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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Esther and I are getting ready for this weekend's MMT trip – so we've packed snow boots, swim suits and parkas. Well, maybe not all that much stuff, but a few extra items we "may" need on the trip. Wherever we go, I know the Hagans and Deacons have put together a great trip. Sorry for those of you who had a conflict this weekend (Go Cardinals!). I even had to give up my ASU game on Saturday, but by the end of the night I might be glad I did.

It's was such a positive situation in that CCA was able to maintain such a positive, long standing relationship with our sponsor, Thorobred Chevrolet. Both the club and our members received excellent service, support and treatment over the years from Thorobred. However, like any business merger, change or buyout, it's a new game with different players under the Earnhardt Chevrolet banner.

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I know we all had a lot of questions about the new owner, our sponsorship and just how it would affect our ub. Well, I am very happy to report, we are off to a very positive start. The Earnhardt Chevrolet manageent team has welcomed us with open arms and is looking forward to sponsoring the Corvette Club of Ariona. Yes, things will be different but in the scheme of things, it looks like the club is in a position to gain ded support. The Earnhardt Automotive Group is a much larger business operation and has extensive sources they are willing to share with us. I think you'll see the biggest difference as we move forward with e planning of our new car show, Earnhardt Chevy Stampede. It's a great name for our show and Earnardt's jumped in to help us create a new flyer with their in-house resources. Feedback on the finished flyer as been great. Garry Mion is Co-chairing the event with me and we'll be working closely with the Earnardt people as we pull the show together. I am looking for an improved show and greater spectator traffic pw. Garry and I will be reaching out to you very shortly to help us run and manage our November 5 $^{
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hink I inadvertently planned my month long vacation trip at just the t time. The transition to the new dealership was in full swing and vas not available during the process. However, in my absence, arge Rhode did an outstanding job working with the departing and coming management teams. Marge is a very active member of the ub and someone we've always been able to count on, especially e -- Thanks Marge! Following our July General Meeting, which arge and Howard Katz directed, the Earnhardt management team as quite impressed with our club and its members. They are excitto be sponsoring CCA and have developed a very positive Corette attitude. Both Earnhardt and CCA are definitely looking for a in-win situation.



orry to say John and Jane Veirs had to make a difficult decision and resigned from the club. John's health sues have been challenging and now he and Jane will be raising their 16 year old granddaughter. The eirs have been positive members and have contributed to the club's success. John has been an active ember when it came to organizing and working our car shows. I know we all wish them well and if you ink of it, please drop them a note, I know they will appreciate it. veirs1948@yahoo.com

ow that the end of summer is in sight, we'll be welcoming back our winter members. Our meetings will be little more crowded and the 50/50 pot will be bigger. A full club also sets the stage for increased activities. 'e have lots of room for dining out nights - maybe even on a week night for the retiree's in the group. Be are and contact Diana Campise if you have a restaurant or dinner program you want the group to try. ooking forward to the last guarter of 2016!

njoy yourselves,

Jim



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Q.What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

Q.What American Luxury automaker began making cages for birds and squirrels?



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Q.What car first referred to itself as a convertible?

UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September

Dawn Dziezynski Nancy Hagen Jane Veirs Norma Marsh Rob Deacon Dave Golec Bill Rhode Sandy Sample Frank Hagen Bernice Grassel Bob Bassett



October

Al Yarusso Norm Riffel Diana Campise Pat Jenkins Lisa Pavlicek Janet Ray Jan Mundy Tom Hill Joyce Mileskiewicz Darlene Heavlin

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WINE BOTTLING EVENT SIMPLE STEPS ON HOW TO BOTTLE YOUR OWN PERSONAL WINE

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First: You need 16 members of the Corvette Club of Arizona.

Second: Sit them around a large wine tasting table and serve assorted bread (I mean grommet crackers), an assortment of delicious cheese, topped off with a cluster of red grapes. We didn't forget the water to cleanse the palate .



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Third: sample the wine flights, cleanse the pallet and use the spittoon. Everyone liked that part of it. You could do it in public without complaints. Those less adventurous simply dumped the wine from glass to spittoon.

Fourth: quickly educate yourself on how to hand bottle the perfect wine and go for it. Use what you have learned to create a one of a kind bottling experience.



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WINE BOTTLING EVENT CONTINUED SIMPLE STEPS ON HOW TO BOTTLE YOUR OWN PERSONAL WINE

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Comme par magie, une bouteille de vin parfait. "Like magic, a perfect bottle of wine. Congratulations vintners.



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Wine Facts: Archaeological evidence has established the earliest known production of wine from fermented grapes in 5400 BC.

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How many grape varieties are there? The answer surprised me - there are over **10,000 varieties** of wine grapes in the world.

The USA is number four in wine production behind France, Italy and Spain.



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PROGRESSIVE DINNER CONTINUED HOSTED BY MARGE & BILL RHODE

BY MARGE & BILL RHODE JENNIFER & JOE HITZEL NANCY & TOM HILL

Anyway, most of us were a little lighter on our feet after the event, so we thought. I think that was the wine taking over. Oh well, I hope we all left SuVino's Winery happier than when we arrived.



I leave you with a limerick toast:

You'll open your home for guests to eat, a place for old friends and new ones to meet, when this night is over share this bottle of wine, but don't sit down it's clean up time.

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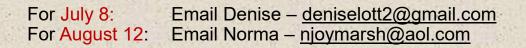


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A CHICKS MONTHLY LUNCH DENISE LOTT AND NORMA MARSH

The CCA Chicks continued to enjoy good conversation and good food during the hot summer months. There were still plenty of us around, with the "cast of characters" changing during each gathering as we all took some summer vacations. We normally meet on the second Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. However, for September we will not meet until Sept. 16 (the third Wednesday) because of MMT the weekend before, during our normal meeting time.

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.







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CCA ON LINE FROM WEBMASTER JIM KERBER





Our website hit a milestone in August; 20,000 visitors since the counter was installed. People are interested in Corvettes in Arizona!

In the past few months there have been several new Corvettes purchased by members, and even some members who have moved or otherwise changed their personal information. I pride myself on keeping our website up to date and need your new information to update our roster and profiles. Please take a minute and check your information on your profile to ensure it is current.

The online registration for our fall car show, Earnhardt Chevy Stampede, is working. If you have any problems registering on our website please contact me.

Finally, I have an opportunity for you to serve your Club. Volunteer to be Webmaster. I have been webmaster for 2 years, and also served as webmaster for 4 years a few years ago. Our website needs a fresh set of eyes to keep refining it and better serve our members. It's not a "super techie" type of position; if I can do it almost anyone can. If you have any questions about what's involved please contact me.



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Corvette Club of Arizona Club Merchandise

ONLINE STORE: http://www.shop.proudownerdesign.com/category.sc?categoryId=12

Check out the new C7 "BLING" logo for women New shirt styles are now available

CCA Logo Iron On Patches are also available for \$5.00 each. Contact Pam Swanson

GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON LINE – Great for any occasion

Samples of most styles will be available to try on at CCA Business meetings

<u>Remember, if you are not sure of the size you need,</u> <u>do not order, as it cannot be returned</u>

Any Questions? Contact Pam Swanson

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SUMMER POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT HOSTED BY DENISE AND DAVE LOTT



During an almost-recorded breaking heat wave for Phoenix, 30 CCA-ers gathered for an evening of food and frivolity. The shared potluck dishes were wonderful, and there was certainly no lack of food. Second and third rounds of filled plates were not uncommon. It was a great mix of recipes, and a perfect way to dine on a hot summer night, but we skipped the outdoor option due to the heat.

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Following dinner, the group split into two, and

then each of those groups divided into two teams. While one group played Pictionary, the other group acted out words with their Guesstures. Can you guess what word Sandy is trying to convey in the photo?

And just what is Guy attempting to illustrate? The laughter carried back and forth between the two rooms.





At the end of Pictionary, Howard and Rob accepted bonus questions for their respective teams, with a word chosen by the opposite team. Can you draw a *Wal-Mart Greeter* or *Wasabi*? Before the group switched over to the opposite game, there was a dessert break. Dave Lott didn't disappoint with his dessert options. Then it was on to the second game for each group. The Guesstures group chose to move onto the hard words, adding to the laughter.

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BINGO BASH Hosted by Denise Lott and Marge Rhode

Six members of CCA and two guests decided to try their luck at Bingo at Lone Butte Casino this year.

By noon we had all purchased our game packages and settled down to rake in the BIG bucks again. After all, more than \$2,200 had been won last year by just four members.

But that must have been beginner's luck as this year the only one to win at Bingo was Tina Pivar, a guest who joined us along with her husband Neil. And the winning pot was only \$50. At least it paid a little more than her buy-in.



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But that's not the end of the story. Not only did we all have a fun afternoon, but half the people won money at the slot machines.

Mary Ellen Haydon, Mary O'Connor, Tina Pivar and Dave Lott had combined winnings of more than \$500 net. Dave was the big winner with \$280 on the quarter machines. And that made Grumpy Cat smile!

So thanks to those who joined us for the afternoon, Denise and I had a great time even though neither of us won any money! We may have to try again next summer.

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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

September

1—Membership Meeting Floridino's 7:00PM

5—Labor Day

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

15—Board Meeting 7:30PM Edgington

16—CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh Your event

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October

6—Membership Meeting Earnhardt 7:00PM Nominations of 2017 Officers

8–Prescott Driver **Edgington & Enriquez**

14—CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

15—CCA Oktoberfest **Mundy & Lott**

20—Board Meeting 7:30PM Swanson

31-Halloween



November

3—Membership Meeting Earnhardt 7:00PM **Election of 2017 Officers**

5—Earnhardt Chevy **Stampede Enriquez & Mion**

11—Veterans Day

11—CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh

17—Board Meeting 7:30PM Katz

19—Highway Cleanup Hill

24—Thanksgiving Day

December

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1—Membership Meeting Flordino's 7:00PM

3—Veteran's Home Lott & O'Conner

10—Christmas Party Lund & Feck

15—Board Meeting 7:30PM Enriquez

25—Christmas



ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR Schedule of Upcoming Events 2016

Date	Event Type	Event Name	Host Club	
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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LEMON DRIVER-AUGUST 2016 **ROCCO AND DIANA CAMPISE** TED BY

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE 107 in Phoenix 72 in Mt. Lemmon



We had one thought in mind, "GET COOL". Travelled the back road to the Tucson area and then it happened. A city loomed before us.

No way around it. To get to the top of the mountain, you had to go through town.



Traffic, stop and go and oh yes, the inevitable head (pit) stop. Time to move out.

Off we went in serpentine style of 16 corvettes. Stop here, pass there turn left, turn right can't stay together. We finally got to the base of the mountain.

There it was, the beginning, Catalina Highway as it turned into General Hitchcock highway. What a relief that was, 30 miles of winding road, vistas and some of the most gorgeous scenery in southern Arizona.



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MT. LEMON DRIVER—AUGUST 2016 HOSTED BY ROCCO AND DIANA CAMPISE

When we hit mile marker 14, we stopped at Windy Point Vista as the valley laid out before us. Spectacular views.



When we arrived at the mountain top the temp was 72 degrees. Anyway, it was time to **EAT** and we headed to the Iron Door restaurant where the tables were reserved and ready for us. Members heading up to the restaurant looking like bowling pins scattered all over the alley. It didn't matter to them, they were hungry and cool.





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GOVERNOR'S REPORT BY BRUCE MUNDY



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If you have the NCCC Roadrunner Region Website bookmarked on your computer please remember to change the link (URL) for it to the new domain name if you have not already done so. The new name is "**WWW.ROADRUNNERCORVETTES.COM**".

Many Corvetters enter autocrosses held by SCCA and/or Porsche Club of Arizona here in Phoenix. In case you are not aware, both clubs are experiencing problems renting at Wildhorse Pass since the

original lease holders lost their lease and the site is now being run by tribal authorities.

All SCCA autocrosses in the coming year will be held at Arizona Motorsports Park - AMP. At least half of the Porsche Club autocrosses in the coming year will also be held at AMP. This site requires a sound certification. The current test level is 92 dB.

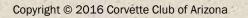
There will be sound testing before the next SCCA solo at AMP on September 10th. There should also be testing before the next PCA event at AMP on September 17th. Stock exhaust should normally pass. You need to run the sound test lane at full throttle and sandbaggers will be excused from participation. Once your Car passes, you have an AMP sticker placed in the driver's door jam so you will not need to repeat testing unless you change the exhaust.

NOTE: It is reported that some C7 and Z06 owners have not passed this sound level test.

All of the Roadrunner Region Officers hope that many Corvette friends will take advantage of the opportunity to enter these local autocrosses to improve their driving skills and knowledge of the handling and braking limits of their great sports cars. If you haven't tried it before I believe you'll truly be amazed at what a wonderful handling machine you have.

The end of the competition year is almost here. There are five Roadrunner Region Club competition weekends left with a total of fourteen sanctions. So there's still time to show your car, rallye, autocross, and have a fun time! For up-to-the-minute details see:

2016 Roadrunner Region Sanctioned Events

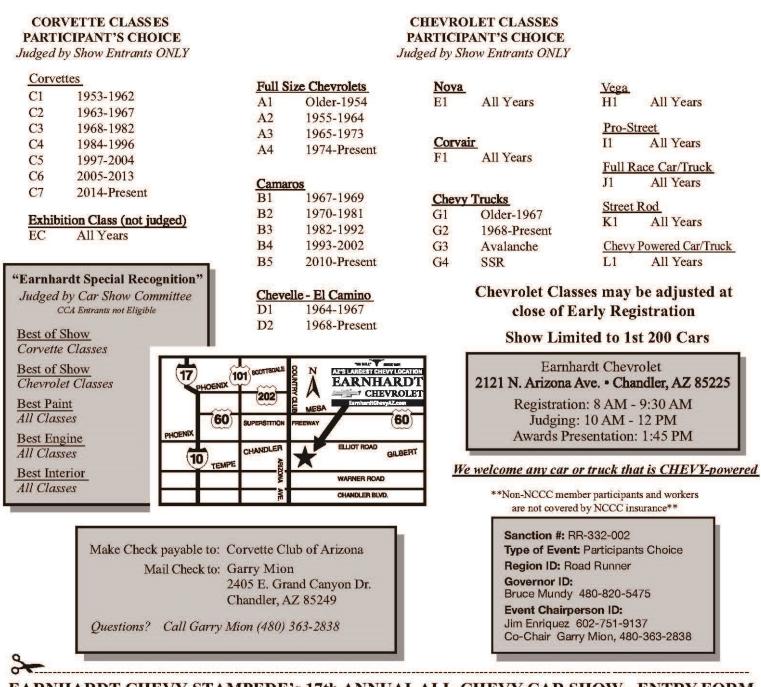


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Note: Trailer parking is available along E. Corporate Pl. Additional T-Shirts available \$10/ea pre-entry, \$15/each at show (limited availability). Corvette Club of Arizona - visit us at www.corvetteclubofarizona.com



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TIRE AGE—HOW OLD IS TOO OLD REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE POSTED BY KEN ERNST ON HEMMINGS DAILY (JULY 7, 2016)



Jeff Yost's 1976 Corvette. Those tires were manufactured in March of 1993, 23 years ago. Photos by Jeff Yost, unless otherwise noted.

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Last week, Hemmings reader Jeff Yost and I were discussing the subject of tires and collector cars. When Jeff purchased his 1976 Chevrolet Corvette through a Hemmings ad in April of 2016, he thought it would be a good idea to check the age of the tires on

the car, a set of pristine B.F. Goodrich Radial T/As. Since they were manufactured prior to 2000, decoding the date required the help of a local tire dealer.

Even this didn't solve the mystery entirely, since the dealer could only advise the tires were manufactured in early 1983 or early 1993. Determined to get more information, Jeff wrote to B.F. Goodrich directly, who replied:

Thank you for your email concerning the current Radial T/A's on your Corvette. We are certainly happy to see that you recognize the dangers of using a tire older than 10 years old. The DOT you provided indicates that these tires were manufactured in the 12th week of 1993. Making them 23 years old!



Pre-2000 TIN. These tires were produced in January, but was it 1986 or 1996? Photo by author.

On tires produced after 2000, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires that each tire be stamped on the sidewall with a Tire Identification Number (TIN). After DOT, the first four digits identify the plant code (with two digits) and the code for the tire size (also with two digits), followed by three or four digits identifying the manufacturer-stated performance specs of the tire. Unless you're in the tire business, none of this is particularly relevant, but what is relevant are the four numbers at the end of the TIN. Of these, the first two identify the week the tire was manufactured, while the last two identify the post-2000 year.



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TIRE AGE-HOW OLD IS TOO OLD CONTINUED BY KEN ERNST-HEMMINGS DAILY (JULY 7, 2016)

Which raises a very valid question: when it comes to tires on classic cars, how old is too old?

Oddly enough, there's no standard in the United States, but <u>Tire Rack</u> cites recommendations from the British Rubber Manufacturer's Association (BRMA) and the Japanese Automobile Tire Manufacturer's Association (JATMA) on its website. Per BRMA, unused tires over six years old should never be put in service, and all tires should be replaced after 10 years from their date of manufacture. JATMA recommends inspection after five years and replacement after 10, regardless of treadwear and overall condition.





The original spare tire for Jeff's Corvette.

This may seem like erring on the side of caution, but we've heard of tire shops that won't mount or repair tires older than six years old. While such a policy may help sell more new tires, it's equally likely that it's in place to help a shop avoid litigation should a repaired or mounted older tire fail.

The label on Jeff's original spare. Good tread depth doesn't mean a tire is safe to use.

Climate plays an obvious role as well. In Florida's extreme conditions, I've seen tires with cracked sidewalls just a few years after installation, and I'd imagine the same is true with the desert Southwest. Though we have ample potholes and harsh winters to deal with in the Northeast, the climate seems to be more forgiving in regards to tires, perhaps instilling a false sense of security.

When it comes to your collector car or weekend driver, what's your own policy on tires?







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FLAGSTAFF DRIVER—AUGUST 27, 2016 HOSTED BY BOB AND JAN LOGAN



This was the Logan's first driver with CCA, in the Flag Position, so we absolutely had to do it right. Our rendezvous point in Fountain Hills, the Target store, was perfect and wide open for a gathering of Vettes.

The sky was a different story, sun barely breaking through the clouds and compounded with a phone call from our docent, Norm, of the Museum of Northern Arizona our primary destination. "Raining heavy up here, probably all day. Got an inch and a half yesterday." Uh oh! I told Jan to start working her prayer beads. It worked! We only had heavy rain to Payson with umbrellas deployed during our donut stop.

Driving on, we slowed to second gear (50MPH) along Lake Mary Road with sunflowers in bloom all the way to Flag. We arrived at Buster's restaurant twenty five minutes early enabling a long, relaxing lunch at high tables in the bar (strictly lemonade).

Our tour of the Museum kicked off at 1:30, with what has to be in my opinion, the best docent lead tour I've ever been on. So outstanding that we invited him to join us as our guest that evening at the Outback. However, prior commitments prevented Norm from doing so but certainly a consideration that I plan on including on future driver checklists.



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FLAGSTAFF DRIVER-AUGUST 27, 2016 HOSTED BY BOB AND JAN LOGAN

The Confort Inn Lucky Lane provided excellent rooms (completely modernized this past year) at a very palatable rate, \$101 complete with an adequate complimentary breakfast. In contrast, Little America, was \$189 w/o tax, Drury \$249. Ouch!

Outback reservations were for 5:30. We walked from the Comfort arriving as a group of twelve at 5:25. Packed! We sat at our table at 5:30, in the location I had requested. Thank you Lord! My emails and phone calls paid off! A great meal with beaucoup camaraderie.

Most of us retired early but the Mundy's carried on the party at a local dance hall. Guess I should have supplied multi-vitamins earlier in the day! The breakfast room at the Comfort provided a decent continental meal with real eggs. Wow!

The remainder of the weekend was planned with some of us going onto Walnut Canyon and the Riordan Mansion. A fun driver with eight cars. Ray Jenkins referred to his recent driver to Jerome. Total of ten cars due to parking limitations. He mentioned being able to share time with everyone.

The Museum of Norther Arizona run duplicated that same experience. If I can coin a term, I would call it a BOUTIQUE DRIVER, i.e., a special driver limited to ten cars or less with perhaps an included "sleepover".

Jan and I are looking forward to leading another driver where and when to be determined. Thanks to all that participated.



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What was the first car offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

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The 1904 ACME, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as ACME closed down in 1911.

- Q. What American luxury automaker began making cages for birds and squirrels?
- **A.** The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made ice boxes.



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- What car first referred to itself as a convertible?
- The 1904 Thomas Flynn Flyer, which has a removable hard top.

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