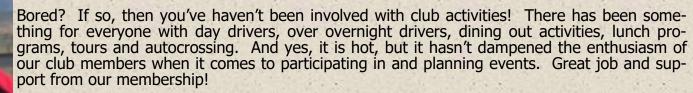


# CROSSTALK

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Speaking of great jobs, I would like to send out an acknowledgment to Garry and Karen Mion. They put together a super, well planned and fun three day driver to San Diego for the Plastic Fantastic Car Show. Everyone had a great time and we can't say enough about the job Garry and Karen did setting up the weekend for everyone. In addition to the driver, Garry is very active behind the scenes to support the club. As club Treasurer, Garry has put together a new financial tracking sheet to make sure the club knows exactly where we stand from a financial perspective. You'll also find Garry is very heavily involved with our car shows. He has chaired events, created data analysis sheets to tabulate voting results, handles the registration process and has now stepped up to co-chair this year's Thorobred Thunder show. And in his spare time, he has

Garry has replaced Bill Berryman as the co-chair for Thorobred Thunder. We wish Bill and Kathy Berryman our best wishes with their upcoming relocation to Florida and her recent retirement. They plan on becoming vagabonds trapesing across the US in the motor home they will be purchasing. Hopefully we'll see them on one of their cross country jaunts. I wish to also extend a big thank you to Bill and Kathy for their support and the con-

tributions they have made towards the success of our club.

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So what else has been going on, in or, around our club? Well, Thorobred Chevrolet has been sold. The new owners will be the Earnhardt group with final transfer of ownership to Earnhardt completed by the end of July. The new owners have shown interest in continuing to sponsor our club and support Thorobred Thunder. However, our club leadership has not spoken directly with the new Earnhardt group since all efforts to date have revolved around completing the transfer of ownership and related issues. Hopefully we will be able to sit down with the new management team and firm up our clubs position and sponsorship. In the meantime we are hopeful that a majority of current Thorobred Chevrolet employee's will continue on with the new dealership.

I just watched the latest Katz slide show feathering their Carefree Driver. If you haven't watched the show and listened to the music, you need to take a moment to enjoy their work. Also, watch the time-lapse video filmed by Jim Kerber using his C7 PDR (Performance Data Recorder). The portion of the video on the winding roads as we approached Needle Rock Recreation Area looked just like we were on an autocross course. Watch out for motion sickness while viewing the show.

I guess that's it for this issue. Esther and I are heading out in the morning for a month long trip to Laguna Nigel, Sacramento, Seattle and finally Canada for a week of boating and fishing — and oh yes, drinking and eating.

Enjoy your summer,

set up another CCA T-shirt order for our members. Thanks Garry & Karen!







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#### **TRIVIA**

BY SCOTT FECK (ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE)



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### **UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

#### May

Ray Jenkins Kim Kemper David Friesz



### <u>June</u>

Steve Navarro Marge Rhode Scott Feck Roc Campise John Veirs



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Members were greeted with a "Welcome Summer" theme when they arrived at the Rhode house in Chandler for the first leg of the Progressive Dinner. The heat's almost here, so we thought we'd put a positive spin on it.

There were many choices for appetizers: charcuterie boards, baked Brie cups, shrimp dip and raw vegetables with Beau Monde dip. After about an hour of socializing while sipping wine and Citrus Sangria, it was time to get in the Vettes and drive!



Guests arrived at the Hitzel's home in Gilbert for the main course. We couldn't have asked for lovelier weath-The temperature in Phoenix had hit the century mark earlier in the week, so we lucked out when a cool front came through before the party. We were able to dine and visit outside. Everyone enjoyed our summer faire of ham & cheese sliders, tomato/cucumber/onion salad, deviled eggs, and fresh pineapple. A few people even played our backyard Jenga game before driving a short distance to the Hill's home, also in Gilbert, for dessert.



#### DINNER CONTINUED ROGRESSIVE

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### CHICKS MONTHLY LUNCH

DENISE LOTT AND NORMA MARSH

The CCA Chicks will be continuing to meet for lunch during the summer months. Join us on the second Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. We get together at the Poolside Café by the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. If you are able to have lunch will us, please email so we have a count to give the restaurant.

> For July 8: Email Denise – deniselott2@gmail.com For August 12: Email Norma – njoymarsh@aol.com



### **CCA ON LINE**

FROM WEBMASTER JIM KERBER



Check the CCA website for updated club information at www.CorvetteClubOfArizona.com



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# Corvette Club of Arizona Club Merchandise

#### **ONLINE STORE:**

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**Any Questions? Contact Pam Swanson** 



### A CARTE SUMMER DRIVER

BY DENISE AND DAVE LOTT



What a great day we had for a summer weekday driver! Yes, it was hot outside, but our stops were all temperature controlled, so no problems there. Seventéen cars and thirty-three people got together for an informative look at some of Phoenix's more tucked-away attractions.

We started out with wide-ranging breakfast choices at the First Watch. This chain has taken over the Good Egg franchise, and the menu selection is excellent. If you haven't been to one of their restaurants, we definitely recommend that you try it.

After breakfast we had a half-mile drive to Basha's Art Gallery. This is hidden away a block off Alma School Road and is easily overlooked, but, if you have never been here, do not overlook it. It is one of the best western art collections. You cannot absorb it all in one trip, and everyone I know who visits comes back again, bringing quests.

If you are a newer member of the Corvette Club of Arizona, you probably do not know that Eddie Basha, the collector of this art, went on a few of our Corvette Club drivers and wanted to join the club, but health issues precluded that, unfortunately. He was a prominent community member, very generous with charities and very

humble. His chauffeur and butler, Jordan Houston, was on hand to give us an introduction to the museum and a bit of

background on Eddie.

Leaving the gallery, we went north across the city to the Wrigley Mansion. While most of us have seen this estate on top of the hill, it is worth stopping for the tour. There are so many details that our tour guide gave that tie in with the history of Phoenix and the history of chewing gum. One highlight of the tour is the amazing Steinway piano, custom built for Mr. Wrigley. The subsequent owner of the house, Mr. Hormel, bought the buildings for \$2.5 million in the early '90s just to obtain the piano, which is currently valued at around \$20 million. The tour was followed by lunch at the mansion to wrap up the day.





#### CAREFREE DRIVER

HOSTED BY HOWARD AND SHERYL KATZ

#### CCA Carefree Driver June 11, 2016







Souvenir of Ye Olde CCA Banner





The month of June brought unusual records to Arizona and to CCA as well - with 27 cars and 52 participants for the Carefree Driver on June 11<sup>th</sup>! The group included four guests, Marc & Kathy Teixeira and Jim & Cecelia Eberst. The purpose of this event was to enjoy a ride, enjoy the scenery, and enjoy fun-loving friends. We met at 9:00am at the Riverwalk shopping complex in Mesa, in the Famous Dave's BBQ north parking lot.

It was a beautiful morning and everyone was anxious to hit the road. With this many cars, to avoid getting lost at traffic lights and stop signs, handouts were provided at

each stop, with easy instructions and maps. It was quite a parade on the road: 9 Red, 4 Black, 4 Orange, 3 Blue, 3 Silver, 2 Yellow, and 2 White cars (the Logans' Silver C5 was in the shop so they drove their white Tacoma as the trailer car). And, there were 7 convertibles!!

The first segment was to Needle Rock Recreation Area (NRRA). The route was very scenic with great desert landscapes along the outskirts of the Indian Reservation, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde. The drive offered lots of vistas with rolling hills (dips and more dips!) and excellent views of Four Peaks almost the entire way. The ride into NRRA was loads of fun with all the curves and windy turns with more incredible scenery all the way down to the Verde River.

Our first stop was at the Picnic Area. We congregated under a shaded pavilion for snacks and social time. It was also an opportunity to walk down to the river or just enjoy the nature area. After a few minutes, I introduced special guest Maggie Underwood from the U.S. Forest Service, who gave an interesting talk about the area, its history, and information about the wildlife and vegetation in the region.

The second surprise was the opportunity for CCA's VP, Howard Katz, to honor one of his special responsibilities: to dispose of the old Club banner. Ye Olde Banner was pre cut into equal pieces, each with a souvenir tag on the back and the bag of pieces was passed around. Everyone took a piece, still wondering what was happening. The person who drew the piece with the largest portion of the Arizona star won a prize. And the winner was... Brian Miller!! He received a \$25 gift certificate to McDonalds.





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#### DRIVER—CONTINUED

HOSTED BY HOWARD AND SHERYL KATZ



Time to roll... on to Carefree Resort for Lunch. We headed west on Rio Verde Road/Dynamite Road to Pima and were treated to some amazing views of horse ranches, open vistas, and new developments as we headed into Scottsdale. While heading north on Pima, our friends (the other Jim and Esther "E" couple; Esther sings Lead in Sheryl's quartet) were on the shoulder cheering us on with colorful pinwheels and umbrellas - what a fun surprise!!

After a few more miles we arrived at Carefree Resort for lunch at the Lariat Restaurant. We had the dining room virtually all to ourselves. After we were seated and received our drinks, the Director of the Food and Beverage Service provided a brief history of the Resort and the area. After a delicious and relaxing lunch, we had our picture taken by the main entrance cactus garden and then headed down the road for dessert at DQ in Cave Creek. We coordinated in advance with the manager of DQ, and to our delight, extra help was brought in just to serve us. Once everyone finished their iced treats we continued on to the last stop, the Boulders Resort.

We drove through the town of Cave Creek to Carefree Highway and then headed east to the Boulders Resort. Some folks decided it was time to call it a day and headed home but the majority of the group ventured on. Howard and I arranged in advance, for permission to drive on through the guard's gate entrance (to bypass the usual check in for each car) so we took our time driving through the giant boulders and fabulous scenery to the Main Lobby. We ended the day at the Lobby Lounge, enjoying an early "Happy Hour". A grand time was had by all, just chatting and sipping the afternoon away with good friends.

If you'd like to experience this event, check out the two slideshows posted on the CCA Website. One is a time lapse of the drive and the other is comprised of photos. Enjoy!



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### **UPCOMING CCA EVENTS**

#### July

57—Membership Meeting Thorobred 7:00PM Social time @ TBD

4—Independence Day

8—CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

16—Win Tasting & Bottling Campise

21—Board Meeting 7:30PM Enriquez

23—Potluck/Game **Night Lott** 

#### August

4—Membership Meeting Thorobred 7:00PM Social time @ TBD

12—CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

13—Mt. Lemon Driver **Capise** 

No scheduled Board Meeting

27-28—Flagstaff Driver Logan



#### September

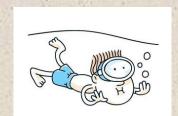
1-Membership Meeting Floridino's 7:00PM

5- Labor Day

9-11 Magical Mystery **Tour Hagan & Deacon** 

15 Board Meeting 7:30PM Enriquez

16- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh



#### October

6- Membership Meeting Thorobred 7:00PM **Nominations of 2017** Officers Social Time @

14- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

15- CCA Oktoberfest Mundy

20 Board Meeting 7:30PM Edgington

31-Halloween



#### **ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR** Schedule of Upcoming Events 2016

Date	<b>Event Type</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	Host Club
8/13-16	PC & Gimmick Rallye	Great Summer Escape	Phantom Corvette
10/9	PC & Chance Rallye	Monopoly & Poker Run	Verde Valley Vettes
10/23	People's Choice	Corvette Spooktacular	Desert Corvette Association
11/5	People's Choice	Thorobred Thunder	Corvette Club of Arizona
11/5	People's Choice	Vette Thunder	Thunder Vette Set





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#### DECADES DAY AT DESERT MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOSTED BY HOWARD AND SHERYL KATZ

On May 24, 2016, CCA was invited, along with several other local Car Clubs (De Lorean, Cadillac, and Hot Rod clubs), to participate in the Desert Shadows Middle School "Decades Day" event which was conducted at the school in Scottsdale. This annual event, traditionally held on the last day of the school year, is a day of fun activities for the students, a clever way of reinforcing what they've learned about the decades ('50s through the '80s) throughout the year.

The English teachers sponsor the event and prepare several staging areas (stations), each with unique activities so students can rotate through each designated area during the day. Each rotation group consisted of 20 - 25 students escorted by a teacher and an adult chaperone, and was timed for 15 minutes; the students were busy and moving the entire day. This middle school enrolls only 7th and 8th grades, and had over 960 students this year. And, to support the theme, faculty, staff, chaperones, and 8th graders were encouraged to dress in their favorite decade's attire, what a hoot!

So, how did CCA fit into this picture?!? One way to mark the decades was to show vintage cars. We were informed that cars are a favorite part of this event because most of the kids have never seen older cars and have very little understanding of yesteryear's automobiles. And, the students LOVE seeing cars! Although vintage cars were preferred, newer cars and resto mods were welcomed as well.

Although only a handful of CCA members were able to participate, the coordinator was thrilled - they enjoyed our enthusiasm and support. It was an intriguing proposition and turned out to be a truly rewarding experience for each of us! The day started early, at 7:30am — to park the cars and set up before the first group arrived, shortly

after 8:00am. We were parked in the rear lot of the school,

in a solar paneled, shaded parking lot.

On display were 11 cars (four from CCA members):

'46 Ford Sedan

'64 Convertible Corvair (Bill Rhode)

'65 Cadillac

'66 Corvette Coupe (Howard and Sheryl Katz)

'67 Camaro Pro Tour Car (Brian Miller)

'67 Camaro

'74 AMX

'86 Corvette

'86 DeLorean

'93 Convertible V12 Jaguar

'07 Corvette Convertible (Mark Godina)







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#### DECADES DAY AT DESERT MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTINUED



The students were really nice kids, polite and most were quite interested. Before being released to wander at their leisure, they were given instructions that they needed to ask the owners permission to touch and experience the car. Except for a few surprises, to our delight, the students were quite cooperative. They respected your requests and cooperated accordingly.

At first, many were shy but warmed up once they were engaged in conversation. And, as the day progressed, word spread and many ran to see the cars when it was their turn. They loved sitting in the cars - lots of fun poses and photos were taken. The students made wonderful observations and comments; and asked questions. They had a fascination with the car horns, especially the Cadillac and the Corvair (once they learned where it was located and how to activate the sound!).

Most were clueless about the most simple of functions, like how to open the door (remember, they've grown up using key fobs and remote access entry – keys and push button door handles are foreign to them, 'yesteryear').

One of the biggest surprises of the day...

Bill Rhode's nephew, the Principal of Desert Shadows Middle School! Clad in his '80s sport jacket and wig, he strolled out to see the cars and the first one he came to was a Corvair, and, the owner was his Uncle Bill!! He was totally unaware that Bill would be at this event and, he didn't know Bill owned a Corvair!

Although a surprising number of students were knowledgeable of car trivia because of some of their family members (e.g., dads, grandfathers, uncles, etc. that owned collectible automobiles), the funniest question was "how did you get the car here?" The students were incredulous that we drove the cars that day!



We were quite busy all day and had little time to chat with the other owners so following are some of their observations and inquiries we collected. It was interesting, that no one car was a favorite. Each car was an attraction and, for different reasons.



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#### DECADES DAY AT DESERT MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTINUE



1964 Corvair Convertible: How do you open the door? Where's the horn (horn ring in steering wheel)? How do you get into the back seat? The engine is in the back? I'm confused!! What's a clutch? How to operate the (push button) AM radio?

1965 Cadillac: What a HUGE trunk!! Six kids were in the car with room to spare. It was a two-door model, (no release button) 'how do you get in the back seat'?

1966 Corvette Stingray Coupe: How many people sit in the back? How do you open the door? What's a crank window? What's a stick shift? No shoulder seat belt? Why is there a vent window? Where are the headrests? They loved the color and body style.

1967 Camaro Pro Tour Car: WHOA; this is AWESOME!! How do you get into the car (remove the steering wheel and step over the steel frame)? How fast does it go (150 w/4spd, now about 170 MPH)? How long have you owned it (18 years)? What did it look like when you bought it? Does your wife drive it?

**1986 DeLorean:** many noticed that the speedometer was >88 (movie reference).

1993 Convertible Jaguar: What's that (gas tank cap)? Why is there a 3rd brake light on top of the trunk? Girls flocked to this car - they loved the ivory interior; shiny red exterior, and the big

motor. "The engine (V12) is twice as big as my parent's car."

**2007 Convertible Corvette:** What's a convertible? How do you get out of the car?

It was a fabulous day and before we knew it, it was time to say goodbye - we left after the last shift, about 2:30pm. To participate in something like this, you need to have a good sense of humor. Brian stole the show a few times when he revved up the engine, full bore... LOUD! Now THAT was an experience and always resulted in a round of applause!! Bill, Howard, and Mark demonstrated their own silliness off/on throughout the day; it was a perfect place for pranksters.

What a wonderful educational opportunity - it was well worth our time, indeed. Each group of students thanked us for the experience - now THAT was something too! After a day with these students, we are optimistic for our country's future!!







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#### CORVETTE WAIVE RULES

By Dan Woomer (October 23, 2003), President of Lost Caravan Corvette Club Contributed by Jim Enriquez

The **Corvette Wave** is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence.

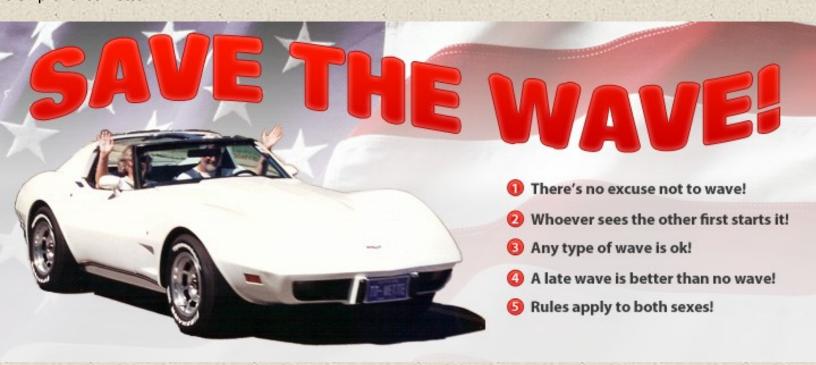
So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.
- Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave. There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes. As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay. Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave. If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you where just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple:

Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them.

This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.





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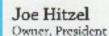




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## TRIVIA ANSWERS







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- A. The 1924 Chrysler.