. Keep the cars in front of and behind you in sight at all times
2. If you have lost sight of surrounding drivers, notify lead
3. Make smooth transitions onto and off of freeways
4. Do not pass the Lead or fall behind the Sweep.
5. We generally will travel in the #2 lane at appropriate speed
6. Always use your turn signals
7. To expedite left-hand turns, double-up in double turn lanes
8. When approaching a stoplight, double-up at intersection
9. The Lead will announce upcoming changes of direction
10. Keep radio chatter to a minimum near the destination
11. If you need to fall out of the group, notify Lead via radio
12. If you become lost, notify Lead via radio or cell # provided
13. If you are having trouble, notify the Lead and Sweep via radio
14. If a vehicle is having trouble, the Sweep car will pull over to assist

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Another interesting article from my Wickenburg "car guy" friend:

### **25 Corvette Facts Every Enthusiast Should Know**

Here's the link:

[https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2018/07/24/25-corvette-facts-every-enthusiast-should-know?utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=18\\_July\\_25\\_HagertyNews\\_Leads](https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2018/07/24/25-corvette-facts-every-enthusiast-should-know?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=18_July_25_HagertyNews_Leads)

# CABINS AND CUISINE

August 2018

Story by Bill Ng and Marie Camacho

Photos by Bill Ng and Mark Bales



“Really good food.” “So relaxing and peaceful here.” “Fabulous and beautiful. Just gorgeous”. And the phrase most often heard spoken, “I (we) will be coming back”.

With this type of consistent feedback from the folks sharing the weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Orchard Canyon, this trip appeared to be certainly appreciated unanimously. But, the title of this article only suggests that this was merely a cabin within amazing scenery and a great place to eat. To be more accurate, John and I should have named it *Cruising, Cabins and Cuisine*.

## THE CRUISE

The wonderful day started early as the McClellands were waiting for Marie and me at our morning meeting point at Tramonto Market located on Carefree Highway and I-17. Even though the briefing was scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m., when we arrived around 7:50 a.m., most of the Members were already parked, greeting each other, while surrounding John and Linda. We were all excited to get our adventure started.





After the briefing, John instructed all of us to form two groups. John and I decided to divide this trip into three parts with John leading this first part. John and Linda would be Lead in the blue group with Dean and Maura Perna in the sweep position. Marie and I would head the red group with Mike and Connie Cassel volunteering as our sweep. Our 13-car Corvettevan proceeded and merged into a multi-colored single line formation as we turned onto the Carefree Hwy and proceed west toward Wickenburg.



Our pace was steady as we had to follow a dump truck for some distance until, luckily, he turned off. Once we arrived in Wickenburg, we continued through and turned into a Mobil gas station just north and outside of the town.

Our shiny Corvettes looked awesome as they were further highlighted by the rising morning sun which were lined them up in two adjacent rows in Mobile's parking lot. While everyone took an opportunity to walk around and



visit with each other, a Mobil customer, Gloria, just had to come out and ask about our club. She was so excited to see us and our cars and took many pictures, which she promised were going on her Facebook page.

*Smile!*, everyone...and start getting used to all this attention.



Double row of Vettes at the Mobil station



Mike, John and Ernie

I took Lead on this second segment, along with the rest of the red group, and after exiting the Mobil station, continued heading north on Highway 93. I was so anxious to get to the AZ 89 turn off that I mistook an entrance road as the turn off! I immediately radioed my error to everyone, but the lemming effect had already taken over. Luckily, it was merely an entrance similar to a round-about, so we were able to continue back onto the main highway without any delays. It was actually kind of cool to see everyone in my rearview mirror negotiate – very smoothly and quite well – as they snaked around that entrance.

We proceeded on Highway 89, passing Congress and finally began the climb up the first fun part of our journey – Yarnell Hill. This was the section for the Membership to begin warming up their driving skills. We started up the hill as I tried to control my urges to not exceed our 5-mph-over speed limit rule. Besides the lone jeep and truck I just passed, there was no one else on this climb except our Club. But, it is a wonderfully winding drive at any speed and quite leisurely entertaining when not trying too hard to race up it. When you looked over to the right, you saw the increasing elevation and the distant valley area we were leaving behind.

After reaching the top of the hill, we continued north on 89, slowly passing through the town of Yarnell and all its multiple antique shops. As we passed beautiful Peeples Valley to our left, it was difficult to imagine this green acreage as the site where lightning struck and tragedy occurred just 5 years ago. It saddened me to remember that the result was 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots being entrapped and losing their lives and where nearly 130 buildings were destroyed by the infamous 2013 Yarnell Hill fire.

We proceeded through a section of highway which is only two lanes with multiple blind spot hills, elevations and bends. We eventually got caught up behind a truck which was going slightly below the speed limit. I decided not to take any risks for our Members having to pass multiple times just to get by. We patiently drove behind this truck for a short distance.

Besides, what's the rush on such a glorious morning? Marie and I settled into our seats, rolled the windows down enough to take in the fresh air, enjoyed the green scenery of the high plains and just appreciated the beauty of the early morning sunlit mountains rising up before us. I turned up the tunes – gosh, how apropos – Steppenwolf. And, I tried, but miserably failed, to sing along, *“Get your motor runnin’. Head out on the highway. Looking for adventure.....born to be wild”*.

We all were in line and proceeded on this back country road with alternating beautiful views from both sides. We occasionally passed other cars going the other way and noticed their cameras being held out their windows to take pictures of our passing parade. The weather is gorgeous, with billowing white clouds restfully floating

within a light blue sky and gently escorting us on our journey. And the temperature, what a difference! It hovered around 85 degrees as we began to leave these fields and entered into the Prescott National Forest, our second fun driving section.

The first several turns entering into this deciduous forest will have you exclaiming expletives prefaced by “Holy!” as the hairpin turns began to connect and wind left, right, then left and right again. We climbed up and down these mountain roads composed of different cambers, degrees of turn and radius and understood why we drive, love and appreciate, our steeds wearing bow-ties.

Judy Myers is the driver right behind me as we entered this part of our driving journey, She is right on my tail and mimicked my progression as we carved through this marvelously testing serpentine section. As I continued to track her and the rest of our group in my rearview mirror, my inner racer boy began to overcome my promise not to go over the 5 mph of any speed limit. I rationalized to myself, “Well, we *ARE* all going the same direction with no other turns on this road. Who is going to get lost?”

And, while this part of the drive may cause elevation of your passenger's blood pressure, this sensationally challenging section also causes elation in the Schumacher persona of some drivers. “Tighten up your safety belt!”, as I looked over to Marie and warned, 'cause Walter Mitty is taking over. Wooo, hooo, now we're gonna some have fun. I glanced over to Marie again and, with a mischievous grin, I down shifted ... *twice*.

My Z07 lurched forward as the exhaust pipes opened and bellowed with deep authority. The quick acceleration tested the limits of the Pilot Sport Cup 2 ZPs as they barely adhered around the tight turns as I exited each apex.

Then, I up shifted. I practiced heel and toe through these tight turns which connected progressively quicker parallel to my pace. Looking into my rearview mirror, I saw Judy still keeping up and thought, “she is pretty good!” So, I just decided to forego the fun of shifting and began to simply try trail braking. The group began to lag further and further behind, and finally out of view in my rear mirror.

Once nearing the city of Prescott, I slowed down and waited for the group to catch up. Boy, that was fun! My radio crackled a laughing admonishment from Captain McClelland that our drive was supposed to be no faster than 5 mph over any speed limit. Later, Judy and I both had a wonderful conversation about this fun section and she said I could blame her for pushing me to speed! ... ha ha – gotta love that woman. But, I don't think John would have believed that excuse, and I might have lost any privileges to ever be a Lead again.

Once we paraded into downtown Prescott and past the many admirers, picture-takers and the Prescott Courthouse on our right side, we turned left onto Gurley Street and lined up to enter into the multi-level parking garage just to the left of us. I radioed to everyone that instead of parking on the top level as previously planned, we would just park one level below and take advantage of the shade. After we all backed into a slot (almost all ... you know who you are, ha ha), we then strolled across the street to enjoy a wonderful lunch at Casa Alvarez Mexican Restaurant. We exchanged conversations and shared friendships as we patiently waited a short time before being seated.

After lunch, some of us had a couple of minutes and strolled to the Courthouse, Whiskey Row or visited the arts and crafts, antique and multiple other shops before gathering in the garage to begin our final cruise. As planned, John and Linda took Lead for this third part of the trip and the rest of the way to our cabins. Due to traffic and lights, our Club was split into several smaller groups, but we all succeeded in keeping together as much as possible down Gurley Street to Highway 89.

This part of our drive, again, revealed the amazing Arizona diversity of landscape and scenery, as well as heightened the anticipation for the upcoming Coconino National Forest. As winding and challenging as the section through Prescott National Forest, this section kicked it up just a notch or two. These shorter-distanced turns comprised of tighter radius with additional offset cambers, which contributed to the amazing enjoyment and additional challenges and excitement for both drivers and their passengers.

The forest is lush with the landscape dominated with various species of juniper, cypress, manzanita, ponderosa pine, oak, pinon pine and quaking aspen. As we carved through this tree-lined forest with good friends in tow, we once again turned up the radio and rolled down the windows to feel the cool fresh breeze while enjoying the

warm sunbeams. What a perfect drive, what a perfect day – Fun!

Having so much fun, it certainly did not feel like 35 miles from Prescott, nor one hour which just passed as we exited the forest and slowly entered into the back side of Jerome.

In case you are not familiar with Jerome, this small town sits approximately 5,000 feet high in the mountains and has the historical significance in Arizona's past as a booming copper-mining town. Present attractions include the Gold King Mine, AZ Copper Art Museum, antique shops, wineries and bars.

But, today ... right now, *The Scottsdale Corvette Club* has become, deservedly, the only main attraction.

The narrow streets are lined with cars, motorcycles and visitors. As we slowly rumbled through these streets and proceeded down the mountain, we received smiles, thumbs up, waves, finger-pointing with admiration and lots of phone cameras clicking away. With such responses from the young and the young at heart ... I smiled back with appreciation. This was a true parade of American pride and joy. If only we had a marching band.

As we finally reached the bottom of this mountain and began the last leg of the cruise, Mike Cassel radios that he will need to pull over. He instructed us to proceed and he will catch up. There goes my sweep. Somehow with all the traffic lights and jockeying for positions, Dean and Maura Perna now take over as my sweep. Phil and Cindy Berger are now John's sweep in the front group.

I now certainly felt quite secure. What better person to watch our backs than someone in law enforcement. Thanks, Dean! Happy! Happy.....let's fly. And, fly we did. Hey, John.... what happened to the 5 mpg over speed limit rule??!! I think I should get my rights back as future Lead. Just saying....

Once we entered Sedona, we all slowed down, re-formed into our Corvettevan and began our final drive through and amid the iconic red-rock buttes for which this town is known.



As we continued pass all the tourist areas, we finally arrived onto Oak Creek Canyon Drive which runs parallel to the cool, clear water of Oak Creek. This drive's switchbacks are shaded by a canopy of oaks, ponderosa pines and junipers. This picturesque canyon is also framed on both sides by the colorful jagged cliffs. You begin to understand the wonder and splendor of the natural ecological diversity which surrounds us and which serves to build our anticipation for more of what we are about to experience.





A view in Oak Creek Canyon

After passing Slide Rock State Park, we arrived at the cabins and turn left onto an entrance road with a section doubling as a small dam with a shallow, but wide stream rippling over it. I had to stop and wave back at all the wide-eyed kids and their astonished families at this watering hole location, as they pointed and waved at us. Everyone was so happy to see us. Ok, I know, it's really not us, it's about our cars. But, during this trip, I fantasized that I've been recognized as a famous Crazy Asian, even if I am not Rich.



We all parked in front of the registration office of Orchard Canyon. We have arrived.



## THE CABINS

Everywhere you walked, you noticed the kaleidoscope of wildflowers and grasses growing harmoniously with the gently manicured lawn and planted colorful blooming flowers which only further highlighted how lush and well taken care of this place is. There are trees and shrubbery sheltering you from the outside world, as well as providing a noise barrier from the traffic on the highway. The deep vibrant colors of multiple blooming flowers are especially bright and enhanced today as their foliage and leaves glistened with recent rain drops.



The abundant wildlife is also apparent everywhere including bunnies, squirrels, chipmunks, assorted birds and deer. As you leisurely wander into the back acreage, you discover the multitude and variety of apple and peach trees, as well as the garden and vegetables grown here. And you can hear the gentle bubbling sound of the creek as it rushes over river rocks and flows between boulders which guide its path through the entire side of this real, operating orchard. Ken shared that he has previously stayed here with his family and commented that he had forgotten just how spiritual this place feels to him.



The cabins are all unique, individualized and separated from each other in different parts of this divinely green acreage. Each cabin is a real cabin and, as adorable Donna Reagan discovered, has neither door handles, nor knobs ... no keys, no FOBs, no fuss, no mess. To operate, you just pull the string hanging from a hole through the door, push open and step inside. Welcome back to a simpler past.





Inside, the cabins contain basic necessities and are nicely done for simplicity, comfort and fanciful enchantment. There are no TVs, no phones, no modern distractions – no noise. The sounds you heard were the rustling of the wind through the trees or songs from all the different birds. The placement of each cabin is also unique and thoughtful. John Prenzno and Brenda Brandt had a cabin on the upper hill bordered by peach trees (by the way, how was that beautiful peach you picked, Brenda?!). And, Sunday morning, they were greeted by a doe and her fawn just outside their cabin door.



Bob Hickerson had a small, cute cabin with a porch overlooking the stream below. And, Mike and Connie Cassel enjoyed a cabin with a cool additional loft. Ken and Fran Harder had the furthestmost cabin which was deeply situated within the rows of the apple orchards.

Mark and Kathy Bales joined Walter and Michele Juessen to rent out the only house on the premises. They had already arrived the day before us. It was great to see them and wonderful that they could join in our group's fun.

We all gathered in the center courtyard. Most everyone had their favorite drinks with them. The McClellands and we were well supplied with our martinis. John and Gloria Ketterl enjoyed wine along with Brenda and John, as they sat with filled wine glasses in hand. Bob Hickerson visited everyone while sipping a beer. We sat surrounded by blooming flowers and mature, arching trees.



# Cocktails Before Dinner



Judy, Vicki, Ken, Fran, Bob, Ron and John



In foreground with backs to camera from left, Connie, Carol and Judy  
Standing, Donna and Michele; seated from left, Fran, Ron, John, Mike, Mike and Walter



At left, Marie and Maura

At right, Dean, Bob, John and John





More Cocktails Before Dinner



From left, Marie, Bob, Bill, John, Linda and Maura



In foreground with backs to camera, Mike and John  
Standing, from left, Mike, Mark and Brenda  
Seated from left, Judy, Carol, Connie, Ken and Michele



And More Cocktails Before Dinner



Dean, Brenda and John



Standing, Mark and Brenda; seated, Michele, Kathy, Fran, Ron and John



Ken, Walter and Brenda



## And More Cocktails Before Dinner



At left, Dean, Marie and Maura; at right, Mark

And, just like John and I wrote into the script, Mother Nature thundered and unleashed a sudden rain shower. And, just as we had instructed her, it stopped almost as quickly. And just as this occurred, it was time for tea. Beautiful timing. Perfect ... well done. Thank you, MN.

So, those folks who wanted to try tea and treats, did. The rest of the time, we all visited with each other, shared stories, experiences and life in general. Marie and I got to know Dean and Maura much better as we shared the joys, along with the trials and tribulations, of family. We also were happy to be spending time welcoming, and learning from, another new couple to our club, Ernie and Vicki Griffanti.

Around 6 p.m., it was Orchard Canyon's official happy hour. I was wondering how the Staff could not have already noticed how, unofficially, happy we had already been for the last couple of hours!? The official happy hour is also the notice that dinner will begin shortly around 7 p.m. We all returned to our cabins to freshen up. It is now time for cuisine.



Ben Alvarez and Bill

## **THE CUISINE**

Our cuisine experience actually began in Prescott. After parking in the garage, we walked across the street and into Casa Alvarez Mexican Restaurant. When I initially introduced our club to owner Ben Alvarez a year ago, he apologized because he does not serve Mexican food on weekends until 5 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the restaurant only serves an American breakfast menu until dinner. He was very kind and attentive to my pleas, multiple requests and sprinkles of humor that he would lose his 4.3 star rating if “Casa Alvarez” didn't serve Mexican food when we came to his restaurant.

Ben is a great guy. Not only did he make arrangements for our Club to solely occupy the patio, he personally came into work that Saturday morning and ensured that we all were properly taken care of. He made a special Mexican buffet just for us consisting of Enchilada Suisse covered with a special white sauce, Pork Chile Verde and a roasted chicken breast entree.



The usual supporting food cast also included favorites such as guacamole, salad, tortillas, beans and rice. This great special Mexican meal was well worth the total charge of \$13.95. Thank you, Ben.

We were seated in the patio in two groups on long tables made from shorter ones placed end to end. Marie and I shared our table with Mike and Carol Lipsky. We exchanged information on the latest and greatest places to dine, as we both are foodies. Mike and I consulted on which place we've been to which served the best Pho soup. Even though I have had the pleasure to spent personal time with Mike during our sporting clay outings, I never knew that their main dining interest was Asian food, as I am equivalently drawn to lox, bagels and chopped liver (extra schmaltz, please). Amazing what you can learn from, and about, each other while sharing a meal .

On to Orchard Canyon's tea time which started at 4:00 p.m. You were welcomed to make your own drink from a generous selection of teas. Included for tea time were an assortment of cookies, sweets, breads and spreads. You could either spend this time with your tea inside the dining area, or go outside and sit on the tables to enjoy the lawn with friends.

As stated earlier, dinner started at 7:00 p.m. with open seating. Our dinner companions were the McClellands, Ron and Judy "Leadfoot" Meyers and Bob Hickerson. We discussed varied topics of interest as our courses came out.



Above left, Maura,  
Dean, Ernie & Vicki

Above right,  
Cindy & Phil

At right, John,  
Brenda, John &  
Gloria



Below left,  
Carol & Mike

Below right,  
Fran & Kathy







Upper left, Mike R & Mike C  
Upper right, Connie & Donna  
At left, Michele, Ken & Walter  
Lower left, Walter & Mark  
Lower right, John, Bill, Bob  
& Ron



As each course was brought out, our waitress explained the menu and ingredients and emphasized that the majority of these fresh ingredients are grown right at Orchard Canyon.

### The Menu

- First Course:* Tomato Bisque Soup  
*Second Course:* Salad of Mixed Greens, Asparagus, Soft Egg, Walnuts, Crispy Shallot, and Poppy Seed Dressing  
*Third Course:* Bison Short Ribs, Inca Berry Chimichurri, Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Vegetables of Squash, Eggplant and Candied Onion  
*Fourth Course:* Chocolate Pot de Crème

During the dinner, John and I walked around, visited and thanked everyone for joining us on this trip. Wonderfully satisfied, we all headed out to enjoy our own private gatherings, or some private time of leisure and relaxation. The McClellands, Bob Hickerson and Mike Cassel came over to our cabin and joined us for some quick drinks and easy conversation on our patio before we all retired to bed.



At right, Bill and Donna





John with Cindy, Phil and Carol

Marie and I woke up early and were greeted by the fresh, brisk air as we took our morning walk. We waved at Brenda and John who were also taking an early walk and invited them to join us. Together, we strolled through the back orchard among the rows and rows of trees displaying various varieties of apples still moist with the cool morning dew. As we continued our walk, the sun began warming the top of the mountains as they reflected the sunrays back as a reddish golden glow. My shoes were getting wet from the cool dew still on the grass and I could hear the birds singing their morning songs all around us.



John and Brenda crossing a bridge on the morning walk





The orchards in the morning



Marie & Brenda in the orchards



Morning view of a patio



Flowers; Marie & Linda on the patio





Brenda, John, Marie and I finally ended up at the dining room in time for breakfast. During the breakfast, Gloria and Vicki discovered that they both lived in Martinez, California during the time when the population was about 25,000. And, Linda McClelland revealed that she lived in Concord which is only 8 miles away. Even with the diversity of our 130+ member club, we ARE a close family.

The breakfast menu is not extensive, but open with your choices from many items which are changed daily. The only item I recommended to everyone was the apple cider. That was a given because it is freshly pressed (“not squeezed” – thanks, Brenda) on the premises using all the beautiful varieties of apples we saw growing outside some of our cabins. I drank three glasses – YUM! For my breakfast, I selected the whole trout which comes from the trout farm just down the highway. Everything was good and with so much on our plates, none of us at our table finished our breakfast.



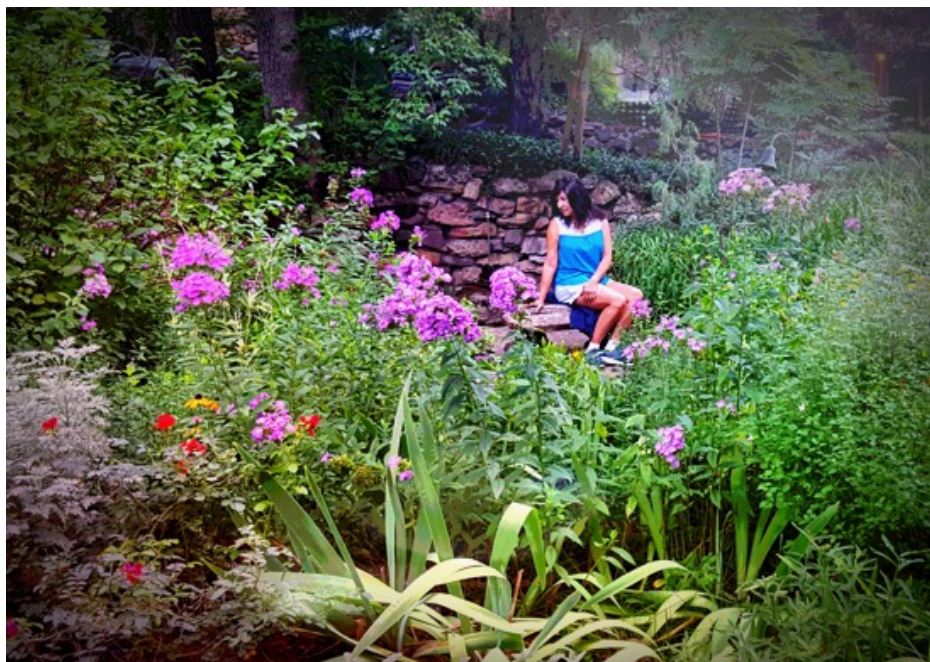
Trout for breakfast

As each of us completed breakfast, we began to say our farewells, checked out and departed on our own. We left this place of tranquility, harmony and where Mother Nature is splendidly represented with all her glorious palette of colors from the variety of vegetation, floral arrangements and mountains, as well as the multitude of vibrant wildlife.

I shared this great weekend with some old friends and met some new ones. I believe we all enjoyed each other, this trip and shared some of the same sentiments. Regardless of anyone’s personal ranking of which part of this trip won, placed or showed, I believe this trip of Cruising, Cabins and Cuisine resulted in a trifecta. I hope everyone enjoyed all three equally.

I slowly drove away out through the tree lined winding road and crossed the shallow stream rippling over the same narrow dam which is now our exit. And as I waited at the stop sign before turning right and entering onto SR 89A, I look back at Orchard Canyon in my rear view mirror one last time. This is my second visit to this wonderful place and before I turned and accelerated home, my thoughts and feelings echoed, “Really good food.” “So relaxing and peaceful here.” “Fabulous and beautiful. Just gorgeous.” “I will be coming back.”

Bill and Marie





## Corvettes in Orchard Canyon





## Our Leaders and Organizers



Bill Ng, Marie Camacho, Linda and John McClelland



ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



This piece was submitted by Mike Oster:



### **THE CAPITALIST AND THE CORVETTE**

A man named Tom Nicholson posted on his Facebook account the sports car he had just bought and how a man approached and told him that the money to buy this car could have fed thousands of less fortunate people. Nicholson's response to this man made him famous on the internet. Here is his story as stated on Facebook:

A guy looked at my Corvette the other day and said, "I wonder how many people could have been fed for the money that sports car cost."

I replied I am not sure.

It fed a lot of families in Bowling Green, Kentucky, who built it.

It fed the people who made the tires.

It fed the people who made the components that went into it.

It fed the people in the copper mine who mined the copper for the wires.

It fed people in Decatur, Illinois, at Caterpillar who made the trucks that hauled the copper ore.

It fed the trucking people who hauled it from the plant to the dealer, and it fed the people working at the dealership and their families.

BUT, I have to admit, I guess I really don't know how many people it fed.

That is the difference between capitalism and welfare mentality.

When you buy something, you put money in people's pockets and give them dignity for their skills.

When you give someone something for nothing, you rob them of their dignity and self-worth.

Capitalism is freely giving your money in exchange for something of value.

Socialism is taking your money against your will and shoving something down your throat that you never asked for.



## THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***The Rumor* by Elin Hilderbrand.** Chic lit at its finest! A beach read you won't want to put down. Okay, so it's fall already, but this is a light-hearted look at the small community of Nantucket Island fraught with scandals, lustful affairs, hidden secrets, financial ruin, writer's block, desperation, greed, prostitution, town gossip, and rumors - you name it, it's happening on Nantucket in the summer - and people are talking about it.

***Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.** This novel is based on the scandal of the Tennessee Children's Home Society which operated in Tennessee during the first half of the 20th century. In 1939 Rill Foss and four of her siblings were seized from the riverboat on which they lived while their parents were visiting the local hospital and their mother was giving birth to twins. The five children were taken to Mrs. Murphy's house under the auspices of Georgia Tann who was the director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. They were given new names and made-up family histories and put up for adoption, mostly by well-to-do couples who could afford to pay the exorbitant fees charged. The story moves back and forth between the present day circumstances of two of the Foss children and the events that shaped their lives in the late 1930's and early 1940's. This is a beautiful, sometimes heartbreaking story which I found difficult to put down. It's got a little mystery, a little romance, a little history - what more can one ask of a novel?

***Watch Me Disappear* by Janelle Brown.** A mystery - a page-turner - you won't even believe the ending! A friend brought me a copy of this book saying she couldn't put it down. Of course, I was immediately interested - just the kind of book I love. The premise of the story is: A missing woman (Billie) is presumed dead; her husband Jonathan and teenage daughter Olive struggle with her absence and the question of whether she is truly dead and gone, or whether she is just off on another of her energetic hiking trips and will eventually return to them. But it's been a year since Billie disappeared, and Olive has started to have ethereal visits from Billie who admonishes her for not looking harder to find her. This story has many twists and turns with past secrets uncovered that cause Jonathan to question everything he thought he knew about Billie and their life together.

***The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve.** If you are a fan of Anita Shreve (*The Pilot's Wife* and *The Weight of Water* are two of her most notable novels), you will be surprised to learn that this is her last novel, as she died in March of this year from cancer. This story is based on the real-life disaster of 1947 when a severe drought caused massive wildfires that ravaged the coast of Maine for over a week. When the fire arrives, Grace Holland and her neighbors head to the water's edge. Grace, a mother of two young children and pregnant with a third, holds her children in the frigid ocean overnight as the beach is covered with smoke and burning debris. The scenes of the disaster are intense and vivid, but the aftermath of this tragedy are overwhelmingly challenging. Grace manages to save her children's lives, but loses her unborn child. Their home and all belongings are gone. Grace's husband, Gene, went out to fight the fire and has not returned. How Grace copes with these challenges comprises the real story, and the reader is drawn into Grace's struggle to gain independence. Shreve builds the suspense of the story - a woman alone with two children hears strange noises upstairs, runs into a pervert lurking on the seashore - a low level of dread permeates the pages. Despite all the barriers to remaking her life that Grace endures, her stoicism, kindness and courage win the day for Grace. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did.

Dorinne





## CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

Courtesy of John McClelland, Activities Director



**January 28**

A Day with Frank Lloyd Wright  
Two Tours & Brunch at the Biltmore



**February 3**

It's A Mystery

**DATE CHANGE!**  
**Cocktail Party at the**  
**Rabins' home is changed**  
**To Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>!**



**March 17**

Cars, Coffee & More Cars



**March 24**

Cocktail Party  
At Steve &  
Jennifer Rabin's

**April 21-22**

Mary Colter's Dream



**May 5**

Cinco de Mayo  
Party at Larry &  
Charlene Capek's

**May 18-20**

Trip on the  
Coronado Trail



**June 9**

Riordan Mansion Tour & Lunch  
in Flagstaff



**July**  
**NO ACTIVITIES!**

**August 18-19**

"Cabins and Cuisine"  
at Orchard Canyon in  
Oak Creek Canyon



**September 28-30**

Run to the Pines car show and  
dining in Pinetop



**October 12-14**

Grand Canyon Western Ranch with  
activities and the Sky Walk over  
the West Rim of the Grand Canyon

**November 3-4**

"Cowboys & Copper" - Trip to  
Tombstone and Bisbee



**December 9**

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet  
And Holiday Party





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