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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well after two years as your president, we've come to my last President's Message. First, I would like to thank you for allowing me to hold this position. I have held a number of board positions in other organizations, but I can think of none more meaningful to me than this one. I have always been proud to refer to myself as President of the Corvette Club of Arizona. What a great bunch of folks. Not only do we have a significant variety Corvettes, but a truly diverse group of members with varied talents and abilities. The social opportunities have been phenomenal. Some of you will remember the one face for all occasions album I received at an awards banquet or the grumpy cat T-shirt. I credit the club with improving those aspects of my personality. I look forward to the progress I expect from the 2016 Board, and my continued participation in the club and all things 'Corvette'.

THE GODFATHER OF THE CORVETTE ZORA ARKUS-DUNTOV

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David Edgington wanted to pass this interesting article along to the club members as this past December 25th celebrated the 106th anniversary of Zora's birth. You can read the article <u>here</u>.



HIGHWAY CLEANUP

ORGANIZED BY DEAN AND SANDY SAMPLE

The Highway Clean up went well even though we had only 7 workers, along with Sandy and myself. Hope we have a better turn out in April. Normally we have more than we need. We had 22 singed up this time —not sure what happened to the other 15?



With 12 to 14 workers it goes well. Any more than that and it becomes too crowded on the side of the highway.

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

January George Baldacchino Theresa Bartock Barb Bassett Esther Enriquez Nancy Hill Patti Kerber Garry Mion Jim Wendland



February

Rhonda Deacon Joe Dziezynski David Edgington Jim Enriquez Norma Lombardo John Marsh Loren McCarty Oscar McSpadden Nancy Meyers Mike Mileskiewicz Dean Sample

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Online Store for Club Merchandise



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Check out the New "BLING" shirts for women, as well as all the other styles





GIFT CERTIFICATE\$ ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE Great for any occasion

Remember, if you are not sure of the size you need, do not order as it cannot be returned. Samples of most styles will be available to try on at CCA Business meetings.

Got Questions? Contact Pam Swanson Email: pcswanson@wbhsi.net Phone: 480-496-9145



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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

January





7 - Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm Social Time @ Rosati's

8 - CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

16 - Awards Banquet Enriquez/Rhode

21 - Board Meeting Enriquez 7:30pm

30 - Pancake Breakfast Hagans

February

4 - Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm Social Time @ TBD

7 - Super Bowl

12 - CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh



14—Sweetheat Car Show Desert Corvette Association

> 18 - Board Meeting Rhode 7:30pm

27 - Downtown Chandler Car Show

March

3 - Membership Meeting Floridino's 7pm

5 - Ostrich Festival Parade Rhode

11 - CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

17 - St Patricks Day



17 - Board Meeting Mion 7:30pm

19 - TBD Driver McDougall/Lott

20 - TVS Autocross Sierra Vista

27 - Easter Sunday

April

7- Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm Social Time @ TBD

8 - CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

9 - Corvettes In The Park



21 - Board Meeting Mundy 7:30pm

23 - Spring Autocross Enriquez

TBD—Founders Day Driver

TBD - Highway Cleanup Sample

ROADRUNNER <u>EVENTS</u> CALENDAR 2016 Schedule of Upcoming Events

RR-303-001	Desert Corvette Association	Feb 14th	Sweetheart Car Show/Concours
RR-303-001	Desert Corvette Association	Feb 14th	Sweetheart Car Show/Peoples Choice
RR-332-001	Corvette Club of Arizona	April 9th	Corvettes In The Park—Peoples Choice
RR-332-003	Corvette Club of Arizona	April 23rd	Spring Autocross #2–Low Speed Autocross
RR-332-004/005	Corvette Club of Arizona	April 23rd	Spring Autocross #2–Matching Times Autocross
RR-426-001	Verde Valley Vettes	May 14th	PC Car Show—Peoples Choice/Concours
RR-303-003	Desert Corvette Association	Oct 23rd	Corvette Spooktackular/Peoples Choice
RR-332-006	Corvette Club of Arizona	Nov 5th	Thorobred Thunder XVII—Peoples Choice
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WELCOME TO CCA: KIM & ELLEN KEMPER



We have been in Arizona for 14 years, moving from Salt Lake City. We also spent time in Denver, Dayton, Cincinnati and parts of Indiana.

Kim: I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, grew up in the south side of Chicago and went to high school and college in Dayton, Ohio and law school in Cincinnati. After a career as a corporate attorney, I retired on May 1st 2015 from Henkel, a German company that owns Loctite, Dial and other companies. Anyone who knows me knows my true passion (besides wife Ellen, three children, one grandson and two Australian Shepherds) is auto cross and track safety.

Ellen: I was born in Atlanta, Georgia and grew up in Michigan, Japan, Texas, and Ohio as an Air Force brat. I am a registered nurse who works part time as a supervisor for a neurological institute, and I enjoy reading, crafts and swimming. Genealogy is a new interest and I have traced my family to Prussia, leaving for the US in 1873 from Hamburg ship rosters. I support my husband's car passion and have enjoyed meeting new friends through car clubs for many vears.

We have been married since 1980 and have three children. Oldest son Kyle -a distribution manager is married to Andrea, a high school English teacher and they have a son Kellen and live in Dallas. Daughter Katherine is married to an EMT/fireman (Brody) and recently graduated from ASU with a doctorate degree as a nurse practioner. Katherine's twin brother Joel works for E network in Hollywood and recently proposed to his girlfriend Lauren with a May 2016 wedding planned. Katherine has a car fetish like her father, while Kyle prefers

mountain bikes and Joel is about all getting great MPG and musical bands.

We have owned a number of Corvettes (all red) including a 1985, 1994, 1999, 2003, 2006 and recently purchased a 2016 Z06. The garage is shared with a 2014 Porsche GT3 (also in Guards Red!). We recently returned from a two week driving experience in Germany and are looking forward to Hawaii as our next vacation spot.

WELCOME TO CCA: GARY PORTER AND CHRISTIE HIGGINBOTHAM



I am a father of three daughters (23,19,18) and I am a former police officer as well as a former professional golfer. Currently I own and operate, a pool service and repair company called Crystal Oasis Pools. My C5, 2000 Nassau Blue Corvette is my first ... although I've always wanted to own one since I was a child.

Christie is a mother of two (boy, 23 - girl, 17) who works for United Health Care in their Corporate office. Like myself, she is enjoying her first Corvette experience and looks forward to one day purchasing an additional Corvette for our family.

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THOROBRED THUNDER XVI

CHAIRMAN MARK GODINA, VICE CHAIRMAN BILL BERRYMAN

Thorobred Thunder 16 was a success this year with 128 cars and perfect weather. Cooler and sunny. We had some beautiful cars and trying to judge the best paint, best interior and best of show, I had some good judges, Bill Berryman, Tom Landingham, Frank Heavlin and Frank Hagan. Thanks guys.

The work crew who helped direct and park the cars were great as usual. The registration team was efficient and the raffle ticket booth did a fine job.

> We had new members jump in and lend a helping hand along with the older members.

The clean-up crew had the parking lot spic and span in no time after the show.



I could not have put together such a nice show without the help from those members who did shows in the past.



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CCA CHICKS GATHERING HOSTED BY DENISE LOTT & NORMA MARSH

The November monthly get-together of our CCA Chicks took place at the Poolside Café in Sun Lakes. Twelve of our chicks gathered for chat, food, and birthday celebrations. To make sure we all heard updates from each other, we took turns telling the group about recent activities. There was major travel, like the Mundy's South American cruise, the Enriquez' Italy venture, and the Riffle's summer cruise with grandchildren, and local travel (the Swansons and Katzes at Grand Canyon). Some of the special events in our lives included the Marshes' dilemma in selecting a color for that new Corvette and Patty Friesz winning first place for her quilting project.





We had three birthdays to celebrate (Patty, Pam, and Joyce). Norma brought some classic attire for the birthday girls as well as yummy pumpkin cupcakes for all of us. Check out that photo! The Chicks seem to have started a trend. The guys were feeling left out so there was a Roosters gathering at Joe's BBQ while the Chicks shared their afternoon.



We were joined by a prospective new member, Connie Anderson. She and her husband just moved here from Wyoming. They are a two-Corvette family and were looking for a fun group. Connie came across our website, read the Crosstalk, and called Norma to ask about joining in with us for the lunch. Welcome, Connie. We look forward to seeing her and her husband at the upcoming meeting and other events.





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CCA HOLIDAY PARTY

HOSTED BY THE BERRYMANS

We would like to thank all the members that attended the CCA Holiday Party and made it so much fun!

There were 54 CCA members and 2 guests, so we almost made the 60 attendees that we had as a cutoff. The food was provided by Carrabba's Italian Restaurant catering service. The food was wonderful and we received many compliments from the members. Thanks to Esther Enriquez for making the yummy bruschetta!



We had to change the planned seating arrangements at the last minute, due to the inclement weather. Thanks to Mark Godina, Tom Landingham,

and Teresa Bartock, for spending their day helping with the party set up. This included moving living room furniture, cleaning and setting up tables and chairs along with other party preparations. Without

the teamwork of these friends and members the party may not have been as successful!

Kathy changed the gift exchange process this year, by using a game called Left-Right Story; everyone seemed to have fun and it was well received by the party attendees.

We would like to thank the members that helped with returning our home to its living condition at the end



of the evening by removing all the chairs and tables, and moving the furniture back into the family room. (Mark Godina, Tom Landingham, Joe Hitzel, Bob Bassett, and others).

Also thanks to all of the folks that helped cleaning the kitchen (Mary O'Connor, Beth Godina, Teresa Bartock, and others) that pitched in to help!

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CCA ONLINE: WEBMASTER JIM KERBER

2015 has been an active year for our club's website. During the year we had approximately 3,000 visits to our website. Several of those visitors became new members of CCA. Throughout the year we incorporated some enhancements to the website:

- 1. The banner at the top of the webpage was updated to reflect our theme, "Driving into our 40th year".
- 2. The home page was revised to indicate the next Business Meeting date and location.
- 3. A general logon account was established for use by new members before their permanent logon is established. This general logon has also been used by members who were experiencing logon problems. The general logon will be changed annually going forward.
- 4. An ongoing effort to ensure all website links are active. This took several months to identify and fix links that failed to connect to documents.

A major project for 2015 was verifying and updating all member information to keep our roster and profiles up to date. A big thank you to all members for verifying their information, and to Bob Swanson and Howard Katz for their assistance. The project would not have been completed without your help.

Another project for 2015 was updating and simplifying for future use the online registration files for Corvettes in the Park and Thorobred Thunder. Many thanks to George Ray for his assistance with this (George is a coding genius), and to Garry Mion for his patience and granting me several paypal refunds as the files were tested.

Finally, a big thank you to the CCA Board members who furnished information to me in a timely manner to facilitate keeping members informed.

Keep checking our website for more changes/updates and current member information in 2016.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: BRUCE MUNDY



This was a good year for new members. CCA started 2015 with 87 NCCC members, in addition, 15 new members joined in 2015 so our membership has broken the century mark. CCA is now 102 NCCC members strong!

We used only 2 of our 10 NCCC sanctions in 2015: Corvettes in the Park car show, Thorobred Thunder car show - that's it. In 2012 CCA was Road Runner Region Competition Champion. In 2013 we were in 2nd place using all 10 of our sanctions. This year; however, CCA finished in 6th place using only 2 sanctions competing in only 19 out of 38 events plus 3 events in the Rocky Mountain Region. I believe that CCA will do better in 2016 as we have already committed to using 5 of our sanctions and we have recently added

new members who are natural-born competitors.

On the next page is a brief summary of 2015 National Competition results showing the top three clubs nationally and all of the Road Runner Region clubs. While CCA will never be competitive nationally (our clubs are too far apart) if we scored as many points per member as Thunder Vette Set does we would amass over 4000 points which would easily make us number one regionally and place us in the top 30 clubs nationally. So let's get active this coming year!



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GOVERNOR'S REPORT (CON'T)

NCCC Year 2015 Competition Points Reporting

Club National Point Totals Report

Place	Club Number	Club Name	Total Nation- al Points	Events Attended	Total Club Members	Points per Member
1	WR-095	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	32383	519	372	87
2	SW-131	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	12579	234	92	137
3	MI-596	IRISH HILLS CORVETTE CLUB, INC.	12215	354	36	339

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	61	RR-328	THUNDER VETTE SET	1761	40
	95	RR-587	PHANTOM CORVETTE CLUB, INC.	1040	15
	134	RR-303	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	850	33
	144	RR-331	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB, INC.	710	9
	154	RR-426	VERDE VALLEY VETTES	614	8
	156	RR-332	CORVETTE CLUB OF ARIZONA	523	22
3	166	RR-454	COLORADO RIVER CORVETTE CLUB	376	12
	187	RR-241	EL PASO CORVETTE CLUB	129	15
	196	RR-154	NEW MEXICO CORVETTE ASSOC	88	12
8	204	RR-999	MEMBER AT LARGE	51	6
2	205	RR-415	CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS	43	6
	221	RR-452	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	3	1

41	43
36	29
122	7
96	7
30	20
87	6
45	8
77	2
50	2
17	3
7	6
123	0

The 2015 fourth quarter NCCC Roadrunner Region Governor's meeting was held on October 10, 2105. The meeting was hosted by Verde Valley Vettes at the home of Larry and Donna McCarty in Cornville, AZ, USA. Many issues were discussed including:

- **Review of National Officer candidates and elections**
- NCCC Insurance issues and record keeping
- NCCC Charity raffle has been suspended for one year (2016) NCCC has not been able to sell enough raffle tickets to cover the cost of buying the raffle Corvette so NCCC has not made a charity donation the last 2 years
- Declining participation in Regional activities and lack of funds available for Regional Awards
- Discussion of upcoming National Conventions: 2016 Convention will be in Omaha NE, 2017 Convention will be in Bowling Green KY
- Discussion of proposed Roadrunner Region Trip and 2017 Region Kick-off to be (tentatively) held in Laughlin. Possible activities include Rallye, PC Show, Hospitality room(s), Dinner, and maybe a guest speaker to make the trip tax-deductible
- Dates that cannot be used for sanctioned events because of NCCC national meetings in 2016: Feb 27 -28, May 7-8, Sep 10-11, Nov 12-13.
- Dates that cannot be used because of NCCC national convention: July 16-17 & July 23-24; note these are the weekends before & after the convention because the convention ends on a Friday
- Planned 2016 Sanctioned Event Dates:
 - 2/14 DCA Sweetheart Peoples Choice & Concours shows
 - 3/19 TVS Peoples Choice show & Gimmick Rallye
 - 3/20 TVS Autocrosses (2) & Matching Times AX
 - 4/9 CCA Corvettes in the Park Peoples Choice show
 - 4/23 CCA Autocrosses (2) & Matching Times AX
 - 5/14 VVV Peoples Choice show
 - 5/28-30 TCC Superbash events TBD
 - 8/13-14 PV Ken Daby Ruidoso weekend Peoples Choice show & 4 rallyes
 - 10/8 VVV Peoples Choice show
 - 10/9 VVV Monopoly Chance Rallye & 3 Poker Chance Rallyes
 - 11/5 CCA Thorobred Thunder Peoples Choice show

Go here to see the complete list of scheduled RRR events for the upcoming year.

Here's looking forward to a great new year for CCA.

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Local Corvette Club celebrates 40 years By Julia De Simone past Rev up those engines—The Corvette

Rev up those engines-The Corvette Club of Arizona (CCA) is driving into its 40th year.

The club, founded in 1975, consists of approximately 90 members. General membership meetings are held 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Thorobred Chevrolet, 2121 N. Arizona Ave. in Chandler. CCA is a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs in the Roadrunner Region, an all-volunteer and nonprofit organization that promotes Corvette pride.

Garry and Karen Mion of Chandler have been CCA members for the past five years. The owners of a 2008 Corvette were attracted to the club's quaint size and social scene, which includes pool parties, barbecues, holiday celebrations and "any excuse to get together for a good time," as stated on the CCA's site.

'The members are generally there for other members, their love for Corvettes and the desire to get together. It's our Corvette family of friends," Garry said. "It's survived for 40 years, and I'm certain it's going to survive for another 40 years."

In addition to CCA's active, social calendar, an upcoming highlight is the

CCA IN THE NEWS

This article was in the October 2015 edition of the Tumbleweed news. The full publication can be found here, and the article appears on page 6.



The Corvette Club of Arizona hosts many social gatherings and car shows, including the upcoming Thorobred Thunder All-Chevy Car Show on Nov. 7

Thorobred Thunder All-Chevy Car Show. The club's annual and major fundraising event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Thorobred Chevrolet. The car show is staged by the club and Thorobred Chevrolet. Admission and parking free.

Garry said the show features a variety of Chevrolet-made cars and Chevrolet powered cars including the Corvette, Corvair and Camaro as well as custom cars with Chevrolet engines.

"That's what's nice about this show being a broad selection of Chevy history. That's part of the attraction," he said.

The show includes vendors, raffles, food and trophies. Proceeds from this annual event benefit "Packages from Home," where care and comfort packages are sent to deployed American military personnel stationed in active duty areas around the world.

Two other major events include an awards banquet, honoring distinguished club members and the "Magical Mystery Tour (MMT)." The MMT is a three-day, weekend tour to a location known in advance only to that year's organizing couple. Side trips along the way misdirect participant drivers to the intended destination. Past MMT destinations have included drives to Las Vegas and the Queen Mary.

But there's no smooth cruise without clean roads. Club members also participate in other community service projects such as Arizona Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program, where they help keep a portion off Highway 87 litter free.

"We try to be a responsible club not just for ourselves but for the community," Garry said.

CCA's next general meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at Thorobred. Those interested in joining the club are welcomed. Potential members must attend three, club-sponsored activities and at least one, membership meeting before applying. Members are voted in by the board. Annual membership fees vary.

For more information on the club check out its website at www.corvetteclubofarizona.com.

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