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## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CORVETTE -N- AMERICA ROAD TOUR

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Contrary to what I've been told all my life, I found out that if you spend a whole day surrounded by nothing but Chevy's, you DON'T break out in a bowtie rash.

This past weekend was the first ever Corvette-N-America Road Tour presented by Route 66 Car Club Members Dwayne and Cindy Bublitz. The event was geared towards Corvettes and included Corvettes from all over the western United States. From what I understand, they started arriving in Flagstaff on Thursday and on Friday they took a trip to the Grand Canyon. We saw several Corvettes Friday night at the Galaxy Diner.

Saturday was the Show and Shine on the football field at Flagstaff High School. There was a \$5 spectator admission fee of which part of that was to go back to the high school. There were several vendors placed along the track and 2 DJs playing music! There was a few food vendors as well. Most impressive - a Ben and Jerry's ice cream wagon! Now we're talking a classy show. You can't do any better than big trophies and ice cream.

When you went through the gate you were handed a red ticket so spectators could participate in the raffle along with show participants. I thought that was a pretty neat idea.

I quickly found club member Mike Ebersole and his bright orange 77 Corvette and settled in to enjoy the afternoon with him and Mac McCrorey. Mac was acting as Mike's "pit crew" for the day.

We walked around the field and looked at all the beautiful Corvettes. While most all of them were newer cars, what amazed me was that there were cars from Wyoming, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Nebraska and all over Arizona. For a first year event, that's pretty impressive. Even with so many new cars, they were all very nice. You can really dump some big bucks into these things. Carbon fiber everything, nitrous bottles and trick wheels were the norm. My favorite car was a dark reddish maroon 04 Corvette with a tan leather interior. The one thing that I've always noticed about Corvettes is that they have the best personalized license plates. There were some great ones there.

Mixed in among all the spectators were club members Jim Velez, Dick and Chelisa Roe, Jan Hanson, and Jim and Shirley Rohr. I had to stay away from Jim Rohr because he was eating just about the biggest pickle I've ever seen. That's just gotta be bad for you.

The show and shine broke up at 2:00 with a couple of awards handed out to people that wouldn't be attending the dinner that night. After the show and shine the participants were to make their way up to the Arizona Snow Bowl to ride the scenic chair lift followed by dinner and an awards banquet.

All in all, it was a pretty fun day and I learned a lot about Corvettes from Mike. He can just look at one and tell you if it's period correct or not. I think Mac learned a lot as well.

