

## Welcome to the Verde Valley Vettes

The Verde Valley Vettes was formed in August 1996 by a group of Corvette enthusiasts who wanted to enjoy their common interest and give back to their community. Located in central Arizona, the club is a member of the Roadrunner Region of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

Throughout the year the club organizes events in support of local charities, such as the Big Brothers - Big Sisters Christmas giving program, and, through the NCCC, supports St. Judes Children's Research Hospital.

Members enjoy rallies, car shows, picnics, drive-outs, competitive driving and many other activities, all of which make owning a Corvette an even more enjoyable experience. **To join, e-mail Larry McCarty at llagp2@q.com or call him at 928-634-5745.**

### 2016 Officers

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**Website: [www.verdevalleyvettes.com](http://www.verdevalleyvettes.com)**

### President's Message

Hello to all.

Last month's meeting was a good one with 15 members present and we welcomed two new members, Bruce and Terri Huelat.

Dorothy & I have mailed out 75 letters to previous members to tell them about the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and asked them to join us. Some of the addresses we sent to were very old and some have been returned. We checked local phone books for current addresses but were unable to find any of them.

Our outing at G Burgers was fun and, of course, the food is always good. We had 12 members present and a couple who were members years ago, Rod and Marsha Rosenbarger, rejoined the club. Welcome back! We missed Larry as he was a little under the weather. Hope you are feeling better Larry.

We are looking forward to going to Ruidoso, NM next month. So far it looks like there are going to be five cars going. It should be a good trip.

Dorothy and I will not be at the July meeting. Again, we are going to San Diego for a friend's wedding. We'll see all of you next month.

Keep living the dream ... drive a Vette.

Jim Schade

### Welcome New Members:

Bruce and Terri Huelat                      Rod and Marsha Rosenbarger

### 20th Anniversary Dinner

Join us for the big celebration, 5:30 P.M. Saturday, August 20 at Nate's Cowboy Café. Dinner is \$22.75 per person. Make your check out to Verde Valley Vettes and send to Jim Schade, 812 S. Tigres Trail, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 no later than August 10.

## NCCC Governor's Report

August 1996:

After sending out flyers and leaving notes on any Corvette we saw, 15 Corvette owners made it to Cottonwood Arby's

to discuss starting a club in Verde Valley. The response was, "Let's do it" and all 15 people signed up. Officers were picked; Tom Seitz was elected the first president. A week later Larry Green Chevrolet was approached about becoming the club sponsor and he said he'd give it a try. Twenty years later the club has 40 members and Larry Green Chevrolet is still the sponsor.

In September of 1996 in St. Louis MO. the club joined National Council of Corvette Clubs, hosted its first Sanctioned event in January of 1997 and has been very active since. In 2000 we had our first Monopoly Rally to get toys for kids for Christmas and in 2001 we teamed up with Big Brothers - Big Sisters to sponsor kids at Christmas. That first year with BB-BS we raised 310.00 and sponsored 6 kids. Every year since then we have helped 25 - 30 kids each Christmas donating over \$30,000 in clothes, shoes, toys and bicycles. We have also raised money each year for the Bowl for Kids. The NCCC national charity has been the Kidney Foundation and each year raffle tickets are sold to raise money. An award is given to every club that sells at least one ticket for each member and Verde Valley Vettes has been a %100 club every year. We are the only club in the region to do this. We have also been active with the Mingus High School shop class and car show, helping out every year since the show started 10 years ago.

The club has been very active within the region since its start and holds several events each year from rallies to picnics and

drive outs to local events as well as other club's events and has finished 2nd and 3rd in regional points several times against clubs several times our size.

For Corvette fun in Northern Arizona, from Flagstaff to Camp Verde, come join us. We can be found online at VerdeValleyVettes.com

### Presidents over the years:

1996	Tom Seitz
1997	Dick Quam
1998, 99 & 2002	Pete Westbay
2000 & 2001	Rick Hillhouse
2003	Jesse Miles
2004, 2005 & 2009	Robin Weishan
2010	Russ Mendhall
2011	Bernie Myers
2012 & 2013	Dick Gozzi
2014 & 2016	Jim Schade
2015	Larry Martin

### Treasurer's Report (as of 7/1/2016)

General Fund:	\$2039.73
BBBS:	<u>1579.62</u>
Total:	\$3619.35

### Editor's Notes

We have gained several new members lately. As a result, I'm publishing a new club directory and including it with this newsletter. Please verify your information. Thanks. Bernie

**The next meeting will be 9:30 A.M. Saturday (yes, Saturday) July 30 at Annie's Restaurant, 660 E. Mingus, Cottonwood.**

## Verde Valley Vettes June 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Annie's Restaurant, Cottonwood  
Jim Schade — President  
Attendance: 14

President Jim Schade welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked Russ for conducting the meeting in his absence last month. A very special welcome to our two new members, Terri and Bruce Huelat—thanks for joining!

May minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report by Connie Myers:**

Our club fund balance is \$2,039.24 and Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) fund now has \$1,579.62. Larry reported that our car show last month made \$1,017.87! Treasurer's report was approved.

### **Governor's Report by Larry McCarty:**

Ken Daby Great Summer Escape, NCCC Sanctioned Event and 3rd Quarter National Governor's Meeting, in Ruidoso, New Mexico has changed the host hotel from La Quinta to the Quality Inn. There will be no Sunday rally this year so that everyone can have a leisurely drive home on Sunday. Lots of us are going: Connie and Bernie, Judi and Tim, Jim and Dorothy, Tia and Dick, and Larry and Donna thus far. Connie is suggesting leaving on Thursday so as not to rush. She also suggested we decide where we all want to stay in Ruidoso and on the way over there. Be thinking about it!

Corvette Raffle update! Larry will NOT be handling the sales so everyone who wants them is on their own to purchase them. They're sure to sell out fast so be watching for sales information or contact Larry for more details.

20th Anniversary Party update: We'll be partying it up at Nate's Cowboy Café on 89A. Show up at 5:30 p.m. for no-host cocktails; dinner will be at 6:30 P.M.. Dorothy is sending out a letter to all former members we still have addresses for. We're going to have a great time!

### **New Business:**

- Connie is taking orders for shirts and other wearing apparel. She has taking considerable care to make sure the offered items are readily available, and Bernie has added all the information to our website. However, if there's something you really want but don't see, contact Connie and she'll check into it. Thanks Connie!
- No picnic this year due to the 20th anniversary party and Bearizona.
- July 13, 5:00 P.M. is our next fun supper together at G's Burgers in Cornville. Yum!
- Next meeting is **Saturday, July 30** at Annie's!! Please note the day change from our usual Sunday.
- The Mogans attended the Prescott car show and had a great time even though they didn't enter. They reported that there were about 200 cars. Thanks for letting us know!
- Dick and Tia attended the car show in Mund's Park on the same day and won 2nd place!

### **Old Business:**

- Fall trips:
  - Overnight trip to La Posada will be September 16 & 17
  - One day trip to Bearizona will be October 22Tia will send out an email with the details.
- Volunteers still needed for the Governor's job.

- More pictures are needed for our website. Thank you for the great job you do with the site, Bernie!
- We're still thinking about fundraising/community awareness like a window sticker or decal.
- Judy Dawson was going to look into an ad in the Sedona paper for us upon her return.
- Mexican Riviera cruise—Larry hasn't checked on it recently.

#### Upcoming Events

- **July 17-22: Roar into Omaha, NCCC Convention,** Omaha, Nebraska.  
[www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2016.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2016.html)
- **August 6-7: Watson Lake Car Show and Old Engine Fire-up.**  
[www.arizonacarshows.com/aug/aug6watsonlakeflyer.pdf](http://www.arizonacarshows.com/aug/aug6watsonlakeflyer.pdf)
- **August 12-14: Ken Daby Great Summer Escape, NCCC Sanctioned Event and 3rd Quarter National Governor's Meeting,** Ruidoso, New Mexico. Meet at La Quinta Inn and Suites. Get all the details at  
[www.phantomvette.com/uploads/3/4/3/9/34394683/kdgs\\_e\\_ombo\\_reg\\_2016.pdf](http://www.phantomvette.com/uploads/3/4/3/9/34394683/kdgs_e_ombo_reg_2016.pdf)
- **October 8-9: Our very own PC Car show and Monopoly/3 Poker Runs.** October 8th is the Regional Meeting that we host. Our sanctioned PC car show is at G's Burgers in Cornville. It's going to be great!
- **October 23: Desert Corvette Spooktacular PC Car show.**  
[www.verdevalleyvettes.com/calendar/october/dca\\_spooktacular.pdf](http://www.verdevalleyvettes.com/calendar/october/dca_spooktacular.pdf)

**50/50 Raffle:** \$51 total pot, and Bernie was finally the winner of \$25.50! Way to go Bernie!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Canteloupe, Secretary



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