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September-October 2014

15TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



Brunch at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona in 2000



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*Steve and Terry Patricola's New Black on Black C7 Z51
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Meetings:

SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM for a dinner meeting.

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



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Scottsdale Corvette Club Mission Statement

To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter. This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car. All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.

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SCC Birthdays!

September

Jan Gustin - Sept. 4
Ken Harder - Sept. 10
Jerry Strimbu - Sept. 10
Karla Redford - Sept. 13
Carol Lipsky - Sept. 24
Robert Avondo - Sept. 25
Peggy Siebert - Sept. 25
Charlene Capek - Sept. 26



October

Larry Bloom - Oct. 4
Kathy Cartell - Oct. 4
Kay Schaffroth - Oct. 6
Tali Amir - Oct. 9
John Walch - Oct. 9
Brian Anton - Oct. 10
Robert Bailey - Oct. 17
Frank Tasnadi - Oct. 18
Foster Thomas - Oct. 23
Cheryl Bloom - Oct. 25
Richard Gobeille - Oct. 29



Coming Events!

TUES. Sept. 9 - 15th Anniversary Club Dinner Meeting
Sept. 11-14 - Trip to Gila Hot Springs, NM **(NEW DATE)**
Sept. 17 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
Sept. 24 - Board Meeting

Oct. 4 - Quarterly Ethnic Epicurean Dinner
Oct. 8 - Club Dinner Meeting
Oct. 15 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night
Oct. 22 - Board Meeting
Oct. 26 - Polo Event at WestWorld in Scottsdale

Nov. 12 - Club Dinner Meeting
Nov. 15 - Trip to Sabino Canyon in Tucson
Nov. 19 - Vette Vixens Dinner - Men's Poker Night

Dec. 3 - Board Meeting
Dec. 6 - Toy Run to Van Chevrolet & Holiday Party

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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September's Dinner Meeting
Tuesday evening, September 9
at Gainey Ranch Golf Club
will be a CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST
FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE LIFE OF THE
SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

BE SURE TO PUT THIS DINNER
MEETING ON YOUR CALENDAR!
THERE'LL BE LOTS OF HISTORY AND
FUN RECOLLECTIONS OF CLUB
HAPPENINGS.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER: TUESDAY, SEPT. 9!



New Board Member

*Newly appointed to the Board of Directors
of
the Scottsdale Corvette Club:*

FRANK TASNADI

*Frank's appointment was effective as of
August 27, 2014.*



Lisa and Frank Tasnadi

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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Steve Patricola

Well, summer is almost over, thank God, and the cool weather approaches. Terry and I got away for a few weeks in June by going to Colorado - Breckenridge, Vale, etc. Believe it or not, people were still skiing. The weather was warm, then cool, then rainy, etc. etc. and it SNOWED! Here is a picture of the Rockies at 12,500 feet and, as you can see, there was a lot of snow left.



The May SCC meeting had 52 members present with three guests - Larry and Charlene Capek and David Salvador - all of

From the Driver's Seat

whom became members, bringing our total membership up to 113. We had the second annual Club car show at the May meeting, where members presented their classic and new Corvettes. The May dinner offered an Italian buffet that had all the members raving about the quality and taste of the food. For me, it was the best meal I have had since being in the SCC, a far cry from the hockey puck hamburgers they used to serve...

The trip to Capitol Reef National Park in Utah, which is east of Bryce Canyon included stops at Lake Powell, Escalante State Park, Brian Head, and a side trip to Vegas (May 15-18th). There were seven cars and a few snafus with accommodations which were worked out, but from what I was told the scenery was spectacular and all had fun... which is the name of the game for this Club. Poker was held at the Lipsky's and, knowing Mike, he probably took some coin for the

house. Also in May, the Vette Vixens had a special visit to the Phoenix Art Museum where they saw a display of Hollywood costumes.

The June meeting was attend by 41 members and offered a Southwest dinner theme. The planned June trip to Racing in Las Vegas was canceled and replaced with a day trip on June 14th to Kohl's Ranch and the Tonto Bridge with seven cars going. The other June activity was the ethnic epicurian dinner which was attended by 22 people at Soi 4 a Bangkok Eatery at Gainey Ranch. The Vixen's dinner was canceled due to low turn out, and Poker was held at Doug Meskell's home.

As you know there are never any planned activities in July. At the August dinner meeting, Douglas and Solange Chaikin attended as guests and joined the Club, bringing our total current membership to 115.



New Cruisers

*Two new members of
the Scottsdale Corvette Club!
Please welcome:*

*Douglas and Solange Chaikin
and their 2010 Velocity Yellow
Grand Sport Convertible*

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

*Here's a photo of new members
Larry and Charlene Capek's 2008 Z06,
which they are selling to make room in their
garage for a 2015 Stingray*



From the Driver's Seat

Lastly, don't forget the SCC Fifteenth
Birthday celebration on TUESDAY,
September 9th!

Steve



Terry and Steve






***JOANN D'ALESSANDRO WON
\$200 IN THE MEMBERS'
DRAWING AT THE AUGUST
DINNER MEETING!***

*Now we start over at the
September dinner meeting,
with a \$25 drawing.
You must be there to win!*

**IN THIS TOWN,
BODYWORK DOESN'T
MEAN PLASTIC SURGERY.**

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Editor's Corner

By Dorinne Dobson

This issue of your Club newsletter is a little different. We only have one article on a current event, partly due to the July hiatus. But we do have a slew of stuff to whet your appetites for the upcoming 15th Anniversary Party on Tuesday evening, September 9 at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club! Your editor has dug down into the depths of her files and papers to dredge out a few details and articles written by members, past and present, on memorable moments and events of the Scottsdale Corvette Club.

We all owe a huge thank you to Ken Harder for his work in organizing the 15th anniversary dinner and gathering the memorabilia to produce the brochure to be distributed at this event. This promises to be a stunning

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evening with a great dinner and a chance to learn a little more about the Scottsdale Corvette Club, whether you're a new member or a long-time member.

I hope all you ladies have put the fashion show and luncheon sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Scottsdale on your calendars - Monday, November 24. It's going to be at the Princess Resort, with boutiques for shopping, silent and live auctions, a delicious lunch prepared by the resort's chefs, and a fashion show. Here's the link for more information: theauxiliary.org/special-events/ SCC Member Krysha Sorce is active in the Auxiliary that is sponsoring this event. Contact her at kryshalky7@aol.com or 847-682-5506 if you'd like to participate in a table of SCC women. The cost of the donation for the event is \$85 per person. I'm planning to go and hope to see lots of you there.

Please enjoy some features from "Remember When" and "Down Memory Lane" columns from past years, such as Gerry Goepfert's story from the March-April 2007 newsletter (see page 69), Dick Gutherless's article on one of the Club's trips on the Coronado Trail (page 67), and the little history of the Vette Vixens that appeared in the May-June 2007 newsletter (page 57). A lot has happened to the Vette Vixens since then, of course, and you will see an update of this history when you attend the 15th Anniversary celebration. Dick and Sue Kulczycki wrote up a little story of their early Club remembrances on page 65, and Jim Dobson has written an article on the early years of the Club's existence on page 73. Plus there are tidbits of remembrances scattered throughout the newsletter, not to mention the cover photo from September 2000!

Until the next issue, save the wave!

Dorinne



**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
YOUR CLUB NAME TAGS TO
THE MONTHLY MEETINGS
AND EVENTS! WITH ALL THE
NEW MEMBERS, IT WILL HELP
EVERYONE GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED!**



About the Cover Photo



Just in case you were unable to identify everyone in the cover photo (smaller version above), this is who was at the brunch on a Sunday in September 2000 at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona:

From left, standing: Jack and Linda Rankin, Steve and Christine Bidwell, Chuck and Sandi Weschler, John Parker, Jim and Dorinne Dobson, Debbie Usery, Scott McPherson, Terry Turley, Abe Feder, Connie and Mike Cassel. Seated: Hugh Anderson and Barb Feder.

Notice that many of us were wearing the original Scottsdale Corvette Club shirts with the embroidered images of our Corvettes on the front.

SCC MEMBERS WITH NEW CORVETTES!

Steve and Terry Patricola are the proud owners of a new 2014 Black on Black Z51 Corvette! You can see the side view of the car on the front cover of this issue. The Vette has the black LT3 interior with suede microfibre seat inserts. It's equipped with stock Z51 wheels with black-painted brake calipers, and a removable carbon fibre painted roof. A Z51 with magnetic ride control, performance traction management, electronic limited slip differential, 3.42 rear gearing, and performance exhaust.

What a beauty! Congratulations, Steve and Terry!



Down Memory Lane

Did you know...
During 1999 Scottsdale
Corvette Club meetings
were held twice a month,
on the 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays. Starting in
January 2000 the monthly
meeting date was changed
to the 2nd Wednesday.



Remember when...
We had a Corvette detailing
party at Scott McPherson's on
November 14, 1999. An
interesting experience for
those interested in cleaning
their Corvettes... and including
a pot luck dinner party.



Do you remember...
The meetings at the
Scottsdale Hyatt Gainey
Ranch when we brought
members' Corvettes into our
private dining room, and had
mini - one-car car shows during
our dinner meetings?



Christmas Brunch
on Dec. 5, 1999, at
Terry & Mary Turley's
home. Everyone
brought a dish and a
toy to donate to
Toys for Tots.



Remember when...
Howard Goebbels (of Howard's
Corvettes in Mesa) and Joe Reno
were members and gave technical
talks and demonstrations at several
of the monthly meeting at Sam's
Café on Scottsdale Road south of
Gold Dust. (The restaurant has
been gone for years!)



CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Courtesy of Walter Juessen, Activities Director

January 25

We don't know where we're going, but we'll see you there!



February 22

Lunch & Trip to Mystery Castle

March 14-16

Trip to Bisbee & Fort Huachuca



April 26

Picnic at Boyce Thompson Arboretum

May 16-19

Trip to Capitol Reef National Park, Utah



June 30 - July 2

Drive Exotic Cars @ Red Rock Canyon or NASCARs @ Las Vegas Speedway

CLUB TRIPS/ACTIVITIES FOR 2014 - Continued

July

NO ACTIVITIES!

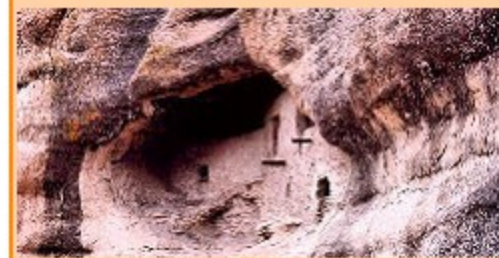


August 3-9

Trip to Pike's Peak, USAF Academy & Colorado Springs

September 11-14

Trip to Gila Hot Springs, New Mexico



November 15

Trip to Sabino Canyon, Tucson



October 26

Polo Party at West World in Scottsdale



December 6

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 Saturday each month
8 AM September 6th at
Corvettes and Caffeine
in Scottsdale, Arizona**

**Make sure you are where the
action is - Corvettes & Caffeine on
Scottsdale Road between Thomas
and MacDowell Road**

Free Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee!

**Shoebox Swap Meet - if it fits in a
Corvette, bring it along**

**Corvette Focused - OVER 100
Corvettes and growing with each
event!!!!**

**RSVP REQUIRED AT
<http://corvettesandcaffeine.com/>**



SAVE THE DATE!

***FIRST SATURDAY EVERY
MONTH!***

***Scottsdale Motorsports Gathering
at the Shops at Gainey Ranch
8877 North Scottsdale Road***

***All kinds of exotic cars in the
parking lot for a free
drive-up car show.***

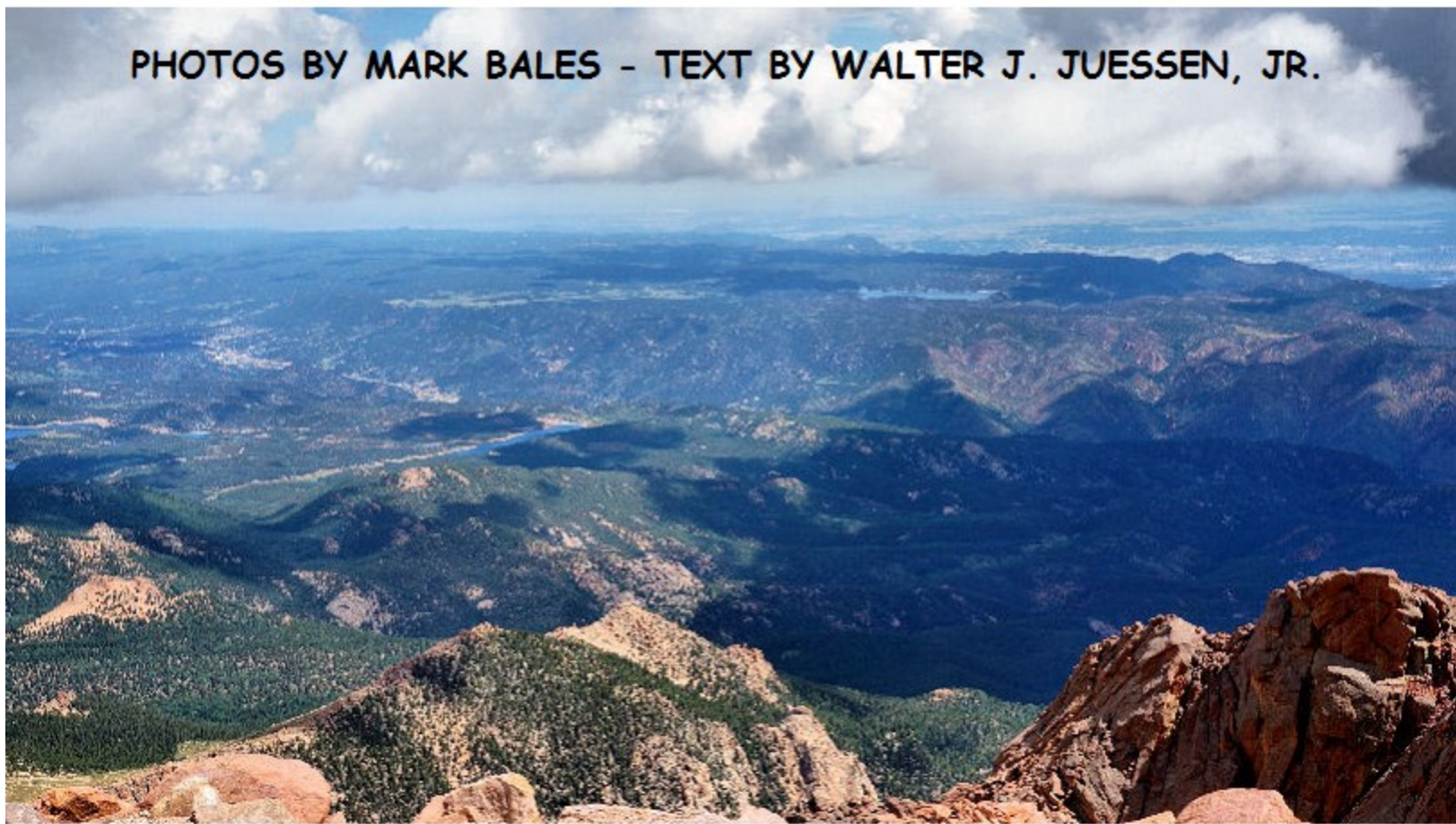
***In the summer the cars arrive
fairly early in the morning - 7:00.
In the cooler months at 8:00.***

SEE YOU THERE ON SEPT. 6?



TRIP TO PIKES PEAK, US AIR FORCE ACADEMY, ESTES PARK/ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AND PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES - TEXT BY WALTER J. JUESSEN, JR.



Colorado Trip

SINCE THE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS WAS VERY LARGE, WE DECIDED TO SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, WITH THE FIRST GROUP LEAVING A DAY EARLIER TO AVOID A TRAFFIC JAM. WE PLANNED TO GET REUNITED IN MANITOU SPRINGS, OUTSIDE COLORADO SPRINGS.

THE SECOND GROUP (LEAVING SUNDAY) MADE IT TO THE ROUTE 66 CASINO JUST OUTSIDE ALBUQUERQUE IN A SMOOTH 6+ HOURS, EVEN THOUGH SOME DECENT RAIN ON I-40.

NEXT MORNING GROUP TWO LEFT VIA SANTA FE AND TAOS TOWARDS COLORADO SPRINGS AND TAKING A ROUTE MORE NORTH AND THEN WEST TO CATCH I-25 SOUTH OF PUEBLO. WELL, THAT WAS A MISTAKE, BECAUSE I REMEMBER 2 TURNS. DON'T ASK: LEFT OR RIGHT?

FINALLY ARRIVED IN MANITOU SPRINGS AT "THE CLIFF HOUSE" HOTEL, A GREAT PLACE TO STAY. BTW, WE ARRIVED WHEN IT WAS RAINING. GROUP ONE ARRIVED MINUTES LATER.



The Cliff House



Heated Toilet Seat at the Cliff House

Colorado Trip

NEXT MORNING WE LINED UP TO CLIMB PIKE'S PEAK. BRIGHT SUNSHINE AND NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT.



On the Way to Pike's Peak

AFTER 45 MINUTES OF DRIVING UP TO 14,100 FEET AND WONDERFUL VIEWS, WE ARRIVED AT THE PEAK. ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS GOT OUT OF THE CAR, TOOK SOME PICTURES AND REALIZED

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THAT THE AIR WAS VERY THIN AND DECIDED TO GO BACK DOWN. ANOTHER PARTICIPANT DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS A TRAIL UP TO THE PEAK AND WENT BACK TO THE CAR. THE AIR WAS TOO THIN.

WHEN YOU GET DOWN FROM THAT INCREDIBLE MOUNTAIN RIDE, YOU HAVE TO STOP AND THEY CHECK YOUR BRAKES. MINE WERE 380 DEGREES -THE MAX. BUT THE GUY SAID YOU ARE FINE WITH THIS CAR.

AFTER LUNCH WE VISITED THE US AIR FORCE ACADEMY NORTH OF COLORADO SPRINGS, WHICH WAS VERY INTERESTING.

ON OUR WAY BACK TO MANITOU SPRINGS, WE TOOK THE SCENIC ROUTE IN THE GARDEN OF THE GODS. IT IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL - AS LONG AS IT IS

Colorado Trip



Walter at the Air Force Academy

NOT POURING DOWN LIKE HELL - AND WE WANTED TO GET OUT - ASAP - TO AVOID: "DO NOT ENTER WHEN FLOODED."

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING WE LEFT VIA BRECKENRIDGE TO ESTES PARK. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ABOUT "BLACK HAWK CASINOS" NEAR GOLDEN, COLORADO? IT'S JUST CASINOS. COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE THE STAFF IS LIVING.



BRECKENRIDGE



Estes Park

BTW, IT WAS RAINING ON OUR CLIMB TO ESTES PARK.

THE HOTEL WE STAYED AT - "ALPINE TRAIL RIDGE INN" - WAS VERY NICE WITH

Colorado Trip

A GREAT VIEW. ON THURSDAY WE TOOK THE DAY OFF FOR SHOPPING AND EXPLORING ESTES PARK. YES, YOU GUESSED IT - AT LUNCH TIME WE GOT OUR DAILY RAIN SHOWER. MARK BALES FOUND HIS CABIN, WHERE HE STAYED SOME 50 YEARS AGO. NICE MEMORIES.

NEXT MORNING, WE GROUPED UP TO HIT THE "TRAIL RIDGE ROAD." WELL, ANOTHER 12,000+ FEET HIGH DRIVE. BUT BEAUTIFUL VIEWS AND MOUNTAINS - AND NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT.

LUNCH WE HAD AT JENNI'S GREAT DINER AT THE RAMP TO I-70. IT IS FOR SALE AND ACROSS FROM A "MARIJUANA DISPENSER" -- CONVENIENT.

WE SAW SOME SIGNS ON I-70 THAT THERE WERE SOME TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Editor's Note: I snagged these photos of Mark's off Facebook the other day, before receiving Walter's article. Pretty cool of Mark to be able to remember being there and, more importantly, to be able to find the photo almost 50 years later!



1965



2014



On Trail Ridge Road

JUST BEFORE GLENWOOD SPRINGS. WHEN WE FINALLY CAME TO A STOP, KATHY BALES FOUND OUT VIA HER I-PHONE IT WILL TAKE US 1.45 HOURS TO GET TO GLENWOOD SPRINGS. GREAT! YES, AND IT RAINED FOR 15 MINUTES OR SO.



Michele & Kathy with Ghostly People
on Trail Ridge Road

ON SATURDAY WE LEFT VIA ASPEN AND INDEPENDANCE PASS TOWARDS PAGOSA SPRINGS. WE HAD LUNCH ABOUT 25 MILES SOUTH OF PONCHA SPRINGS AT THE "STEEL HORSE GRILL" IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. FOOD WAS PRETTY GOOD, EXCEPT ONE MAJOR DISAPOINTMENT:

Colorado Trip

BY ACCIDENT I ORDERED A BEER WHICH I SAW IN THE FRIDGE, SAT DOWN, HAD A SIP AND SAID "WOW! WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?" LOOKED CLOSER AT THE BOTTLE AND IT WAS A "KOELSCH STYLE ALE" FROM A LOCAL BREWERY IN PONCHA SPRINGS. WHAT IN THE WORLD IS "KOELSCH"? IT IS A BEER THAT IS ONLY BREWED IN COLOGNE, GERMANY, WHERE I WAS BORN. (THEY CANNOT CALL IT KOELSCH ONLY "STYLE.") ANYWAY, AFTER A COUPLE OF TEAR DROPS, REMEMBERING MY BIRTH PLACE AND MY FIRST DRINK AFTER 2 MONTHS OF MILK IN MY LIFE, I ASKED THE OWNER "CAN YOU SELL ME A CASE OF THIS BEER?" THE ANSWER: "NO, WE ARE NOT A TAKE OUT." THAT WAS THE DISAPPOINTMENT!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO THE NEXT GAS STATION TO FIND THAT BEER FINALLY,

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, I WAS DIRECTED TO A LIQUOR STORE RIGHT NEXT TO THE POLICE STATION. DON'T ASK WHERE THAT WAS.

WE ARRIVED RIGHT ON TIME FOR HAPPY HOUR AT PAGOSA SPRINGS, AFTER DRIVING THROUGH A SHORT RAIN SHOWER.



At Independence Pass

WE DECIDED TO HAVE DINNER AT A LOCAL CHINESE RESTAURANT. IT SAID 0.2 MILES. AFTER ALMOST A MILE WANDERING AROUND, WE GAVE THE



At the Alley House Grille in Pagosa Springs

RESTAURANT A CALL: "WHERE ARE YOU?" "WELL, WE CHANGED LOCATION. JUST KEEP GOING AND YOU WILL FIND US." GREAT. BUT IT WORKED OUT, AND THE FOOD WAS GREAT.

Colorado Trip

ON THE WAY BACK, MARK BALES DECIDED ON A SHORT-CUT BACK TO THE HOTEL. THE LADIES TOOK ANOTHER SHORT CUT, AND THE GUYS WERE LAUGHING THAT THEY WILL BE PRETTY SOON STOPPED BY A WALL. IT TURNED OUT THAT THERE WERE STEPS, AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR US. BUT WE HAD THE BETTER EXERCISE!

ON SUNDAY - OUR DAY OFF - WE CHECKED OUT PAGOSA SPRINGS FOR SHOPPING AND LUNCH. LATER, WE DROVE THE LADIES HOME AND WENT TO A SELF CAR WASH, TO GET RID OF 6.5 BILLION BUGS AND SOME DIRT.

WHEN WE WERE FINISHED AND DRIVING OUT TO GET GAS, A LITTLE SPRINKLE OF RAIN CAME DOWN. MARK BALES TOOK THE FIRST STREET TO THE RIGHT AND HIT A RAINY MUD HOLE IN THE STREET, AND THE CAR LOOKED

LIKE 30 MINUTES AGO. AND THE RAIN CAME DOWN!!!!

ON MONDAY WE LEFT BRIGHT AND EARLY VIA THE THE MOST SCENIC ROAD IN NEW MEXICO: SHIP ROCK TO GALLUP. TOOK THE ROUTE VIA HOLBROOK AND PAYSON, NOT WITHOUT ANOTHER GREAT RAIN SHOWER. WE ALL ARRIVED SAFELY BACK HOME.

OH - FORGOT:

GROUP ONE: THE BALES
GROUP TWO: THE JUESSENS

WALTER

**PLEASE NOTE: WALTER WRITES
ONLY IN CAPITAL LETTERS - NO
OFFENSE!**



Walter in the Mountains

8TH ANNUAL 2014 HISTORIC PRESCOTT CORVETTE CAR SHOW

By Rollie and Lyn Trayte

Only a month until the Prescott Vette Sette show - Saturday, September 27th. There's a small but mighty group planning to hang out at the Prescott Motor Lodge, 503 S. Montezuma Street, Prescott, AZ 86303, Phone (928)717-0157. We weren't able to fill all the rooms with SCC members, so we'll share the infamous fire pit with any takers that bring their own darned wine.

Due to a variety of schedules, we won't caravan up the I-17 hill, but will plan to arrive mid-afternoon Friday to get checked in, consume the obligatory Motor Lodge beverage and get the cars cleaned up for the Saturday show. Quite a few folks enjoyed the cocktail party at the Hotel St. Michael last year (\$5 prepaid



registration - see below), so rather than organize a group dinner, I think we'll plan to attend the reception with beer, wine and munchies - - then dinner on your own or for those coming from the reception, we'll order pizza from Rosa's to be delivered to the Motor Lodge.

I will correspond directly to the folks staying at the Motor Lodge to gain a consensus.

Saturday, if we want to park together, we should head up to the Square as a group - - planning to depart no later than 0730am.

Saturday evening will be a BBQ and party at the Prescott home of Jerry and Pam Strimbu who have a place just a few minutes from the Square. We'll need a head count for that, and those attending should plan to hit a local store to bring appetizers, salad or desert and your favorite beverage (we can coordinate that at the Motor Lodge).

Prescott Car Show

As you'll see from the website: <http://prescottvettesette.org/carshow.htm>, there's a "drive out" to Bagdad on Sunday, September 28, that the Prescott Vette Sette will do as their club event... but SCC members will be on our own to grab breakfast and head back to Phoenix.

If you're planning on going to Prescott and haven't told us, please drop a note. Otherwise, we'll be sending out an update in two weeks. Thanks.

Rollie & Lyn

CORVETTE TRIVIA

Did you know...



The Corvette was the first and last car with a "Wrap-Around" windshield.



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 ON SEPTEMBER 17!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



*Reprinted from the May-June 2007 Issue
Of the Scottsdale Corvette Club Newsletter*

THE VETTE VIXENS STORY

By Dorinne Dobson

One day long ago, circa 2000, two female members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club put their heads together and said: "Wouldn't it be nice if we could get some of the gals in the Club together and go out to dinner, just us girls?" We talked about it over a few months and finally we put it to the test. The instigators were Mary Rigali (no longer a member) and Dorinne Dobson. Mary was the leader,

and she investigated the restaurants and sent out emails to let everyone know the time and the meeting place. The criteria for restaurant choices were: (1) no chains; (2) they must be interesting; (3) new is definitely a plus; and (4) not too far afield from the Scottsdale area. We soon discovered another criteria: that we wanted to patronize only places that would give us separate checks.

Those first few years, we often had only four or five in attendance, but we always had a wonderful time together.

At some point Mary received a request from the Club President, Jim Dobson, to find a name for the group. He told her that if we couldn't decide on a name among ourselves, he would pick a name for the group. The pressure was on! A number of names were suggested and bandied about. We voted and chose the name "Vette Vixens." I must admit I didn't personally like the name much at first, but it has grown on me over the years and

The Vette Vixens Story

and now it seems like a natural moniker for the group.

When Mary left the Club, Donna Reagan took over the leadership role, and we went to many great places. When Donna got too busy with her political commitments, both for her family and her own, I took over the leadership role. It was one I relished because I love to eat out, and I read all the local news and reviews on restaurants. When Jim and I moved to Wickenburg, Dorothy Durby took over the reins and she has done an admirable job of keeping us up to date on the latest restaurants.

Some of the interesting places we have

- **Basis - New American Cuisine**, 410 East Thunderbird in Phoenix (two times! Once when I was in charge and again a year or so later when Dorothy was the chief.).
- **Bloom**, 8877 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale

- **Cafe Ted** at the Citadel at Pinnacle Peak & Pima Roads
- **Capital Grille**, 16489 North Scottsdale Road
- **Eleve**, 3118 East Camelback Road, Phoenix
- **Eurasia Bistro** at the Scottsdale Athletic Club
- **Latilla** at the Boulders Resort in Carefree
- **Lon's at the Hermosa Inn**, Phoenix
- **Mosaic**, 10600 East Jomax, Scottsdale
- **Rancho Pinot Grill**, 6208 North Scottsdale Road
- **Remington's** at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort
- **Vu** at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch
- **Malee's Thai** at Desert Ridge
- **Zinc Bistro** at Kierland Commons
- **Convivo Bistro** (back when it was owned by Chef Jeffrey Beeson) at 16th Street and Northern in Phoenix
- **Deseo** at the Westin Kierland Resort
- **Ibiza Cafe** at 4400 North Scottsdale Road
- **Marquesa** at the Princess Resort

The Vette Vixens Story

- **Medizona** at 7217 East Fourth Avenue, Scottsdale
- **Tapino's** at 7000 East Shea Boulevard
- **Maria's When in Naples** (now gone and replaced by Tapino's above)
- **Trader Vic's** at the Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale
- **North** at Kierland Commons
- **Sassi** at 10455 East Pinnacle Peak Road
- **Eddie V's Edgewater Grill** at DC Ranch Marketplace
- **Ocean Club Fish House** at Kierland Commons
- **Wildfish Seafood Grille** on the Scottsdale Waterfront

And there are many others, now defunct or replaced by other restaurants. Just last month we went to the Spotted Donkey at El Pedregal in Carefree, where I can personally tell you that the stuffed pasilla peppers are tremendously good!

Editor's Note: Remember this was written in 2007!



Here's the Vette Vixens in September 2001:
From left, Sandi Weschler, Carolyn Van Santen, Dorinne Dobson, Mary Rigali and Kathy Bales

REMEMBER WHEN...

We had a fondue party at Dorothy & Lon Durby's home in January 2003. We ate cheese fondue for the appetizer, fondue bourguignon (beef) with tossed salad, bread and butter for the entree, and chocolate fondue with fruit and angel food cake for dessert. All that food and fun for \$15 per person!

SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24!

The Auxiliary of the Boys & Girls Clubs
of Greater Scottsdale invites you
to a dazzling day of friends,
food and fun!



Visions of Sugarplums

Want to have lunch at the Scottsdale Princess with a fantastic fashion show, plus shopping at some fabulous boutiques? Member Krysha Sorce is active in this organization and has offered to secure a table or tables for any SCC members interested in attending. The cost is \$85 per person, with all proceeds benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Scottsdale. Call or email Krysha at 847-682-5506 or kryshalky7@aol.com.



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EARLY MEMORIES OF SCC

By Dick & Sue Kulczycki

We moved to Scottsdale in May 1997, and even though I had just retired from Ford Motor Company, I was on my fourth Corvette. I don't remember the exact date, but I saw an ad at some point for a Corvette Get Together at the Pavilions Shopping Center on Saturday night. We stopped by to take a look, and we saw a note in one of the cars that gave a phone number to call if we were interested in getting together with other Corvette owners. It turned out it was Jeff Thomas's car, and he called me shortly afterward.

He asked if I would be interested in taking my car to PIR the next Sunday. Jeff had set up a Corvette parade, in which we would drive with our tops down, with a disabled child sitting on the top, before the race being run that Sunday. I thought it was a great idea, and it was fun even though there were not too many Corvettes there.

I then began attending the monthly meetings at Sam's Cafe in Scottsdale. The attendees at these meetings that I can remember were mainly Jeff, our President, Jim and Dorinne, Mary and Terry Turley, Lloyd Benner and Scott McPherson.

The first social outing we can remember is our boat trip on Canyon Lake with a dinner after at Terry and Mary's house. We have a picture of everyone so we remember who was there!!! Jim and Dorinne, Hugh and Jane Anderson, Scott McPherson and Debbie Usery, Bob and Barbara Gerhardt (who had just ordered their first Corvette), Jeff, and pretty sure Lloyd was there also.

We remember thinking "this is a pretty nice group of people to hang around with" - and here we are, many years later!!!!

Dick and Sue





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Down Memory Lane - Better Yet - Up the Coronado Trail

By Dick Gutherless (former, now deceased, member)

In 2003 the Club made its first excursion on the Coronado Trail. For the uninitiated, it is Highway 191 between Clifton and Alpine. In less than 100 miles you encounter 500 Corvette turns as you climb from 3500 feet to almost 9000 feet. No wonder it is called the "twistiest Highway in the US." It is also the least traveled road in at least Arizona.

We traveled to Safford on Friday and stayed overnight. I remember a great dinner feast at Brick's Steak House, a short drive from the motel. In the morning, all refreshed we started out on the short drive to Clifton and Morenci, home of the Phelps-Dodge open pit copper mine.

Then the fun began, and for Linda and me our most memorable SCC moment began. Somehow (by luck I guess) Linda and I ended up right behind the tour leaders, Chuck and Sandi Weschler. Chuck, I noticed was taking some optimal lines through the corners, and I followed closely, although at times taking different lines. We never were more than 10 feet apart the entire way to Hannigan's Meadow. Luckily we did not encounter any traffic to slow us down. A couple of times we got so far ahead of the following group we even lost radio contact and stopped for them to catch up. We never broke loose or even squealed the tires, just drove smooth and steady. It was a blast! Chuck is a great driver and leader - I'll follow him anytime. At lunch we found out that Chuck, like I, had road racing in our backgrounds.

The rest of the trip was great, but could never match the euphoria of the climb up the Coronado Trail. If you have never tried it - DO!



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REMEMBER WHEN...

Here's one I remember from one of our monthly club meetings. I suppose I mostly remember only the humorous which occurs on the spur of the moment. Do you remember this meeting?

I'm sure it was planned to be a typical monthly Club meeting at the Hyatt, hosted by our Club president Hugh. As the meeting progressed, Hugh graciously reviewed and introduced the various board members to speak. Afterwards, the traditional member birthday announcements, followed by introducing some new guests who were planning on joining the Club. In particular, there was a young couple, John and Carol. John stood

and spoke briefly about his recently acquired black 1996 convertible given to him as a wedding gift by his wife Carol. At that point everyone applauded, John returned to his seat, and we all were about to move on to the next subject. Well, almost everyone, except for one young Club member who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask John a question about his Vette. As the room quieted, this young Club member asked a rather unique question which I'm sure was on the minds of many at the meeting. In a soft low-keyed voice, John was asked, not about his Corvette, but to tell us "How did you find such a wonderful woman who could show her love in such a magnificent way?" Before John had a chance to answer, the young Club member insisted that he (John) take as much time as needed to tell us the whole story.

It didn't matter what John said at this point, laughter broke the silence and filled the room. It did turn out to be a beautiful story that everyone enjoyed. The moral to this memory is: It doesn't matter where we gather, we have fun; the memories are there to take.

Gerry Goepfert



**TRIP TO GILA HOT SPRINGS,
NEW MEXICO
SEPTEMBER 11-14**

What a great adventure Walter has planned for this trip! Leaving Thursday, overnight accommodations at a unique hotel in Pinos Altos, near Silver City, NM - here's the link:
www.bearcreekcabins.com.

Friday, visit the Gila Dwellings National Monument, plus shopping or relaxing at the Buckhorn Saloon in Silver City.
Saturday, on to Pinetop to overnight at the Holiday Inn Express.

Homeward bound on Sunday.

What's not to like about this trip?
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!**

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB

By Jim Dobson

Part I. The Original Undocumented Scottsdale Corvette Club

The Scottsdale Corvette Club was started by Jeff Thomas in 1996. Jeff put a lot of time, effort and money into establishing the club. The focus was that of a non-traditional club and, as a consequence, there were no dues, organizational structure or organized events. He had a list of members, which included everybody that had ever attended a meeting and taken the time to complete an application.

Jeff Thomas, the originator of the Scottsdale Corvette Club concept, was a very unique individual. His motivating drive was to live Corvettes twenty-four hours a day and he felt that his followers should do the same. He would bring boxes and boxes of

literature to each meeting, and often he would have people bring in Corvette parts and put on mini-seminars.

We would also have drawings for door prizes that he had purchased. His enthusiasm for Corvettes was unending. His short-comings were that he lacked organization and delegation. He would announce what we were going to do but delegate no one to follow up and make it happen.

I first became aware of the Scottsdale Corvette Club through a series of classified advertisements appearing in the *Arizona Republic* under the automobile classifications. I had always kept a close eye on the ads looking for good deals on cars or parts, especially Corvettes. The ads promoted the Corvette Club meetings which were being held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. I never paid too much attention to them as we had sort of burned out on the

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Corvette club scene in 1990 and had not been active for a few years.

One evening Dorinne and I had gone out to Garcia's Mexican Restaurant for dinner, and I heard the sound of auto racing coming from one of the secluded rooms. Being curious, I stuck my head around the corner where I saw a TV set up and a VCR tape was being played of the Corvette autocross from the annual Corvette gathering that occurred over the 1998 Labor Day weekend. As I was peering at the TV, Jeff Thomas approached, and when he found out that we had a Corvette he invited us to join in the meeting. Since we had already ordered our meal, we elected not to join them that evening.

I continued seeing his ads in the *Republic* and finally decided to check out the meeting on the first Tuesday of May, 1999. At this meeting, I met Dick Kulczycki, a long-time Corvette owner and learned that we both

were driving 1994 convertibles. The meeting was at Sam's Café on Scottsdale Road just south of Shea Blvd. They had great chicken caesar salad, and we had a great time talking about Corvettes. It turned out that Dick had participated in the pre-race activities for the Indy Car Series Race in April at Phoenix International Raceway where Corvettes from the area were organized to do a lap or two around the raceway.

When I attended my second meeting with Dorinne, Mark Shaw showed up driving "our" 1972 Corvette convertible that we had owned from early 1973 through October of 1995, also his first time to attend a meeting.



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We continued to attend some meetings and participated in a few out-of-town trips. Our first trip was led by a couple who never became members of the "Documented Club." It was memorable because we went to Jerome by way of Yarnell Hill, a great drive, but our leaders stopped in Yarnell and took a side trip to the Stations of the Cross. After what seemed like a long time, they returned to continue on to Jerome. It seems that the couple leading was shopping for a house in Jerome and again disappeared, never to surface again. After waiting for quite a while, a group of us decided we had been in Jerome long enough and decided to return home to the Valley on our own.

We participated in a few trips including the Natural Bridge and Canyon Lake. The last and most important "trip" that we participated in was an expedition to Biosphere II scheduled for the Saturday

after the 3rd Thursday night meeting. Dorinne was otherwise occupied, so I convinced my son to go along with me. We arrived at the meeting place in Ahwatukee at the appointed time to find Terry and Mary Turley waiting. The announced departure time arrived, and no one else was in sight. We waited for several minutes for others to show up, but after about a half hour, we decided that we represented the group that day. We discussed whether we should go or not and came to the conclusion "WHY NOT." With that we were off with Terry leading the way in his 1998 Silver Bullet.

We decided to travel the off-freeway route through Florence and Coolidge. It was at this point we experienced the first of Terry's "U-TURN" specials. My son recognized that we had made a wrong turn, and I had to get Terry's attention by flashing my lights and getting him to stop.

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This was pre-radio days and a precursor to the Club's adoption of the radios that we use to this day.

The main subject of conversation on the big trip to Biosphere II was the need for planning and organization since so many of Jeff's plans went astray. Both Terry and I agreed that if the Club was to succeed it would need some organization and structure. The only problem was how to get through to Jeff what was so badly needed.

Part II The Documented Scottsdale Corvette Club

Surprisingly, it was not long before Terry called me and said that Jeff had left all of his Corvette Club information on his doorstep with a note saying that he was moving to San Diego to start a new business venture.

There were several members who liked get-

ting together, so when Jeff relocated to San Diego, it afforded an opportunity to organize the club and become more focused on the activities that the members were interested in.

I had really enjoyed Jeff's Corvette club as it gave me an opportunity to meet with other Corvetters with no responsibility to do anything. I could either attend the meetings or blow them off. I didn't have to do anything, because there was nothing to do. It was really the type of environment that I was looking for at the time.

Unfortunately, this was about to change. Dorinne and I were asked to help with the organization because we both had prior Corvette club experience. Dorinne had been a board member and newsletter editor, and I had previously served as President of Corvette Club of Arizona and the General Chairman of the Western

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States Corvette Council Convention held in Scottsdale in July 1981.

As a result of this organizational meeting, I was the only one standing without any responsibility after everybody else had volunteered for a position. My original plan was to offer guidance only. When I was asked to be the President, I reluctantly accepted what I thought would be a temporary position. I ended up serving as the Club's president until January 2003.

The Scottsdale Corvette Club was incorporated in August 1999 and became a 100-percent participating club in the Na-

tional Council of Corvette Clubs. NCCC is the official organization of Corvette clubs and provides insurance to protect us in our organized group activities. We continued to hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We planned trips, and Terry, our original Tour Director, planned ahead and laid out the routes, often doing one or two dry runs to make sure everything would go as planned. With this organized approach came more members that were actually participating in our activities.

In December of 1999, it was determined that the Club would meet the needs of more people if we had only one membership meeting and one board of directors meeting each month. It was determined that switching the meeting to the 2nd Wednesday night of each month worked better for most of our members.



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activities in 2000. The board had discussed obtaining an automobile dealer as a club sponsor. After much discussion, the directors put together a proposal to present to the Chevrolet dealers in the area. Since we were the Scottsdale Corvette Club, it was felt that our first choices would be a Scottsdale automotive dealer. At the time there were two Chevrolet dealers in Scottsdale. Dick Kulczycki and I volunteered to make the presentations to the dealers on our list.

After careful consideration of the responses to our proposals for sponsorship, we selected Chuck Mullins and Van Chevrolet as the dealer that most closely matched our expectations for the promotion of America's oldest and true sports car and Chuck's ideas and plans for the future growth of Corvette sales and exposure of the Club.



Our official sponsorship agreement with Van Chevrolet started effective May 1, 2001, and Van's Corvette sales and the Club have grown each year.

Jim Dobson



Corvette Hatchback Coupe



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Okay, so I stole this off Facebook, but what a neat photograph! Here's the caption:

Driving across the plains of Wyoming. Two new 2014 Corvettes in the rearview mirror of a 1964 Vette.

This was taken on the annual caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

SAVE THE DATE!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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Championships!

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