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New Members John and Gurmit Walch's 2008 Tint Coat Red Coupe





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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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SCC Birthdays!

May

Cis Eberst - May 11
Michael Lipsky - May 18
Brenda Brandt - May 21
Dick Kuczycki - May 25
Christine Pallister - May 25
JoAnn Taylor Rice - May 26
Michele Juessen - May 30
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Ken Barry - May 31



June

Kathy Ronquist - June 1
Ken Hopkins - June 9
Sue Kulczycki - June 13
Joel Patterson - June 16
Cheri Benner - June 27
Richard Taylor - June 28
Norma Parker - June 30



Coming Events!

May 8 - Club Dinner Meeting

May 15 - Vette Vixens LUNCH - NO Men's Poker Night

May 16-19 - Trip to Los Alamos and Santa Fe

May 22 - Board Meeting

June 12 - Club Dinner Meeting

June 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night

June 22 - Lunch at Kohl's Ranch, return via I-17

June 26 - Board Meeting

June 29 - Quarterly Ethnic Dinner

July - **NO MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES!**

Aug. 7 - Club Dinner Meeting

Aug. 14-19 - Trip to Laguna Seca-60-Year Vette Celeb.

Aug. 21 - Vette Vixens Dinner-Men's Poker Night

Aug. 28 - Board Meeting

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



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New Cruisers

Mike Hatfield and his 2007 Yellow Coupe! We hope to have a photo of Mike and his Vette in the next issue.

John and Gurmit Walch and their 2008 Tint Coat Red Coupe! You can see it on the cover of this issue. Gurmit is our 100th member this year!! Below is a photo of Gurmit and John.

Richard and Samantha Gobeille and their 1977 Maroon Vette! We hope to have a photo of Richard and Samantha and their Vette in the next issue.



WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

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PHOTOS OF NEW MEMBERS' VETTES



Jim and Cis Eberst's 2003 Anniversary Red Roadster! Click on the photo to see a larger view.



Brenda Brandt's 2004 Lemans Blue Coupe

We hope to have a photo of Gary & Kathy Ronquist's 2007 LeMans Blue Convertible for the next issue.



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

**SHARON QUIGLEY WOULD
HAVE WON \$50 AT THE APRIL
MEETING BUT SHE WASN'T
THERE! BE SURE TO ATTEND
THE MAY MEETING. YOU
MIGHT BE THE LUCKY
WINNER OF \$75.00!**

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Ken Harder

Our Club has reached a membership milestone as we now have 102 members! Over the past two months, Gerry Goepfert rejoined the Club, and Mike Hatfield, Gary and Kathy Ronquist, John and Gurmit Walch, and Richard and Samantha Gobeille became members. A warm welcome to all of our new and returning member(s) and for those of you who have not yet met them, please say hello at our next meeting.



Ken and Fran

Our past two months have been full of great Club activities, with 9 cars going to Canyon de Chelly and surviving cold temps and high winds, but enjoying a culinary feast (or not) as we dined at the three best restaurants in Chinle! In April, we had 10 cars attend the Copperstate 1000 kick-off, and then twenty members had lunch at the Village Tavern in Scottsdale. We had 32 members join us for our quarterly "Special Dinner," which was held at the Brat Haus in March. And in April, we want to thank Jim and Dorinne Dobson, two of our Club's founding members, for hosting a house party with 45 members attending. We enjoyed a wonderful brunch, with quiches, casseroles, frittatas, breakfast meats, wonderful pastries, and mimosas and bloody marys. Over 20 cars caravanned to Wickenburg, without a U-turn!

Vette Vixens also had record attendance with 19 members enjoying dinner at Pane' et

From the Driver's Seat

Vino in March and another 20 members attending the Market Street Kitchen in April. Men's Poker Nights were held in both months, with 10 members (12 people total) in March and 13 members (14 people total) attending the April get together---new highs for Poker Night!

May and June activities look to be just as exciting, with 11 cars signed up for our Los Alamos/Santa Fe trip scheduled for May 16-19. We also plan to go to Kohl's Ranch for lunch in June and will have another "Special Dinner" on June 29. There will be no Men's Poker Night in May because of our Los Alamos departure the next day, but the Vixens will meet for lunch on May 15. Men's Poker/Vette Vixens is scheduled for our regular get-togethers on June 19, but there may be a surprise---so look for that announcement.

At our April meeting, Bruce Adler spoke to 43 Club members/guests about Bondurant

programs and services, many of which our members have experienced. At the dinner meeting in May, the Club is planning a SPECIAL EVENT Mini-Car show at Gainey Ranch with our own members' cars being featured. All six generations of Corvettes will be on display, and our members will be the program---so you won't want to miss this event on May 8. Hope to see you all there!

There will be no meeting in July, but we will resume our Activity Calendar in August. Walter advises that we still have 15 cars signed up for Laguna Seca in August! The Board is pleased that our members are attending our events in record numbers, which speaks well of the camaraderie of the members and the great activities Walter has planned. Please remember our motto: "We just want to have fun!"

Thanks to all for making our Club one the best in the Roadrunner Region.

Ken

Editor's Corner

Another large newsletter - my aim is to cut down on the size, but each month we have more contributions

from you, the members, and it's getting harder and harder to think small.

This issue is full of photos of our most recent events - the Brat Haus dinner, the Canyon de Chelly trip, the Copperstate 1000, and the spring brunch in Wickenburg. I'm really pleased that there is still lots of information flowing about the Corvette's 60th Anniversary Year, evidenced by our second-page cover photo of the 2014 convertible and the photo of the pace car that Rollie Trayte sent, followed by Manny's photo of the Corvette anniversary exhibit at the Peterson Museum in Pasadena.

And talk about responsive! I emailed John and Gurtin Walch requesting a photo of their

Vette, if they had one, and also a photo of the two of them, and almost instantaneously, John emailed me both photos. You can see the Walch's 2008 Tint Coat Red coupe on the cover and the photo of John and Gurmit as our 99th and 100th members on page 6.

Please keep in mind that I am always looking for anything of interest that is Corvette-related for the newsletter, and don't hesitate to send me your ideas.

Until the next issue, save the wave!

Dorinne



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!
THIRD WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH!
POKER NIGHT FOR
SCC MEN!
WATCH YOUR EMAIL
FOR DETAILS!**



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director



January 26

CANCELED DUE TO
WEATHER!

February 23

Mystery Trip



March 22-24

Trip to Canyon de
Chelly via Payson/Globe

April 27

Party at Dobsons'
Home in Wickenburg



May 16-19

Trip to Los Alamos
& Santa Fe

June 16

Lunch at Kohl's Ranch,
Return to Valley via I-17



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!



August 14-19

Trip to Laguna Seca Race -
Corvette Is the Marque

September 27-28

Historic Prescott Corvette
Show



October 10-13

Trip to Moab, UT &
Monument Valley

November 16

Trip to Tubac &
Tumacacori



December 7

Toy Run to Van Chevrolet
and Holiday Party



Welcome to the Scottsdale Corvette Club Store

The Scottsdale Corvette On-line Store Is Now Open For Business!!

<http://ScottsdaleCorvetteClub.ClubStore.US.com>

Check out the site! Along with Men's and Women's apparel, you will find accessories ranging from blankets to duffel bags. All available with the club logo. In addition you will find a Racing Legends Store, Track Store and Books and DVD's. (logo not available)

When you order, you will be asked to register. It is safe, secure and spam free. **Note: there is a box for membership number, but you can leave it blank.** Keep in mind that Firefox does not inventory our apparel, it's all made to order. The time from order to ship will be longer than the usual web clothing suppliers. Expect 10 work days, give or take.

We are offering the store as a service to our members. The prices are set as low as possible. The Club doesn't make a profit from the sale of products with the SCC logo. The benefits are the ability to offer a wider range in product and pricing opportunities, ability for club members to order whenever they want, and the savings for the club by eliminating the need to inventory apparel. So, check it out!

If you have any questions, or feedback, please let Mark Bales know.

FIRST QUARTER 2013
ETHNIC EPICUREAN
DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
AT

*The art of
swine dining.*

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ARTISAN SAUSAGE ■ CRAFT BIER ■ BELGIAN FRIES

A PICTORIAL ESSAY
PHOTOS BY MARK BALES

The VW van, at right, is parked out front of the Brat Haus, on Scottsdale Road. Note the license plate: Brutus 7 - maybe referring to their BBQ - or the BBQer?

Below right is the actual sign on the front of the restaurant.



Ethnic Dinner at Brat Haus



Evelyn, Joe, Sue, Dick and Carol



Mike, Mike's sister-in-law and brother,
and Brian and Deb



Bob, Carol, Lyn and Rollie



Dorinne, Jim, Terry, Kathy and Margrit

Ethnic Dinner at Brat Haus

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Jack, Jan and Steve



Ken, Fran, Cheryl and Larry



Walter, Michele, and Cubby,
Michele's brother



**First Saturday each month 8 AM
June 1st at**

Corvettes and Caffeine
in Scottsdale, Arizona

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action is - Corvettes & Caffeine on
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SAVE THE DATE!

***FIRST SATURDAY EVERY
MONTH!***

***Impromptu Car Show at Coffee
Bean & Tea Leaf at Gainey Ranch
Shops,
8877 North Scottsdale Road***

***All kinds of exotic cars in the
parking lot for a drive-up car show.
In the summer the cars arrive fairly
early in the morning - 8:00 or
earlier. In the cooler months at
9:00.***

SEE YOU THERE ON JUNE 1?



TRIP TO CANYON DE CHELLY

STORY BY KRYSHA AND LARRY SORCE

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES, KRYSHA SORCE & STEVE PATRICOLA





On Friday March 22, nine Corvettes and 17 club members gathered at the Target Store in Fountain Hills. The ride from Fountain Hills to Payson was beautiful with many elevation and scenery changes from saguaros to pine forests. Our first stop

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was lunch at Kohl's Ranch located on the banks of Tonto Creek in the largest ponderosa pine forest in the world. The chef prepared a special chicken sandwich for us and delicious chocolate chip cookies, but some of us decided to have elk burgers.



Lunch at Kohl's Ranch

Top left, Joe and Evelyn; bottom left, Michele and Walter
Above, Ken, Fran, Joe and Peggy; below, Steve and Terry





Lisa and Frank



Larry and Krysha



Sandi and Chuck

After lunch we resumed our tour thru the winding roads and ponderosa pine forest, towards Heber and Holbrook continuing northeast until we came to a roundabout, where we did a short stop at the Hubbell Trading Post in the heart of Navajo Territory. John Lorenzo Hubbell started his trading post in the 1870's. The rustic door opens, to creaky floor boards and a store filled with wonderful products. You can buy flour, teas, cookware, Navajo rugs and much

Trip to Canyon de Chelly

more. Some of us purchased some items, but the small Navajo rug priced at over \$800 was more than we could bear. It should be noted that in 1965 Congress made Hubbell Trading Post a national historic site. At this point we turned our clocks ahead one hour since the entire Reservation is on daylight savings time.

After driving several miles on Route 191, a straight and barren road with nothing but wind and dust and some sagebrush, we arrived to the Best Western Canyon de Chelly Inn, in Chinle Arizona. The hotel was a pleasant surprise - clean and newly remodeled, located only three miles from Canyon de Chelly.



The straight and barren road to Chinle

The group gathered in Ken and Fran Harder's room for a brief Happy Hour and checked out the March Madness Basketball scores. Our first dinner was at the Junction Restaurant located on site at the hotel. The restaurant offered home-style cooking, American, Mexican, traditional Navajo and Pizza Hut and yes, some of us



Mark's "roof-top" GoPro camera

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had pizza, some of us had Navajo tacos, and some of us had Navajo lamb stew. After dinner some of the group gathered for a small nightcap.



Steve, Frank and Walter



Joe and Evelyn



Sandi, Michele, Fran and Lisa



Krysha, Terry and Peggy

Trip to Canyon de Chelly



Above, last shot of happy hour cocktails:
Fran, Terry, Larry, Chuck & Ken
Below, at dinner, Krysha, Peggy, Joe,
Sandi, Chuck, Joe, Evelyn, Walter &
Michele



At dinner:
Above, Frank, Lisa, Ken & Krysha
Below, Walter, Michele, Steve, Terry,
Larry & Fran

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On Saturday, March 23, we met in the lobby of the hotel, and several Jeep Wranglers and Navajo tour guides picked us up and took us for a 3-hour tour of the Canyon. Larry and I shared the jeep with Chuck and Sandi Weschler. Our tour guide's name was Eleanor Yoe. We passed the Visitor Center and began our tour, to my surprise, driving right in the low waters of the Chinle Wash. As we looked up we could see the beautiful color of the rock walls of the Canyon rising up from 30 feet high at the mouth of the Canyon to 1,000 feet high above the floor.



There were cottonwoods, yucca, prickly pear cactus and Russian olive trees (which they purposely burned and cut down because they are not native to the area and take up too much water). Navajo families still live there, raise sheep and take care of their crops, corn and peach trees as they have for centuries. As we traveled thru the Canyon, there was plenty of evidence that showed that people have lived there for nearly 5,000 years. We saw the petroglyphs etched on the rock walls from the predecessors of today's Pueblo and Hopi Indians and finally the Navajo. We saw remains of their campsites and caves. Canyon de Chelly National Monument was established in 1931 on nearly 84,000 acres within the Navajo Reservation.





You can see the petroglyphs on these Canyon walls

After the 3-hour tour, we had lunch right in the Park at the Thunderbird Lodge. Our tour director Walter then proceeded to lead us on a drive thru the upper part of the South Rim of the Canyon. We stopped at several overlooks. At this point the wind had hit speeds

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Views of the ruins, including the White House, below left



Goats on the Canyon walls, below right



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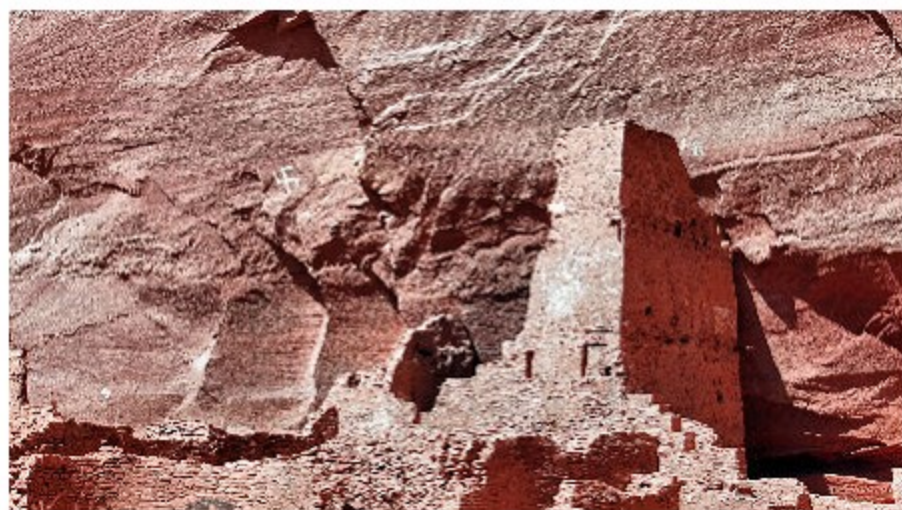
Terry and Steve

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Chuck, Larry, Krysha and Sandi





of up to 60 miles per hour, and temperature of around 40 degrees which made our walks to the overlooks short and brisk. The tour ended at the spectacular "Spider Rock" overlook. Magnificent views!!! Many Kodak opportunities... At the end of the tour, Walter gave the group the option of going to the 2:00 p.m. Bingo game or shopping in historic Downtown Chinle... Ha Ha!!! We all opted to get ready for Happy Hour.

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Above, from left: Very cold gals!! Frank and Lisa. Mark.
Below, the Vettes on the South Rim





Spider Rock - the End of the Tour

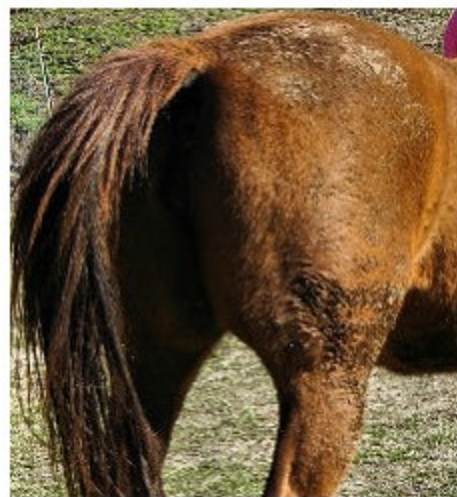
Trip to Canyon de Chelly

That evening we gathered at Walter and Michele's room for a short Happy Hour and a check of the progress of the March Madness Basketball games. Our dinner was at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, Garcia's, but Mark Bales was nowhere to be found. He decided to trail blaze to a different restaurant - maybe he had enough of the group and chose to go on his own!!! After a slight correction, we all arrived at Garcia's for more authentic Navajo dishes: Navajo burgers, Navajo lasagna, Navajo fajitas, Navajo Panini. And some of us that had the Navajo Steak - well, you'll have to ask them... Was it beef?!?! We don't know as there was a horse missing in front of the restaurant!!! Still suspicious... and the price of the dinner... you don't want to know... That evening we gathered again for a final nightcap, coffee and desserts and more stories.



At left, Mark's suspicious steak

At right,
suspected origin
of the steak
dinners





Stopping at viewpoint in Salt River Canyon

On the last day of our trip only eight very dusty Corvettes returned via Globe, Arizona. Chuck and Sandi Weschler chose to go via Flagstaff to check on their cabin. The temperature at departure was 24 degrees. As we drove away, Mark commented on his transmission feeling like jello when shifting... We drove south on Route 191 thru nothing but dirt and sagebrush. The open roads gave us an opportunity to exercise our Vettes... As we continued south, the scenery changed and the temperature rose. We had a "1021" stop and proceeded to Show Low, Pinetop and Lakeside. The elevation was around 6,300 feet with beautiful views. Our final lunch was at the Hon-Dah Resort and Casino in the heart of the White Mountains in Apache Territory.



Salt River Canyon

I must say I heard a lot about Walter's U-turns on other tours, but on this tour NOT A SINGLE U-TURN WAS MADE! CONGRATULATIONS, WALTER... AND THANK YOU FOR A FABULOUS TOUR.

Krysha and Larry



All Corvettes Are Red! PART II

Trip to Canyon de Chelly

Editor's Note: Here are a couple more items of interest on the Canyon de Chelly trip. First, a photo of Sandi and Chuck with their beautiful new Night Race Blue coupe with the Canyon de Chelly backdrop. Second, Fran Harder's photo of a scenic Canyon view.



***SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!***

***THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH THE VETTE VIXENS MEET
FOR COCKTAILS AND DINNER
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR
DETAILS ON THE NEXT OUTING FOR
LUNCH ON MAY 15.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!***

BREAKING NEWS FROM ROLLIE TRAYTE AND GENERAL MOTORS MEDIA SERVICES



Just a couple days ago, we saw spy shots of a C7 Corvette testing for what we assumed was pace car duty for the Indianapolis 500, and now General Motors has confirmed that the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray will, in fact, lead the field to the green flag for the 97th running of the Indy 500. Not only will this be the 17th consecutive year a GM vehicle has paced the race and the 12th straight time a Chevy has handled pace car duty, but it will also mark the 12th time a Corvette has held this distinction.

Aside from the well-concealed safety lights and the expected decals, no styling or performance upgrades have been made to the Stingray, including its factory Laguna Blue paint scheme.

MANNY AT THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM



Manny Siprut was fortunate to be in the Los Angeles area during March 2013, and visited the Peterson Automotive Museum in Pasadena. During the month of March, the Peterson had a display of all the Corvette models (C1 through C6) in recognition of the Corvette's 60th anniversary year. Manny was definitely in the "right place at the right time." When he sent me the photo, I asked him if the display was indeed over at the end of March, as I would have loved to see it. Unfortunately, the exhibit did indeed end on March 31, so we're all too late. Thank you, Manny, for sharing this photo with us.



JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, FOR A
DRIVE TO KOHL'S RANCH LODGE NEAR
PAYSON FOR LUNCH IN THE COOL
PINES.

IT MAY BE GETTING A LITTLE WARM IN
THE VALLEY BY THEN. WE CAN ENJOY
THE DRIVE UP THE BEELINE HIWAY TO
PAYSON AND HAVE A DELICIOUS AND
CONVIVIAL LUNCH IN PINE COUNTRY.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS, AND
LET WALTER KNOW IF YOU WANT TO
GO.

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

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Ken and Fran Harder

Walter Juessen

Steve Patricola

Krysha and Larry Sorce

Rollie Trayte

John and Gurmit Walch

Sandi and Chuck Weschler

tech CORNER

By Steve Patricola

PART II - THE FOLLOW-UP

Well, last time we got together, I tried to provide you with some insight into the preparation for the NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) regional judging, to be held on March 16, 2013. In the last article I intimated that I thought the car was between 97-98% there, meaning built to NCRS specifications or, better put, "originality." What I didn't translate to you was the expected net score which I felt would be around 85 out of 100. Before I tell you what the score was and if I won any awards, I will briefly delineate the major categories. (I left out two - Operations and Chassis).

The judging was held at Sands Chevrolet in Surprise, Arizona. My day

started at 6:00 a.m., and I was on the road by 7:00 a.m. to get there by the 8:00 a.m. starting time. It was just my luck that not one but two - as in 2 - national NCRS 1967 judges were on hand to, per se', help out. Talk about wanting to cry.... But they assured me that there would be no pain - that's like the dentist telling you he is going to drill without Novocaine. Right - like telling me I had the wrong windshield wiper (in AZ no less) and the wrong screws in several places, etc. etc.

Anyway, there are 5 major categories: Operational, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical and Chassis. Each car starts at 4500 points, and for every infraction, points are deducted. On the plus side, if you have a battery shut-off, NCRS decal and fire extinguisher, you get 9 points (oh boy), and if you drove over 50 miles to get there, which I did, you get another 11 (wow)...

Tech Corner

For each category, there were teams of judges that inspected the car and reported to the National Judge, unless the National Judge was part of the team, and then he did the scoring, which was the case for me. They spent a total of 5 hours inspecting the car.

As I reported last time I expected to be dinged (deductions) for interior (seats), door jambs (too shiny) - judge said next time use hair spray (I mean tell me now?), exterior paint--not enough orange peel (paint looks like an orange not shiny), and most of all the conversion from 300 HP to 350 as well as no spare tire - that was considered a biggie and of course having a Quartz clock, *SIGH*.

Well, they nailed me for every one of those plus: the parking lights remaining on when the headlights are turned on (they are supposed to be off); Dummy that I am, I reversed the door locks

when I replaced them - meaning that they should lock forward not backwards towards the rear of the car; I forgot to prime the window washer and it wouldn't squirt so that was a 25-point deduction; they also nailed me for having a California AIR car (that means the smog-control air pump required in 1967 was not on the car. Well, I argued that most California cars today do not have them - didn't matter - ORIGINALITY MATTERS.). On and on it went. It was like being a nail and they were the hammer...LOL.

All kidding aside, it was fun. I learned a lot, which is what I wanted, besides creating a baseline to determine how far off my car is from being a "Top Flight" car. Well, the car was awarded 86.9 which is considered 2nd Flight (or second place). Top Flight is 94 or above. So the car with all its changes - and there were many to improve it - to originality is only 7.1 points away from being a Top Flight car for NCRS.

Tech Corner

Not bad, huh? It squares up with my projection about where the car would fall. Do not want to sound arrogant, but it's about what I expected, and I was not surprised by anything they deducted--except for maybe some screws, I mean really....

To sum up, what really mattered the most for me was when each judging was over and the judges would go over the deductions, each judge said "you have very nice car," and it was especially sweet when the National Judge said the engine conversion to the 350hp was one of the best he had ever seen.... So for me the day was a success.

See you on the Road.

Steve Patricola



Here's Steve in his '67 Vette with his 2nd Flight NCRS Ribbon. Click on the photo to get a better view.



COPPERSTATE 1000 APRIL 7TH AT TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARK BALES





SCC Corvettes at
Field of Dreams
Car Show in
Parking Lot



Above, Evelyn, Joe,
Fran and Kathi

At left, Mark Shaw's
Hot Rod

Copperstate 1000



Top left, Ferrari; bottom left, C1; Top right, former SCC member Scott McPherson's Alfa Romeo; Middle right, C2; Bottom right, Lister

LUNCH AT VILLAGE TAVERN





Thumbnail Book Reviews

Here's another go at some "thumbnail" reviews of a few books I've read recently that I thought were worth sharing with you.

Political Suicide by Michael Palmer. If you like mysteries, you'll probably enjoy this book. It is a combination political-medical thriller that takes place in Washington, D.C. A well known physician, Dr. Gary McHugh, known around town as "the society doc," is accused of murder. He seeks the help of his good friend, Dr. Lou Welcome, who goes against the police and FBI to prove his friend's innocence. The story involves drug rehabilitation among professionals, as well as a deadly, high-level conspiracy involving

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some government bigwigs. Once into the story, I found it hard to put down.

Fellow Mortals by Dennis Mahoney.

Henry Cooper, the protagonist in this debut novel, is an unassuming fellow, a mailman on his daily rounds, when he inadvertently causes a neighborhood tragedy. The story revolves around the fall of a man who has spent his life trying to be a decent human being and shows us a community trying desperately to hold itself together. The character development is wonderful. You will feel like you know not only Henry, but his wife, Ava, Sam Bailey, the neighbor whose wife lost her life in the fire, and who is struggling to rebuild his life, Nan and Joan, the sisters whose house burned down, Bob and Peg Carmichael who are suing the U.S. Postal Service and trying to keep Henry from getting his mail-carrier job back, Billy Kane, the ne'er-do-well neighbor whose wife leaves him to his slovenly life

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style, and Henry's dog, Wingnut, fondly called Wing, who is as much a character in the story as anyone.

Mad River by John Sandford. If you've followed mystery writer, John Sandford, over the years, then you know that he's the author of the "Prey" novels, of which there are at least twenty. This book is one of the Virgil Flowers novels, and is the first of these I have read. It is a compelling story of three teenagers in rural southwestern Minnesota with dead-end lives, chips on their shoulders, and guns. Virgil, an investigator with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is called in to join the growing army of cops trying to run them down. But even he doesn't realize what's about to happen next. Once you start reading this book, you will not be able to put it down. I liked the leading character, Virgil Flowers, and will definitely look for Sandford's other books in this group.

Corvette Featured Marque at 2013 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion



Okay, this is the "come on" to get you all hyped up to make the trip with the Club to Monterey for the 2013 race at Laguna Seca. We're leaving on Wednesday, August 14, and returning on Monday, August 19. Walter has been emailing you about this event. The Club went last year and had such a great time, that we wanted to do it again this year, particularly since Corvette in its 60th Anniversary year will be the marque at the race.

If you haven't already done it, email Walter at JUESSEN@AOL.COM and sign up! If you don't have the information, email Walter and ask him to send it to you.

SPRING BRUNCH AT THE DOBSONS' IN WICKENBURG

Story by Dorothy Durby

Photos by Mark Bales



CORVETTES EVERYWHERE!



April 27th brought another great day to Arizona, and with that we began a trip to Wickenburg for brunch at the Dobson's. The 40-plus members began the trip at Albertson's near Carefree Highway and I-17 with 18 Corvettes and 2 "turkey" cars belonging to Mark Bales, as the battery in his Vette died that morning and Foster Thomas, who has too many pockets, as he forgot which one had his Vette keys!

It was a beautiful drive through the desert hills, watching all the Vettes slither snake-like down Carefree Highway and through rustic Wickenburg and on to Jim and Dorinne's beautiful home overlooking the Bradshaw Mountains in the distance.

The members were treated to a gourmet menu that could rival any 5-star restaurant. An array of quiches, meats, fruits, salads and sweets satisfied everyone's palate. The brunch ended with individual members returning home at their leisure.



The Buffet Table



Christina, Dorinne, Sharon & Sandi



Spring Brunch

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Cheryl, Kathi and Krysha



Dawn, Evelyn and Joe



Frank and Lisa



Sue, Jane and Kay



Manny, Ken, Chuck, John and Dick



Michele, Christina and Rick



Kathi, Foster and Walter



Kathy, Sandra and Fran



Larry, Cheryl, Krysha, Larry, Terry and Steve



Karla and Al

A fun time was had by all, and guess what? There were no U-turns by our fearless leader, Walter. For all the new members, Walter is noted for his U-turns on our trips, which makes for interesting conversation.

Dorothy



WICKENBURG UFO CAPTURED ON CAMERA

On April 27, the day of the Spring Brunch in Wickenburg, Mark Bales took the two photographs below. Here are his remarks on the photographs:

"UFO behind me, caught in a reflection off Chuck's GS. Look closely at the second photo. Red arrow marks the mysterious object. Note all the reflections around the object. Obviously, not me or my camera. Not dirt or debris on Chuck's car. I have another photo, taken seconds before, that shows nothing over the wheel well opening. Now, if you can remember it, start humming the "Twilight Zone" theme song in your head!

Clear reflections surrounding the mysterious object. Sky, mountains, cars... Sending this off to the National Enquirer!"

Mark figured out what this mysterious 'flying' object was. Do you know what it is? Turn the page to find out.





Here's what Mark says: "The mysterious object is the underside of the driver's side mirror. Note, the color is actually closer to the actual color of Chuck's GS. Very strange that the camera angle, body curves, etc., did not pick up the mirror stem. It is amazing how mirror images can be so interesting. If you look below the mystery object you can see the cul-de-sac and cars behind Chuck's car. The curves in the front wheel flair were just enough to throw everything off."

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