

President's Message



By Rich Link



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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. 2012 will be an exciting year for the AZ Vipers with the public unveiling of the 2013 Viper at the New York Auto Show in early April and VOI 12 at a location soon to be announced, September 27–30th.

We have tried to bring a new venue of events to you this year, with the exception of our annual trip to the Barrett-Jackson Auction in January. The National Board and Regional Presidents will once again be joining us in Scottsdale that weekend, and we will caravan to the show on

January 21st.

A number of weekend trips are planned with an overnight, starting in February when we will caravan to Lake Havasu City for their 'Winter Festival' activities. In March, we will join up again with the So Cal Club in Indio, CA for a weekend of autocross and cruising. March is our 'racing' month, as a week later Viper Days comes to the INDE Motorsports Track in Wilcox, AZ. Flagstaff will be our overnight destination in May with a trip to the Lowell Observatory. Not a scheduled event for our local club, but a number of us are planning a trip in

April for the new Viper presentation.

VOI 12 most likely will be in the Midwest (if not, somewhere East.) The good news is that for those that choose not to drive their Viper this year, the new 2013 is supposed to be available to us for at least the autocross events.

It should be a fun-filled year celebrating all things Viper, but you need to be a member of our club to partake, so if you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do it now! There will also be Viper raffles, so again, you need to be an active member.



Sedona—October

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The Arizona and Southern California Clubs got together for a cooperative event this year when So Cal came to



Scottsdale with 18 cars with accommodations at the Talking Stick Resort and Casino. On Friday evening the AZ Club joined the So Cal members, and we collectively cruised with 27 Vipers through the mountains surrounding the infamous Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse. In our reserved section of the

outside patio, we enjoyed a terrific steak and chicken dinner, complete with our own private bar and dancing next to the main stage with a live western band. As a special treat, the So Cal Club presented everyone a complimentary blue cooler bag with custom embroidery to display both Club

logos. These coolers were filled with 2 bottles of water for our cruise the next day. Before leaving that night. All the

members were encouraged to check out the tie collection (the restaurant has a long tradition of cutting off the tie of anyone who wears one and hanging it from the ceiling) and the live snake displays (seemed Very Viper appropriate.) It was a wonderfully clear and cool evening and a great way to

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start our weekend together.

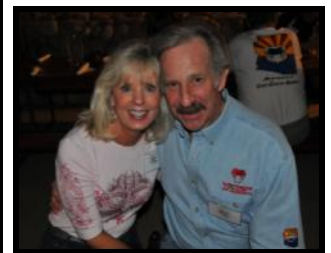
Early the next day on Saturday, we all reassembled in the parking lot of the Talking Stick Resort for our cruise to Sedona. The weather was perfect, and we departed on the freeway system exiting Phoenix toward Flagstaff with a pit stop in Cottonwood. Unfortunately one of our So Cal members had to pull off the road on the leg due to a mechanical issue. The cars that stopped with him to help diagnose the problem rejoined us at the pit stop, along with a few AZ Vipers from our northern locations. We left with 28 Vipers now in

a caravan as we exited the freeway and dropped down on the winding and scenic road through the Oak Creek Canyon toward Sedona. We had planned this date for the fall colors and were not disappointed. Our kudos to all—the group stayed together throughout this trip, and we are sure it was quite the surprise for all the other visitors to this beautiful area to see 28 Snakes slithering through the canyon on our way to Slide Rock Park, just north of Sedona.

After parking all 28 Viper snakes in our designated space in front of our reserved cabana, we enjoyed a

catered barbecue lunch. We coaxed National President Marv Spatz to make a few comments, although we were largely unsuccessful in getting much advance information on VOI or the 2013 Viper. ☺ Members were then free to explore the beautiful park and watch the brave swimmers slipping and sliding through the cold Oak Creek flowing water.

It was wonderful seeing old friends and making new ones as our two clubs came together for this event.



Biosphere 2—November

Visiting Biosphere 2 was a different kind of Viper tour—a rare experience



into a futuristic eco-system. Our enthusiastic Tucson representative, Jeff Binder and Oro Valley resident, Norm Tofield met the Phoenix Vipers in Florence, then continued on to the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains where Biosphere is located just north of Tucson. Everyone enjoyed the return trip through a slightly different route via

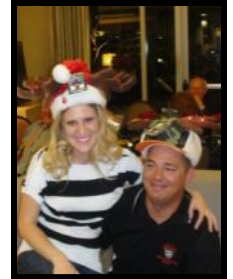


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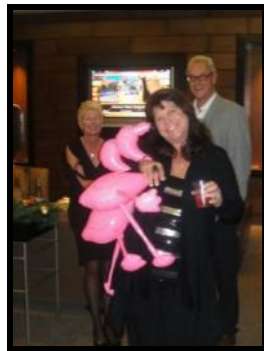
Holiday Party—December

Thank you to Lorelee and George MacDonald for sponsoring our Holiday Party this year. Their resident club room was an ideal venue for our annual celebration of the holiday season. The evening started with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails including a complimentary champagne punch from Lorelee poured into a custom AZ Viper logo champagne glass designed by Debbie Ruckert. Before dinner, we had a little scare with a call from Mike & Laurie Smith regarding an accident on their way to the party. Luckily, no one was hurt and Eddie Martin was quick to rescue their Viper on his tow vehicle from Bill Luke. They all made it back to the party in time for the presentation of awards. First up was the most Enthusiastic Members for 2011: Mike & Sharon Scheffer. We are also fortunate to have 2 racing stars amongst us: Tim Jelle, US TT-2 Champion and George MacDonald, US TT-1 Third Place. Congratulations to everyone!



Holiday Party—Continued

2011 Profit/Loss



Viper Club of America - Arizona Region, Inc. Profit & Loss January through December 2011

	Jan - Dec 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Event Fees	
Barrett-Jackson 2011	5,835.00
Bowling 2011	460.00
Holiday Party 2011	1,985.00
Lake Pleasant 2011	425.00
Mystery Dinner 2011	360.00
Pima Air Museum 2011	365.00
Prescott 2011	540.00
Rim Country 2011	144.00
Run to the Pines 2011	612.00
Sedona 2011	3,207.50
Total Event Fees	13,933.50
Membership Dues	3,760.00
Merchandise Income	2,024.00
Total Income	19,717.50
Cost of Goods Sold	
Event Expenses	
Barrett-Jackson 2011	5,935.76
Biosphere 2011	135.00
Bowling 2011	889.70
Holiday Party 2011	3,286.54
Lake Pleasant 2011	447.06
Mystery Dinner 2011	404.22
Pima Air Museum 2011	373.05
Prescott 2011	538.00
Rim Country 2011	236.06
Run to the Pines 2011	654.60
Sedona 2011	3,341.32
Tech Session 2011	49.14
Total Event Expenses	16,290.45
Merchandise Purchases	1,610.48
Total COGS	17,900.93
Gross Profit	1,816.57
Expense	
Awards	181.98
Gifts	100.00
Office Supplies	49.61
Postage and Delivery	47.23
Professional Fees	
Legal Fees	115.00
Total Professional Fees	115.00
Supplies	26.32
Travel & Ent	
Meals	167.43
Total Travel & Ent	167.43
VOI - Viper Owners Invitational	
VOI Apparel	-435.00
Total VOI - Viper Owners Invitational	-435.00
Web Site	107.88
Total Expense	360.45
Net Ordinary Income	1,456.12
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We celebrated 4 birthdays: Warren, Sandi, Shelli and Bruno. Suzanne & Bruno our visiting here from Switzerland. Warren won the Nurburgring silent auction poster with a big smile. We had a great time!