



Happy
Halloween



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wow! I drove to Yuma on Tuesday morning (26th) and got there around noon with the top down the whole way. Great temps. It's that time of year to pop'em or drop'em. There have been plenty of activities the last two months with Vette Set Dinners, Chicks Lunches, Euchre and Drivers. The Jerome Driver was sold out as was the MMT. Speaking of the MMT, it's the only time I remember seeing someone make a pit stop that he didn't need to and get \$500 for his trouble. I think it's a toss up whether staying home and handing out candy or going autocrossing in Tucson on Halloween will be scarier, my bet is staying home. We had low numbers at the October meeting; I believe a lot of our members were out of town. We did however, have a number of visitors and most of our winter residents are back. It's kind of like having the family together. Individuals were nominated for board positions for the 2016 year and some of those have changed places since then. Nominations will continue to be accepted until the vote is taken at the general meeting on November 5th. Remember to register your car for Thorobred Thunder and plan on volunteering a little of your time to help make the show a success.

Dave

EUCHRE NIGHT

ARTICLE BY DENISE LOTT—EVENT COORDINATOR

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The monthly fourth Friday Euchre group met at the Lotts' house in October. Several of our teams were still traveling, but three tables of players had a pleasant evening of cards and conversation, snacks and dessert. The desserts featured some of Dave's



special cookie bars and a homemade pumpkin cheesecake for the season.

This will wrap-up our monthly play as the following two months land amid the busy holidays.



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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November

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Frank Heavlin
Betty Irish
Dave Lott
Charlotte McSpadden
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December

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Beth Godina
Jim Kerber
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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

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

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



January

1 - New Year's Day



7 - Membership Meeting
Thorobred 7pm
Social Time @ TBD

16 - Awards Banquet
Enriquez/Rhode

21 - Board Meeting
TBD 7:30pm



all that's missing is U!

February

4 - Membership Meeting
Thorobred 7pm
Social Time @ TBD

7 - Super Bowl

14 - Valentines Day

18 - Board Meeting
TBD 7:30pm

ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR 2015 Schedule of Upcoming Events

RR-332-001	Corvette Club of Arizona	Nov 7th, 2015	Thorobred Thunder XVI/Peoples Choice
RR-328-006	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 7th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Peoples Choice Concours
RR-328-007	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 8th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Gimmick Rallye
RR-328-008/009	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 8th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Low Speed Autocross
RR-328-010	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 8th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Matching Times Autocross



WELCOME TO CCA: BOB & MARY O'CONNOR

Bob O'Connor: I devoted 33 years to General Motors. Sure the company has had it's ups and downs but they produce a vehicle that we all know is "HOT" and that's the CORVETTE. My first Corvette was a 1961 Black Corvette Convertible. I had it so modified that "no one" in a 250 mile radius could beat me. Back in "those days" we called it "street racing". I met Mary, didn't know she chased me for over a year, got married, took a position with GM Engineering Staff in Warren, Mi. Transferred to Chicago where I held many positions including sponsorship of the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show. We have 2 sons, when they turned 14 years of age, I bought them both Camaro's of the year they were born. For 2 years we restored them. At age 16 I handed the keys over to them and they became the "hit" of the Schaumburg, Ill. area. Their cars were absolutely beautiful. We never had the time to become members of a Corvette group in the Chicago area because both of our lives were always on the move with our jobs. When we retired in Michigan, for a few years we joined the Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan. Thank you for approving us to be members of this fantastic Corvette Club.

Mary O'Connor: Back in the 1960's I hung around with a bunch of my girl friends and we would cruise the "car hops" in my brand new Mustang. My eye caught this suave, sexy, young guy in a black 1961 Corvette Convertible. I told my girlfriends "some day" I'm going to marry this "Hot" looking DUDE. To make a "long story short" we chased him and his buddies for over a year. We could never catch up with him. Me with my 6 cylinder Mustang & him with a souped up Corvette. We finally met in person--got married and have 2 wonderful sons, 1 in Michigan and 1 in Arizona. Bob took a position with GM Engineering Staff, in Warren, Mi. after 2 years we were transferred to Chicago. I worked 26 years for a new car dealership which at one time had over 14 franchises. We lived there for over 30 years where we had 15 Corvettes, 2 stolen and never recovered. We both took early retirement and moved to Michigan for a few years. We have been coming to Arizona 2-3 times a year for 12 years and the rest is history. Thank you for letting us be a member of your fantastic and fun club. I hope to get to know all of you.

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Set of CCA Parade Flags	All except fixed roof

C6 Items	Fits
Metallic Red Speed Lingerie Bra	All but Z06, GS, ZR-1
Black carpet floor mats - driver and passenger	All
Black organizer tray, fits in behind seats in cargo area	Coupes only
Windshield sun shade with C6 logo	All
Exhaust Plate w/ C6 logo, new in packaging	All
Gray indoor car cover	All
Red outside mirror protectors	All
Black rear fascia protector	All
Set of CCA Parade Flags	All except fixed roof

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SEPTEMBER VETTE SET DINNER

HOSTED BY THE CAMPISES, THE FRIESZES, AND THE KATZES

As co-hosts, the Frieszes, Campises & Katzes combined efforts to plan a special night for the Vette Set Diners at one of our favorite restaurants in Gilbert. Romeo's Café is in the heart of Old Town Gilbert and is a great Mediterranean place for lunch and dinner. They also host a specially planned 5 course meal with wine pairings on Thursday nights in a private dining room. Four more CCA couples included the Hagans, Samples, Enriquez, Gary Porter & Christy, joined us to enjoy this unique experience on Thursday, September 10.

Romeo, chef and owner, sat at the head of our banquet table and joined us for the meal while his wife, Janice, helped serve the meal. Romeo began the evening with a fun and amusing talk of his culinary history. While he is entertaining us with his stories, the first wine tasting began with the appetizer of Portbellini being served. This was followed by his Hellenic Salad and two entrees, Shrimp Corfu & Kasserli Chicken, each with a different wine pairing. And of course, a decadent dessert of Mocha Express Brownie paired with a dessert wine finished the outstanding meal. Romeo's Café has an in-house pastry chef that sells their culinary delights that are displayed in a pastry case in the entrance of the restaurant. This has you salivating the minute you walk into the restaurant. If you are curious about the ingredients of these five wonderful courses, go to Romeo's Euro Café website and check out their menu.



The atmosphere and decor of the private room is like a luxurious dining room in a chateau. This added to the wonderful mood of the evening. The meal was perfectly paced so that we were able to savor each course as well as visit with each other and Romeo. This event was also an occasion for celebrating, since Sandy Sample's birthday, both Frank & Nancy Hagan's birthdays plus the Katz & Campise's anniversaries were within days of our night at Romeo's. Everyone expressed that it was an exceptional meal and evening. That delighted the hosts that we were able to share this wonderful restaurant experience with our CCA friends.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR HOSTED BY THE MUNDYS



CCA's 40th Anniversary Magical Mystery Tours found twenty shiny Corvettes pulling out from the Starbucks in Maricopa punctually at 7:00 AM on AZ-238 headed toward Gila Bend. The group leaders Lotts, Hagans, Friezes, and Mions had already passed out snacks, maps, and forms for guessing our mystery destination. Bruce and Jan Mundy headed the caravan pleased that there was no dilly dallying around for this group. All were ready to go. The "Trouble Truck," disguised as a 2015 Hyundai Sonata Ltd, had no stragglers to sweep as they carried their secret stash of libations and shirts, shirts, shirts.

Rallye questions whizzed by so quickly that it was a challenge to keep up with the quiz. No idle minds or eyes for those seeking fabulous prizes, or those making up wonderful silly answers. The first stop was Dateland, where Medjool and Thoory Dates were available for sampling, and more maps were distributed at the historical marker, which explained how only two had survived the crash of a Cold War Boeing B-50 (a modified and nuclear capable B-17) called the Long Ranger.

Yuma found us at a very busy Chevron station topping tanks off, since we were told that higher fuel prices lay ahead. Maps to our next stop revealed the next stop would be The Old Plank Road. Very few in our caravan were aware of this road's existence. Jan Mundy had learned of the wooden road's existence as a girl when the

family car game was spotting pieces of the old road, which had been revealed by dust storms. All that remains now is the historical marker and the small pieces salvaged to show how Jan's dad had traveled to California as a boy. After a short turn around off-roading on the sand, we headed for lunch at the Exotic Thai restaurant in El Centro.

Family style Thai dishes and large iced teas were appreciated by our group who applauded the food and service before heading North on CA-111 towards Palm Springs while reading Bruce's short history of the Salton Sea (which was created by an engineering "oops" of biblical proportions) as we traveled.



We arrived at Best Western Plus Las Brisas in Palm Springs to be greeted at the gate by the Hotel Manager ushering in our caravan. We had reserved parking in the front parking lot. Many visitors to the hotel enjoyed seeing our cars during our stay.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR (CON'T)



After checking into our rooms, freshening up, and maybe having a quick dip in the pool, our group gathered at our reserved patio (and in the air-conditioned breakfast room) for a reception with ninety-point California wines, local craft beers, soft drinks, and bottled water. After about half an hour we distributed MMT shirts to the men. Ladies were presented with a chiffon kaftan along with a Blue Opal Palm Tree and Waves (from the Springs of course) necklace.



We announced the winners of the various quizzes. Jim and Patty Kerber had guessed our final destination of Palm Springs at the day's start and had stuck with their choice all three times. Why? Patty said she just hoped that would be where we went. She watches the gardening shows on TV and they often show Palm Springs homes.



First place for the Rallye Quiz was a two-way tie: Diane and Scott Feck and Jennifer and Joe Hitzel. Second place for the Rallye Quiz was a three-way tie.

It went to Bill and Kathy Berryman, Dave and Kathy Golec, and Ray and Pat Jenkins. The booby prize for worst score went to the blind leading the blind, Roy Orbison and Stevie Wonder, aka Rob and Rhonda Deacon. They had zany answers which made for a delightful read. In spite of their best efforts they had still managed to get one answer right. Moving inside to the breakfast room for dinner, serious attention was given to the wine, beer, and pizza from Giuseppes

which completed our organized activities for Friday. Those who had saved room for ice cream headed to Cold Stone Creamery or Ben and Jerry's, just two blocks away.

After a good night's sleep in lovely air-conditioned rooms (sorry no yurts were available), we gathered at 9:00AM to board buses for our Celebrity Homes Tour and Windmill Tour. Lunch was provided for all between tours at the Windmill Market which included Coachella Valley's best date shake (just ask Lee, the proprietor). The tour busses returned to Las Brisas around 2:15PM. There was time for a nice dip in the refreshing Las Brisas swimming pool or for napping as some did.



MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR (CON'T)



At 5:00PM, there was time for another libation gathering thanks to Amber and Steven Brown, who had hauled three coolers of iced beer and chilled wine all the way from Arizona. Thank you Amber and Steven! (By the way, Amber is Jan and Bruce Mundy's daughter and Steven their son-in-law.) At 5:45PM we assembled in front of the hotel by our cars for a group photograph before walking to dinner. This final organized activity was a gourmet dinner at Lulu's, named by Open Table as one of the top 100 dining spots in the US. Customized CCA menus were on hand for all to choose from a selection of wonderful cuisine.



During free times, some adventuresome groups caught Taxis or the free Buzz Trolley (Bus) to the Rivera Hotel to see pictures of the Rat Pack and many Hollywood Stars around the pool. The Rivera is currently sporting an Alice in Wonderland décor, which is soon to be yet-again remodeled. We bumped into Hagans, Hitzels and Jenkins on the terrace at Las Casuelas, where live music brought us up to the dance floor even though the night was very hot, but the music was wonderful. Some went shopping in the many stores lining Palm Canyon Drive while others hit the pool again, but if you got back to Las Brisas after 10:30PM, the pool was closed to make it quiet for guest rooms at Las Brisas.



Before going out of town, quite a few decided to take the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to the top of the mountain for a great view and a walk. The tramway is a major gateway to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument on the southerly side of the Coachella Valley. Others headed to the art museum for the Killer High Heels exhibit. With I-10 open to all four lanes after bridge replacement, most took the short way home. It had been fun to go, but it was also fun to head for home.

CCA CHICKS GATHERING

HOSTED BY DENISE LOTT & NORMA MARSH

September

The inaugural meeting of the CCA Chicks took place in September at the Poolside Café in Sun Lakes. With 10 ladies attending, we had lots of conversation, including more probing for a slip on MMT details. As a special event, it happened to be Norma Marsh's birthday the next day, so we thought a surprise celebration would cap the gathering. Some small gifts and a pile of cards were opened after a Black Forest chocolate cherry cake, provided by Sheryl Katz, was consumed.



Since we didn't want to draw too much attention, we saved the amazing birthday candle for an outside display. The flower candle was set off in a mini-fireworks display, followed by the opening of the petals and the playing of "Happy Birthday." If you don't cut the string, the song will continue to play until the battery runs down. Therefore, Norma took the candle home and put it on her patio where it continued to play its merry tune for 4 days! She said one can never have too much Happy Birthday!!! CCA Chicks will be meeting on the second Friday of each month, 11:30 am, at the Poolside Café in Sun Lakes. Look for the Corvette Chick centerpiece on the table, compliments of Norma's creativity! Everyone is welcome to join in whenever your schedule permits.



October

There were eight Corvette Chicks who enjoyed having lunch at Poolside Cafe in Sun Lakes at 11:30 on October 9th. Several from our flock were out enjoying other places... like Hawaii, Europe, a cruise, Dallas, Texas, the Phoenix Zoo, a musical event and some are still at their summer homes. We welcome Barb Bassett's return from Canada. Besides the usual "chick talk" there was a lot of buzz about Patti Kerber's beautiful new crystal red C-7. Congratulations to the Kerbers!!! Mr. Jack-o'-lantern was a surprise guest and gave all of the Chicks Halloween treats."



Oh yes, we Chicks have heard a rumor that some of the "CCA Roosters" are flocking together for lunch while we are having our gathering. Hummm.... maybe they miss us while we're gone??? No doubt about it, when they get together there's probably a lot of "car talk"... mainly Corvettes!!!

Our next CCA Chick Lunch will be Friday, Nov.13th, same time, same place. If you're not on the monthly email reminder list and would like to receive the reminder, please email Norma at NJOYmarsh@aol.com to be included on the list for a monthly reminder and RSVP. We Chicks always have a lot to chat about.... come and join us!



FYI... We will not have a CCA Chick Lunch in December, as it is such a busy time of the year.

JEROME DRIVER

HOSTED BY PAT AND RAY JENKINS

The day was forecast for rain. The clouds were large in the sky. However there were seven adventurous CCA Corvette owners that believe that Mother Nature would not spoil our day. We met early at the Good Egg restaurant at the Carefree Road and I-17. Some of us had breakfast and others just a cup of coffee. The sun began to shine at our departure time, so we all were looking toward a good day of driving.



Jerome is a very popular place for Halloween and it showed at the Asylum restaurant we had lunch at. All the waiters and waitresses were in full Halloween costume. The view from the Jerome Grand Hotel and Asylum restaurant was impressive with it's view of the town below and the view all the way to Cottonwood.



Our first stop was in Yarnell. Highway 89A that climbs up to Yarnell is a Corvette road for sure. Good surface and plenty of curves. We stopped at the St. Joseph' Shrine in Yarnell to see an excellent display of religious statues and stone paths to see all the Shrine area. This is a very serene place that was put together by many dedicated people.

From Yarnell we took the very scenic road to Prescott. We slowly passed through Prescott and on to the next scenic section of road over Mingus Mountain and down the hill into Jerome.



We had no rain during the Trip to Jerome. There were a few wet road sections from previous showers, but no rain spoiled our day.

I thank all who braved the weather forecast to enjoy a cool and fresh air day in Arizona.

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