



# CROSSTALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, according to the calendar, summer is about over. I said according to the calendar, unfortunately the temperature does not appear to reflect a change. I have been out of town on a couple of occasions and missed opportunities to interact with members at scheduled events, but look forward to the next couple of months. We have a new event for the ladies and of course our signature event, the MMT, in September. We have more activities and a driver in October. Nominations for 2016 Officers will be made at the October meeting so be sure and attend if you are interested in holding office. Actually you should attend either way because a buddy might nominate you in your absence. Have fun out there, enjoy (hopefully) slightly cooler weather, Vette activities, and good friends.

*Dave*

## CCA CHICKS "FUN IN THE SUN" LUNCH

HOSTED BY DENISE LOTT AND NORMA MARSH

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All CCA ladies are invited to join us for the Fun in the Sun monthly lunch at Poolside Café in Sun Lakes, starting in September. We will be meeting on the second Friday of each month at 11:30.



Please email Norma Marsh if you would like to receive a monthly reminder.

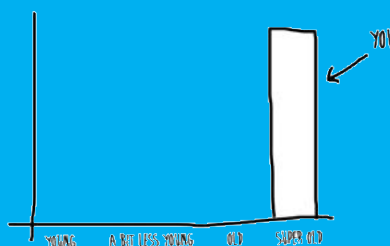


## UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### September

Bob Bassett  
 Bill Berryman  
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 Dave Golec  
 Bernice Grassel  
 Frank Hagan  
 Nancy Hagan  
 Norman Marsh  
 Bill Rhode  
 Sandy Sample  
 John Veirs

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 WHICH WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND  
 EXACTLY HOW OLD YOU ARE.



### October

Kathy Berryman  
 Diana Campise  
 Darlene Heavlin  
 Tom Hill  
 Pat Jenkins  
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## UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

### September

3 - Membership Meeting  
Floridino's 7pm

**7 - Labor Day**

**10 - Vette Set Dinner**  
Freisz/Campise/Katz

**11 - "CCA Chicks" Lunch**  
Lott/Marsh

17 - Board Meeting  
Enriquez 7:30pm

**18 - Euchre Night**

**25-27 - Magical Mystery Tour**  
Mundy



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*all that's missing is U!*

### October

1 - Membership Meeting  
Thorobred 7pm  
**Nomination of 2016 Officers**  
Social Time @ Rosati's

**9 - "CCA Chicks" Lunch**  
Lott/Marsh

15 - Board Meeting  
Bartock 7:30pm

**17 - Driver (details pending)**  
Jenkins

**23 - Euchre Night**

**24 - Vette See Dinner**  
Grassel/Enriquez

**31 - Halloween**

### November

5 - Membership Meeting  
Thorobred 7pm  
**Election of 2016 Officers**  
Social Time @ Dragon Wok

**7 - Thorobred Thunder**  
Godina/Berryman



**11 - Veterans Day**

**13 - "CCA Chicks" Lunch**  
Lott/Marsh

19- Board Meeting  
Katz 7:30pm

**20 - Euchre Night**

**TBD - Highway Cleanup**  
Sample

**26 - Thanksgiving Day**

### December

3 - Membership Meeting  
Floridino's 7pm

**12 - Christmas Party**  
Berryman

17 - Board Meeting  
Lott 7:30pm

**25 - Christmas**



**Awards Banquet**  
January 16th, 2016

## ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR 2015 Schedule of Upcoming Events

RR-426-004 thru 007	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 11, 2015	Monopoly/Poker Runs
RR-303-003	Desert Corvette Association	Oct 24, 2015	Peoples Choice Car Show
RR-303-007	Phantom Corvette Club	Oct 24, 2015	Peoples Choice/Concours
RR-303-008 thru 010	Phantom Corvette Club	Oct 24, 2015	Gimmick/Chance Rallye
RR-328-006	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 7th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Peoples Choice Concours
RR-332-001	Corvette Club of Arizona	Nov 7th, 2015	Thorobred Thunder XVI/Peoples Choice



## CCA: 40 YEARS OF MEMORIES

ARTICLE BY ESTHER ENRIQUEZ

In the early years, CCA members avidly supported a wide variety of activities. Many of the following activities were attended by a majority of members on a regular basis. Some of the most popular activities included:

- Millard Fillmore : a 3-day event that offered just about every activity that any Corvette driver would want – including the bottomless keg of beer.
  - Tubing down the Salt River
  - Autocross
  - Drag Racing
  - Show & Shine events
  - Rallyes
  - Dancing
- Superbash : a 4-day event that included
  - Autocross
  - Concourse Judging
  - Wash & Show
  - Rallye
  - Dancing
- World of Wheels Car Show: Held at the Phoenix Convention Center, this show involved choosing a theme and staging the Corvettes to reflect this theme. Many creative props and costumes were known to make an appearance.

Club members also enjoyed a loooooong driver to Reno, Nevada to participate and enjoy the “Hot August Nights” Car Show held annually.

Some Crosstalk Trivia:

- “Corvette Wrench” was a column started by Jeff Richardson. This was dedicated to helping club members fix or avoid difficult, unusual, or annoying mechanical problems. The first installment was on “Wiring.”
- Another article dealing with MSO (Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin) informed readers about the process of documenting the history of a Vette.
- An attempt was made to include a Crosstalk Centerfold with articles and photos of members with their cars, but the fold-out page was deemed too expensive.

Speaking of costs, in the Spring of 1987 the expenses involved in producing the Crosstalk Newsletter were presented to the membership to address cost concerns. Publication of each newsletter included the following:

Covers (usually printed on cardstock) – 65 front covers	\$63.60
Back covers – 65 sheets:	11.13
Paper (usually one ream)	4.99
Copying ( .03 to .05 cents per page; average size of 30 pages)	~60.00
Envelopes	29.45
Address Stickers	9.45
Postage - 79 cents for each mailed copy	~52.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>~231.00</b>

The Board was reluctant to adopt a cheaper newsletter since they enjoyed the prestige of winning 1st place with the current product. A 1st Class Club should have a 1st Class Newsletter was the prevailing attitude.

**We’ve come a long way with the advent of technology and the ability  
to produce an electronic newsletter!**

Finding a Crosstalk Editor was so difficult that it involved some desperate means. It was suggested that the editor be paid \$100/month to produce the newsletter. Suggestion was tabled for further discussion, and the final outcome is not clear. [Editor’s note: For \$200/mo (\$100 plus inflation), this editor is willing to stay on for a while longer...]

## JULY 4TH POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE LOTTTS

What a feast we had for the 4th of July potluck dinner! As is typical for CCA events, there was no lack of food—loads of appetizers, slabs of ribs, smoked pork tacos, delicious side dishes, and lots of desserts!

And, as promised, there were activities following the dinner. I think in the Battle of the Sexes the girls came out ahead the first time around by one point. Seems both sexes are quite capable of good Outbursts. After a dessert break, Howard's requested Pictionary came out, and then he decided the men might need extra help on the scorekeeping side so he got creative with points.



While there were many hilarious moments, Dave's drawing of handcuffs probably got the most cackles. Rocco would win for the best detail, even though the guys blanked on it.

It was fun to share the holiday with our CCA friends.



# JULY VETTE SET DINNER

HOSTED BY THE KATZES

In July, a small subset of the Vette Set Dining group headed to India for a unique dining experience! We hosted the event and, in so doing, we learned two valuable lessons about CCA: Indian cuisine is less than a favorite for CCA palates and much of the membership is vacationing at the end of July! But, we prevailed... the Hitzels and Mions joined the Katzes and this fun group of six ventured out in monsoon weather on July 31st, for a spicy evening.

We dined at the Indian Delhi Palace restaurant, located in south east Phoenix near the Papagos, at 5164 E. McDowell Road. It's a family owned



restaurant that opened in 1985 as Arizona's first Indian eatery, and offers authentic delicacies. The dress code is nice casual and Indian music plays softly in the background, creating a lovely setting for a good dining experience and conversation. They prepare every dish individually to ensure freshness



and quality. We ordered a variety of appetizers and entrees for everyone to sample.

To start, the guys particularly enjoyed the "Haward 5000" Indian beer. The men loved the hottest spiced foods while the ladies preferred milder choices. When dessert time rolled around, we were all too stuffed to eat another bite, so we packed up the leftovers, exchanged a few more stories and laughs, and wrapped up the evening.



If/when you'd like to try this restaurant, check it out at [here](#). And, if you enjoy cooking your own Indian food, adjacent to the restaurant is a small store featuring Indian spices, grains, and other specialties.

## PRESCOTT DRIVER

HOSTED BY THE KERBERS & THE SWANSONS

When August arrives in the Valley of the Sun, there's only one thing to do – head for the high country! That's exactly what 22 Corvette owners did on Saturday, August 8th.

We gathered near I-17 and the Carefree Highway at 9:00 am, with the temperature at 90 degrees. The collection of Corvettes, spanning four generations, headed west on Hwy 74, past the Lake Pleasant turnoff and on towards Wickenburg. Our first stop was at the Mobil/Jack in the Box/Dairy Queen, just north of Wickenburg. Some members could not resist temptation. We then headed north on Route 89.

Just north of Congress (did anyone see the green frog?).

We started the first fun segment, six miles of divided highway with curves and switchbacks – a perfect Corvette road. After passing thru Yarnell, Peoples Valley, Kirkland Junction and Wilhoit, we enjoyed another 10 miles of curves and switchbacks, although we were slowed down by a couple of cars and motor cycles that were also headed uphill – at a considerably slower pace!

A couple of cars missed the turnoff for Route 89 just north of Wickenburg. The caravan designated trailing Corvette waited for both cars to get back on track. All cars caught up with the balance of the caravan at the entrance to the parking structure in Prescott making up any delay. These 3 drivers had an especially enjoyable drive making up time through all the curves and switchbacks.

Once in Prescott (80 degrees), we made our way to a parking structure located just behind the World Famous Palace Restaurant and Saloon, our lunch destination. The Palace provided excellent service and everyone enjoyed the great food, as well as many old time pictures and antiques on display.

After lunch, everyone browsed the booths at the 65th annual Summer Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts on and around the

Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza, which was right across the street from the Palace. Everyone headed home at their own pace and schedule – back to the reality of summer heat in the Valley.

One final recognition – we were all very honored that Dave and Patty Friesz decided to celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary with all of us.

The Kerbers and Swansons thank all who participated and hope everyone enjoyed the driver as much as we did planning it.



## BRUNCH & BINGO

HOSTED BY DENISE LOTT & MARGE RHODE

What an amazing and successful day we had at the casino! After a late breakfast at Chompies, our little group of five headed off to Lone Butte Casino to try out their electronic Bingo at the matinee session. Getting set up with our individual Bingo computers, we settled in with fingers crossed.

Quickly, on the warm-up game, Marge & Bernice had simultaneous Bingos! They had to share the \$50 payout, but we were all excited at the result! Then the play settled in for the bigger dollars, and Bernice kept coming so close to having a win. (Well, okay, maybe Esther actually called "Bingo", but she wasn't playing the same game as the rest of the crowd.)

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# AUGUST BINGO



Then Bernice's hand went up with a strong "Bingo" call! The monitor came over to confirm Bernice's win, and this time it was definitely a match. Her winnings came out to \$1083!! We all wanted to exchange machines with Bernice. She informed us that she chose her specific machine because it had an orange light that matched her orange jeep. Guess she didn't notice that 90% of the machines had an orange light, meaning they were charging. Check out the photo for a sample of where she picked up her tablet.

At this point, we were only about 30 minutes into the play, with 3 Bingos at our table. It was already a great day, and we were all happy. But wait...more to come. Next Esther puts up her hand, and she has Bingo on two of her cards. The pot was \$600, but she had to split it with herself since there were two winning cards. That still adds up to a \$600 win!



That's 5 Bingos before the intermission. The serious crowd in the hall may not have been thrilled to have these chatty women who were up and snapping of money piles.

More to come. After intermission and the resumption of play, Denise's hand goes up with a "Bingo!" Another \$600!!

As the afternoon session wrapped up, our soon-to-be new member, Mary O'Connor, was very philo-

sophical about being the only one who didn't get to raise her hand and call "Bingo!" She figured it was because she still was not an official member of CCA. Next time she would get to be part of the Bingo crowd when she was a member.





## BRUNCH & BINGO

Even with Bingo over, our group still wasn't done taking in the money. Because Marge, Esther, and Bernice had to get a Players Club card when they came in, they had a \$10 gift on the card to play with, plus another \$10 added for the Bingo session. With this seed money, all three left with additional funds—Esther +\$25 and Bernice +\$2.73 on slots, and Marge +\$55 on video poker.

Totals for a fun ladies' CCA afternoon outing, with a \$42 package investment—6 Bingos & some extra cash from the machines:

- Bernice - \$1085.73
- Esther - \$ 625.00
- Denise - \$ 600.00
- Marge - \$ 80.00



Anyone else want to join us next time around?



## OUR FIRST CORVETTE CLUB

ARTICLE BY THE KERBERS

Why would anyone have a Corvette in a state with a maximum speed limit of 55 mph, traffic so bad that a 10 mile commute during rush hour takes 1 to 1-1/2 hours, and no road access to even adjacent counties, much less another state? Simple - you enjoy the Corvette experience. We caught the Corvette bug (for the second time) in 1998 while we lived on Oahu and bought a 1990 Charcoal Gray metallic 6-speed coupe. A few days



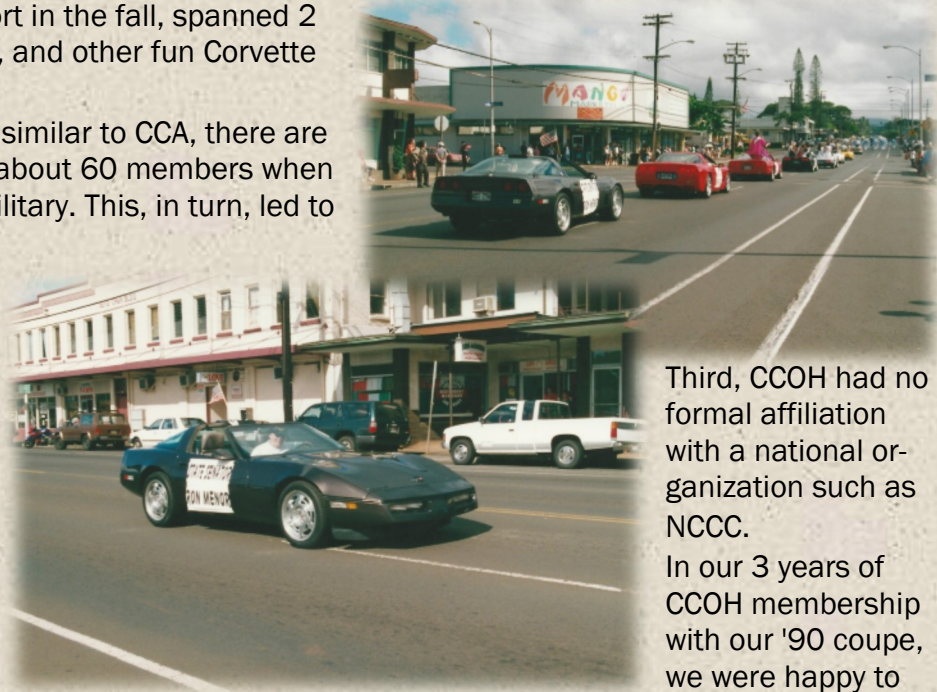
later we started contacting the local Corvette clubs (2) and joined the Corvette Club of Hawaii (CCOH). Even though we sold our Corvette when we retired and moved to the island of Kauai in 2001, we remained CCOH members until we moved to Arizona in 2004.

CCOH greatly enhanced our Corvette ownership experience. They had a members meeting monthly at a local restaurant, drivers, parade participation, social events, rallies, technical sessions, and several annual events. Annual events included a progressive dinner, an awards banquet, and a weekend called Corvettes in Paradise or CIP. CIP generally took place at an island resort in the fall, spanned 2 days, featured a judged Corvette show, a banquet, and other fun Corvette activities. While the Corvette Club of Hawaii may sound very similar to CCA, there are several big differences. First, although CCOH had about 60 members when we joined, roughly one quarter were active duty military. This, in turn, led to much more membership turnover than what CCA experiences. The military CCOH members were very active in CCOH, sponsoring events and holding Board positions despite their short tenure. The active duty military members enabled us to have drivers that included roads on military bases that are closed to the public, which was a unique and special treat. Second, CCOH had no sponsor while we were members. We were on our own, unlike CCA that enjoys great sponsorship and support from Thorobred Chevrolet.



CCOH had no formal affiliation with a national organization such as NCCC. In our 3 years of CCOH membership with our '90 coupe, we were happy to win a second place award in the C4 category in 1999, and a first place and Judges Choice awards in the 2000 Corvettes in Paradise car show. CCOH added so much to our Corvette experience. We wanted that fun to continue when we moved to Arizona. And so it has with CCA membership. CCA did not disappoint but more than met our expectations for the continuation of the Corvette experience. CCA was our first choice among the various valley Corvette clubs and we are happy to be members. So renew your 2016 CCA membership!

For more information on CCOH, visit their [website](#).



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## NCCC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

BY BRUCE MUNDT



The 2015 third quarter NCCC Roadrunner Region Governor's meeting was held on Saturday, July 18th in Ruidoso, NM. The meeting was hosted by Phantom Vettes who provided lunch for the region NCCC Governors and Officers. The possibility of an all-region event and the results of the survey sent to club members were discussed - this discussion will continue at the 4th quarter Roadrunner Region meeting which will be hosted by Verde Valley Vettes at the home of Larry and Donna McCarty in Cornville, AZ, USA.



Roadrunner region patches are available for only \$500. I have only one of these patches left for anyone who is interested, having nearly depleted my original supply. I can get more from the Road Runner region if there is additional interest.

The flyer for Thorobred Thunder XVI is available (see Mark Godina or Mike Terrey) and it is on the Roadrunner website by the time you read this. The NCCC Sanction number is RR-332-001 and the show date is November 7, 2015. As always, \$10 of each registration fee will go to our charity of choice, Packages from Home

For the remainder of 2015, Roadrunner Region has six Competition Events on the calendar which are comprised of fifteen sanctions. These and results of previous events are detailed at the Roadrunner website, [www.NCCC.Roadrunner.com](http://www.NCCC.Roadrunner.com). Click on 2015 Sanctioned Only Events Calendar under EVENTS-ALL RRR.

## 2016 NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

BY GARRY MION

I have enjoyed being the clubs newsletter editor for the past two years, but it is time to move on. So there will be a need for someone in the club to step up and take over—is it you? It generally takes a couple of days work to gather the information and reformat the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis. You can do as little or as much as you want, depending on your skill level and interest. The sooner you can commit, the more I can help explain what I do and help ease the transition.

I hope you will consider filling the position and nominate yourself at the October Member Meeting.

## CONSIDER WRITING AN ARTICLE

Below are the deadlines to submit articles for the last two issues of the year.

Iss5—Oct 26th Iss6—Dec 27th

**I look forward to reading your article and including it in a future newsletter!**



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