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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!

November

Kathy Bales - Nov. 2nd
Connie Cassel - Nov. 4th
Leon Boyd - Nov. 12th
Dawn Siprut - Nov. 14th
Lyn Trayte - Nov. 16th
Mike Reagan - Nov. 25th
Judy Findsen - Nov. 27th
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Manny Siprut - Nov. 30th



December

Steve Bidwell - Dec. 14th
Linda Gutherless - Dec. 14th
John Runyon - Dec. 16th
Janette Boyd - Dec. 28th
Sharron Summerson - Dec. 28th
Bill Follette - Dec. 29th





FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Mike Cassel

Finally "fall is in the air" and, for us who live in the Southwest, that means great Corvette driving weather. We recently had two Club events that took full advantage of the cooler weather. One was to the cool climate of Prescott for the Historic Prescott All Corvette Show and the other was to Tombstone for the Annual Ghost Riders Corvette event. Besides the wonderful weather and an abundance of Corvettes, both events were greatly enhanced by the camaraderie of fellow SCC members. These are always great times, and I encourage all of you to shine up the Corvette and participate in as many SCC events as you can; you'll enjoy it! More great fall events coming up are our Annual Toy Run to Van Chev-

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rolet followed by a social get-together at the Durby's and our Holiday Party at Grayhawk Golf Club. More info on these two events elsewhere in this newsletter.

This time of year also means a change in the SCC Board of Directors with some members either leaving the Board, being re-elected, or joining the Board for the first time. At the end of this year we have the following members leaving the SCC Board: Mike Cassel, Dave Leiva, Rollie Trayte (and their spouses). Members to be elected to the Board at our November Annual Dinner Meeting are John Barrett, Ken Harder, Walter Juessen, and Ben Walker. The SCC Board of Directors is a critical part of the success of our Club, and the time and hard work of the board members is greatly appreciated.

The end of 2009 also brings to an end my 2-year term as President of our Club. I have greatly enjoyed the past 2 years and we (Connie & I) have also loved every minute of the last 7 years we have been on the Board of Directors. What a marvelous time it has been with all the wonderful people that have worked on the Board over those years! Thank you all so much. A special thank you goes out to Manny Sip-

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rut, Dorinne Dobson, Dave Leiva, Rollie Trayte, Ken Harder, Alice Pfeffer (and spouses) for all their hard work as members of the 2009 SCC Board of Directors and, to Connie for all her support, words of wisdom, and help on numerous issues.

Sue Kulczycki and Sandi Weschler, you guys did a marvelous job in planning and coordinating the monthly Vette Vixens' dinners. Thank you so much; your hard work is greatly appreciated. There are many other Club members (you know who you are) who helped out with a variety of things over the past year, and we are all grateful for your contribution to our Club.

Thanks for the memories and remember.....

Drive it like you stole it!!

Mike Cassel



Coming Events!

November 11th - Club Dinner Meeting - ELECTION
NO NOVEMBER VETTE VIXENS DINNER
NO NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

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

January ? - Private House Party at Traytes'
January 13th - Club Dinner Meeting
January 20th - Vette Vixens Dinner
January 27th - 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.

BOARD ELECTIONS AT NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

VOTE FOR 2010 BOARD MEMBERS AT THE NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. IT IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB.



Editor's Corner

This is the last issue of the newsletter for 2009. Where has the year gone? Board elections will be held at the November dinner meeting. I

urge you all to attend and participate in this important function of selecting the leadership of our Club for 2010.

You will find this newsletter chock full of photos and stories of events. Since the August event was so late in the month, it didn't make the September-October issue. So you will find Fran Harder's interesting article and photographs on the Club's August trip to the RJordan Mansion in Flagstaff. Then in September, we had a great weekend of parties in Prescott planned around the Historic Prescott All-Corvette Show. Walter treated Club members to another ethnic epicurean experience at Fogo de Chao, the new Brazilian restaurant in Scottsdale. And then we have Mike Cassel's article and Mark's photos of the October weekend trip to Tombstone for Cor-

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vettes & Ghost Riders. Ben did another candid camera shoot at the September dinner meeting. Thanks to all who contributed their time, efforts and talents to make these events come to life in these pages for those of you who couldn't be there.

New Board members always bring new ideas to the Club, so next year promises to be an exciting one for the Club. With Walter coming back on the Board to take over as the activities director, we can look forward to many exciting and interesting trips and events. Ben with his contributions to the newsletter has already exhibited a willingness and a creativity that should make him an asset to the Board. John and Karen have attended many events over the past year, and we are looking forward to working with them on the Board in 2010. Of course, Ken and Fran have been on the Board for most of 2009, and have contributed greatly to the Club this year. Ken is the "Man" to see if you want a Club shirt - either to buy one from the Club's inventory or order one.

Editor's Corner

There is one person this newsletter could not function without - and that person is MARK BALES! I sincerely hope you will all tell Mark how much you enjoy his photographs in these newsletters. He is always the guy on the spot taking photos, and the thing is - he takes such GREAT PHOTOS! Thank you, Mark, for your superb photography and your dedication to not only taking the pictures but getting them to the editor in a timely fashion.

As another year rolls to a close, I hope to see you all at the Holiday party on December 6th and at the Toy Run to Van Chevrolet on December 12th. Don't forget we are going to party at Lon and Dorothy's after the Toy Run! Should be fun!

Dorinne

REMEMBER!

**NO VETTE VIXENS DINNER IN
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER!**

WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN JANUARY.



**JUDI FINDSEN WON \$125.00 IN
THE MEMBERS' DRAWING AT THE
OCTOBER MEETING!**

THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

**THE NOVEMBER DRAWING WILL
BE \$25.00! BE SURE TO BE
THERE!**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

All members of Scottsdale Corvette Club are cordially invited to the Holiday Dinner and Dance at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale on Sunday evening, December 6th. Please join us to celebrate this joyous season with cocktails at 4:30 (so we can watch the sun set over the golf course), dinner at 6:00, and FOUR HOURS OF OF DANCING TO THE MUSIC of "BADNESS," a five-piece band, described as a dynamic music experience!. "BADNESS" plays at Char's every Wednesday evening in November. Manny and Dawn and some other Club members heard them play at Char's earlier this year, so this band has been hand-picked for your evening's enjoyment.

REMEMBER, the Club picks up part of the tab on the Holiday Party, so this is the Club's offer to give something back to the membership. The cost is only \$50 per person which includes two drink tickets.

BE SURE TO CONTACT DAWN SIPRUT BY THE DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 23 - TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR THIS FUN EVENT!





OKAY, SO THIS WAS THE SCENE AT LAST YEAR'S TOYS FOR TOTS RUN TO VAN CHEVROLET. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS?



WE ALL BROUGHT AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR A CHILD, AND THE CLUB BOUGHT TWO BICYCLES - A BOY'S AND A GIRL'S - AND WE DELIVERED THE TOYS TO VAN'S. AFTER VISITING WITH THE FOLKS AT VAN'S, THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HEADING FOR THE DURBYS' HOME TO PARTY AWHILE. SOUNDS LIKE FUN! BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT! WE NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB! WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU, AND YOU ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO THESE KIDS!!!

TOUR OF THE RIORDAN MANSION STATE HISTORIC PARK

By Fran Harder



Saturday, August 29, was a typical sunny morning, a perfect day for a ride to the cooler high country. Mike Cassel would lead the Weilands, Sipruts and Harders to Flagstaff. On our drive up, a C-5 convertible joined our small convoy for a few miles but as we made our halfway pit-stop, they gave us a wave and continued on. At the State Park we were joined by the Follettes, Dobsons and Durbys.

Tour of the Riordan Mansion

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In order to get a sense of Flagstaff's history and gain a respect for the men and women who braved the untamed West to seek their fortunes, a visit to Riordan Mansion is a great place to start. It was donated along with all of its contents in 1985 by Blanche Riordan, the oldest daughter of Michael and Elizabeth, Riordan after her passing. The tour took us back to the turn-of-the-century Arizona Territory.

When the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was constructed in the early 1880s through Flagstaff, it opened up the opportunity for shipping lumber. Since Arizona had the largest stand of Ponderosa Pine in the world, the Riordan Brothers quickly became lumber barons, managing the Ayer Lumber Company.

In 1904 the Riordan Brothers, Timothy and Michael, commissioned this 13,000 sq. ft. mansion to be built. They married sisters, Caroline and Elizabeth Metz, who happened to be cousins of the Babbitt family. Now that's keeping it all in the family! Architect Charles Whittlesey, who also designed the El Tovar Hotel, designed this home which has become one of the finest examples of the Arts and Crafts architecture in the West and holds many surprises for the visitor. The Arts and Crafts style home celebrated handicrafts and encouraged the use of simple forms and natural

Tour of the Riordan Mansion

materials. The Mansion is actually two identical homes joined by a 1,000 sq. ft. common room known as "the cabin." It is not a log home but Ponderosa Pine Slab Plank left over from the mill. With its 40 rooms, six bathrooms (indoor plumbing), electric lights, central heating, hot and cold running water, large ice boxes in the kitchen and telephones, the Riordan Mansion was technologically and architecturally ahead of its time.

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Look up in the Reception Hall and you will see a combination skylight and ventilation system. The glass panes allowed light to pass through. Opening all the windows in the home and the several levels of glass in the ceiling allowed air to circulate.



Another treasure to see is the photopane windows on display in the Billiard Room. These photographs printed on glass were made by John Hiller, the expedition photographer with John Wesley Powell. There are also stained glass windows with a tulip design throughout the Mansion; their origin remains a mystery.



Photopane Windows



Stained Glass Window

There are unique pieces of furniture in the Arts and Crafts style, particularly by Gustav Stickley, and rare inlay designed furniture by Harvey Ellis. Both of these men were leaders of the Arts and Crafts movement, and their ideas had an enormous influence on Frank Lloyd Wright. In one of the dining rooms in one of the homes, everything is in an oval shape. An unusual canoe-shaped dining room table was built because the owner wanted to have a table where everyone could see each other and to facilitate conversation.



Canoe-shaped dining table

Tour of the Riordan Mansion



The huge set of boots sitting in the corner may or may not have belonged to "Paul Bunyan."

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Old cook stove in the kitchen



Original working clock-takes a licking-keeps on ticking!

Tour of the Riordan Mansion

The Riordans were well-educated, cultured people who improved the quality of life for all in Flagstaff. They played a central role in the establishment of Coconino County and the building of the Court House; they supported the founding of the Northern Arizona Normal School and statehood for Arizona. The Riordans also built nearby Lake Mary and opened it to the public.



There are many more treasures in this home and around the grounds, too numerous to mention. For those of you who missed it, take a trip to the high country and enjoy this true diamond of Arizona's history.

Tour of the Riordan Mansion



Fran and Ken standing in the rock archway in front of the Mansion

After our tour we lunched at the Beaver Street Brewery where Chuck Weschler joined us. We all had a chance to consider what it would have been like living in "the Wild West" while enjoying a cold brew.



Tour of the Riordan Mansion



Lunch at the Beaver Street Brewery

*Excepts from Az State Parks and E. R. Rose, About.com

KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN!
A HOUSE PARTY IS PLANNED FOR
SOMETIME IN JANUARY!

We don't have a date yet, but Rollie and Lyn are planning a house party sometime in January. You won't want to miss it! More details will be forthcoming soon.

HISTORIC PRESCOTT ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009



Scottsdale Corvette Club participated in the Third Annual Historic Prescott All Corvette Car Show, held on the Court House Square in Prescott on Saturday, September 19. Vette Sette, the Club putting on the car show, reported that more than 200 Corvettes participated.

Four cars headed to Prescott on Friday afternoon to attend the party that evening at Carol and Bob's home. Here they are at the gas station in Wickenburg for a pit stop on the way.





The first stop was the Motor Lodge, located about three blocks off the Court House Square on Montezuma Street. The Motor Lodge was originally built in 1910 and has been refurbished by the current owners. It is a 12-room boutique motel, with very accommodating staff who offered our lucky Club members wine and cookies at check-in.

They even had garages for the Vettes! Here are Rollie's and Ken's Vettes in the garage.



Cocktails on the Patio at the Motor Lodge



More shots of the gang at the Motor Lodge



35 << Dorinne, Dorothy and our hostess, Carol

We gathered at Carol and Bob's beautiful contemporary home in the hills near downtown Prescott for cocktails and dinner. Here we found Bob in the kitchen making his specialty, beef tacos with all the trimmings. We enjoyed our cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the front and back patios, with the cool mountain air scented by the surrounding tall Ponderosa pines. What a beautiful spot!





Joining the party were Carol and Bob's houseguests, Randy and Sharon. Randy is pictured in the top photo on the left, and Sharon is in the middle photo on the right.

The next morning we were up bright and early and heading for the Court House square to get positioned for the car show. We drove into the registration area at 7:45 and there were already many Corvettes parked and situated for the show. Some arrived as early as 6:30 a.m.

We had hoped to position all the SCC cars together but Bob Bailey and Mike Branigar arrived early and were put into position elsewhere. The Cherner's were privileged to park their '96 aqua coupe on the drive on the Court House lawn.



Sittin' on the Court House lawn



Some of SCC's entries in the Car Show

We may not have won any prizes, but we did make a nice showing for the Scottsdale Corvette Club.





Here's the Cherner's Vette on the Court House lawn, and Bob and Linda in their matching chairs enjoying the cool air.

Prescott Car Show



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Another view of the SCC cars



Hot C5



Z06 with wild paint job

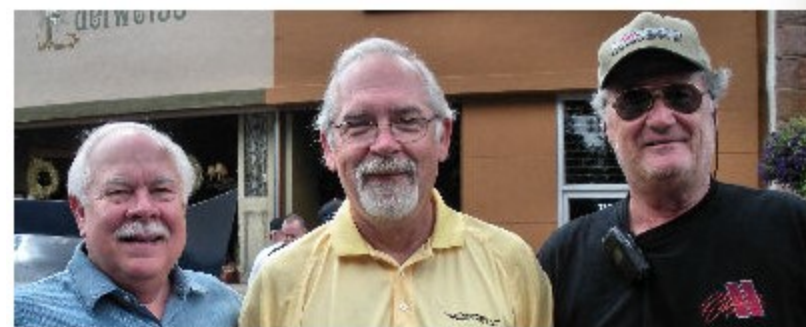


'63 Split Window - click on the photo for another view of another '63 split window at the show

Prescott Car Show



Pinstriping by hand



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After the car show, we all headed out to Prescott Valley to the home of Tom and Christina Georgiou for refreshments. The Georgious have a lovely home overlooking a golf course, with sweeping views of the valley and the distant mountains.



Our hosts Tom and Christina





It was a windy day



Tom and Christina outdid themselves serving all kinds of snacks, chili, meatballs and delicious food. It was a great way to finish the day and the weekend.

Our sincere thanks to Bob and Carol and to Tom and Christina for opening their homes to us and hosting two wonderful parties.

Also thanks to Mark for taking most of the photos that accompany this article.



MEMBERS WITH NEW CARS

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John and Jane and their
2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe



*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

Mike Cassel

Jim Dobson

Dorothy and Lon Durby

Ken and Fran Harder

John and Jane Runyon

Manny Siprut

Ben Walker



Jim and Dorinne and their
2010 Crystal Red Grand Sport Convertible

UPDATE ON SCC'S SPONSORSHIP AT THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

By Manny Siprut

As many of you know, about five years ago our Scottsdale Corvette Club began sponsoring one of the twenty "apartments" at the Phoenix Ronald McDonald House (RMH). The RMH is used by families while one of their children is undergoing medical treatment at the Children's Hospital. Their stay can be anywhere from days to several months, and is provided at little to no cost.

Several of our members were involved with this "adopt a room" project, where we were responsible for fully redecorating (furnishings, painting, bedding, etc.) one of the residential units at the RMH. Our spirited volunteers developed one of their most popular rooms because it had a Corvette theme. There is a wall plaque outside the room reflecting our sponsorship.



Sixteen SCC families donated household items or contributed funds for their purchase. In addition, we had a "painting crew," Kathy Bales, Connie Cassel, Sue Kulczycki, Clare Godsberry, Dorothy Durby and Joann Voss. We also had to have a "moving crew" for all the stuff (the muscle), Mark Bales, Walter Juessen, Mark Shaw, Al Star, and Dwayne Collier. The Club contributed an additional \$1,500 for required purchases, all of which resulted in a spectacular accomplishment.

There was a public ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 13, 2005, for all of the twenty renovated units which were featured on Chanel 3 News.

Since then, our Club has been providing new bedding and other linens on an annual basis, donated from our general funds at a cost of about \$400 per year. We also replaced our donated recliner that had worn out with a brand new one in 2007.

So why are we writing about this now? Well it seems that our great new room is now about five years old and the RMH thinks it could use some updating. To begin with, they have asked for funds (\$500) to purchase additional bedding to match the other rooms,

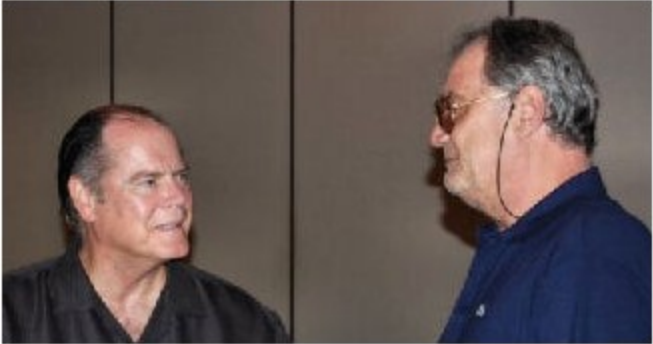
Ronald McDonald House Sponsorship

which we provided in November. But now we will need a volunteer committee to evaluate what else is needed to bring our unit back up to its pristine condition, and then execute on whatever plan is developed. No doubt we will need additional household items, some from donations and some will need to be purchased, and most importantly there will need to be "crews" for whatever creative work needs there are and also for the general labor required. Our new Board will identify a chairperson for this committee, but that person is going to need lots of help, -- so let's get prepared to show our Club spirit for a very worthy cause.



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





THIRD QUARTER ETHNIC EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE:

BRAZILIAN FOOD AT FOGO DE CHAO



Dining at Fogo de Chao is a unique experience. The salad bar is humungous, and you have to be careful not to fill up on all the luscious treats offered there. Because the meat service is unending; they offer FIFTEEN different cuts of meat which are brought to your table piping hot off the fire on long skewers. Plus there are numerous side dishes brought to your table which are also very large. Eating here is not for the timid!

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Here's a view of the salad bar



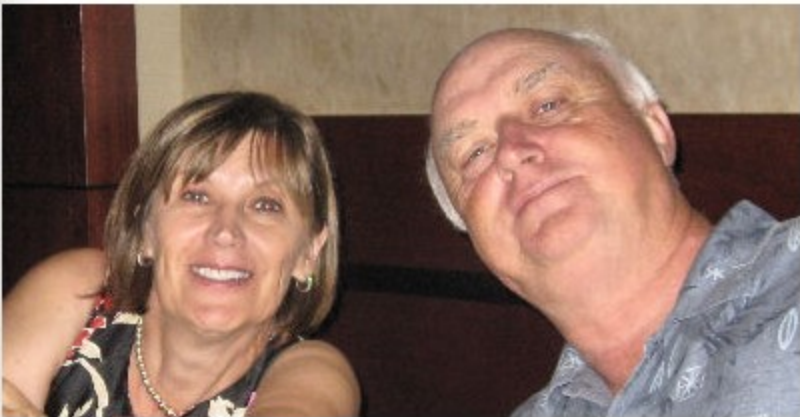
The waiters keep bringing the meat to you as long as you have your green medallion displayed (see photo at left). If you find you cannot eat any more, or need to take a rest, you turn the medallion to the red side and the waiters will not stop to offer you more of the meats.

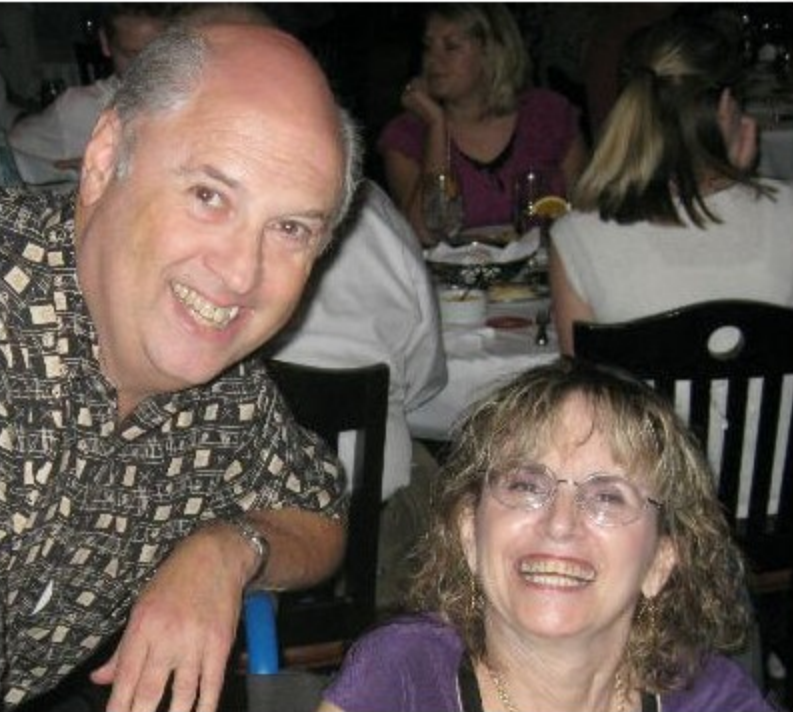
Fogo de Chao



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Thanks to Mark Bales for the photographs of the participants at this event.

And a big THANK YOU to Walter and Michele for selecting this restaurant for another Excellent Ethnic Epicurean Experience!



CORVETTES & GHOST RIDERS CAR SHOW IN TOMBSTONE OCTOBER 9-11

By Dorothy & Lon Durby





At the rest stop in Florence

October weather in Arizona is what we've been waiting for all summer; and it was a beautiful cool morning on Friday, October 9th, as five couples -Bales, Cassels, Durbys, Juessens and Spiruts - met at the Pavillions Starbucks. Kathy even made chocolate chip cookies to have with our coffee. Also Mark presented Manny with a package of micro-fiber rags. Ask Manny why!!

After our drivers meeting with our fearless leader, Mike Cassel, we headed to Tucson via the back road, with Walter leading with his new high-tech radar detector which could find Sheriff Joe's boys behind any bush or rock. Along the way we stopped to memorialize Tom Mix at his statue (see photo on page 71). We only had one U-turn in Florence, where Walter thought we should look into buying a trailer park, but we disagreed.



Lunch at El Charro

Corvettes & Ghost Riders

After finally getting through Tucson's traffic - everyone was out to see our five Vettes - we had a fantastic lunch at the El Charro Café, which is the nation's oldest Mexican restaurant in continuous operation by the same family. Our club eats at first class places. (See photo on page 75)

Then on to Tombstone to check into our rooms. It was mid-afternoon, but we convinced ourselves it was time for happy hour to begin.

This was when, while standing outside our rooms, the girls "picked-up" a chap, David Allen, from the U.K. During our get acquainted conversation, we found out he was riding his motorcycle around the world - top to bottom and back. We bonded so well, he ended up going to dinner with the group Friday night. And that was just the beginning; ask Kathy & Mark for the rest of the story.



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David's Bike



David's Route

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To follow David's adventures log onto his blog:
<http://pottedroadsandbumpytracks.blogspot.com>



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After dinner, David rides to the motel in the trunk

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Dawn and
Dorothy out by
the pool



Corvettes & Ghost Riders

Saturday morning found us on Allen Street getting lined up for the car show with 50 to 60 other beautiful Vettes. Mark and Walter won trophies for their class - the car class, not theirs. You'd think they were the only ones that ever won a prize.



Grape Ape limited edition C5

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The Trophy Boys



Lon's First C6 Inside his Second C6



Relaxing
at
the
Car
Show



After the car show we drove to Bisbee to spend the afternoon wandering the streets of the old mining town and enjoying refreshments at an outdoor garden spot.

After returning to our motel for happy hour, we said goodbye to Manny and Dawn as they had to drive home early to fly to Cabo.



Corvettes & Ghost Riders

Off to the Crystal Palace for dinner & dancing. Lon will be glad to tell the tale of how he danced with 4 gorgeous women.



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Dorothy and her Fine Wine

Corvettes & Ghost Riders



The next morning brought another beautiful day and we headed home via the super slab with a stop at the Nut House north of Tucson. This brought to an end another great trip in our vettes.

Thanks, Connie & Mike!



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