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President's Message

Happy Birthday CCA! Can you believe it's been 37 years since a small group of Corvette enthusiasts formed the Corvette Club of Arizona? Some of us were just children back in 1975!



The 1975 Corvette: it was the halfway point for the 3rd generation, the Stingray was king, and it would be three more years before Corvette celebrated its Silver Anniversary. Classic White was the #1 color by a landslide. Of the 38,465 Corvettes produced, only 4,629 were convertibles, and they were destined to be the most remembered, since that option was not available again until 1986.

What else did our club founders experience in 1975? On the local front, Chandler had less than 10% of the population that it has today and, according to Nate Meyers at the Chandler Historical Society, the Dairy Cow population far exceeded the human population.

In the national news: Nixon's resignation was only six months old and the Watergate Trials were in the headlines. We had a 9.2% US unemployment rate and were in the midst of a recession. Gas was 44 cents a gallon and the Vietnam War ended.

On the Sports & Entertainment Page: The 1975 World Series was played between the Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds. It has been ranked by ESPN as the second-greatest World Series ever played. Cincinnati won the series four games to three. The Steelers defeated the Vikings by the score of 16-6 to win their first Super Bowl. As many predicted, the game was low scoring and ended up with the second lowest total of combined points in Super Bowl history. Bobby Unser won the Indy 500 for the second time. Eagles - **Best of My Love**, reached #1. **Jaws** was number one at the box office, however, **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** won Best Picture, Director, Actor and Actress. Did I mention gas was 44 cents a gallon?!!

But enough of the good old days, fast-forward 37 years to today. Our club's longevity is very impressive, although in my mind no less impressive to me is that CCA is larger, healthier and more active than ever. Most of you probably know that the National Council of Corvette Clubs mantra is; "**We joined for the car, we stay for the people**". I think that's also very true of CCA. The enthusiasm of our new members and their willingness to jump in and participate, our long term members who have become our bedrock, the core group that step up year after year to host events, our dedicated board members, and a great sponsor, make CCA the #1 Corvette Club in my book.

Scott



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Hosts: Sandy Sample and Esther Enriquez

On February 27th, thirteen CCA ladies participated in their second annual cooking event at Sweet Basil Cooking School. Our instructor, Linda Miller, was the same one we had last year, and she was so helpful. She assisted us in preparing seven different dishes: Baked Brie with Shallots & Roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce; Smoked Salmon Cakes with Lemon Dill Aioli; Grilled Chicken Satay with Cilantro Pesto; Bloody Mary Shrimp; Pork Pot Stickers with Garlic Soy; Pepper-Crusted Steak with Horseradish Cream; and Mini Caramel Pecan Pies with Bourbon Whipped Cream. A glass of wine per participant was also included.

We paired off in groups of two, with each group preparing one of the menu items from the recipes provided, and of course, Linda's help. When the cooking was complete, we all got to sample the delicious food we prepared.



Everyone had a great time, and we hope to continue with this annual event.



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Ostrich Festival Parade By Bill Rhode



The 24th Annual Ostrich Festival Parade was the best attended in years. Our 14 Corvettes were greatly appreciated by the VIP's, Princesses, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, as well as all those watching the parade.

Thanks to all who donated their time to this very worthy annual civic event.



The lunch at Oreganos was well attended and enjoyed by all.



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St. Patrick's Day Party

By Darlene Heavlin

Hosts: The Heavlins and Rhodes

On March 10th, 38 members accepted the invitation to gather at the Heavlin's cottage for an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day. This was our second St. Patrick's Day Party, but we cannot call it an "Annual Event", because that implies a commitment to have every year!!! We are so not ready for that! Although I must say it keeps getting better every year!



The menu included delicious appetizers, Corned Beef with creamed horseradish, Shepherd's Pie, Red Potatoes, Potato Famine Salad, Glazed Carrots, Celtic Cole Slaw, Rolls and Irish Soda Bread. Dessert was Grasshopper Pie, Blarney Squares, whiskey balls and an assortment of Green Irish fortune cookies! There was an assortment of spirited beverages, as well as the famous Maggie's!

This year we added games to the festivities! Cabbage bowling, a swinging shamrock toss and of course an event would not be complete without a brain-teaser of a Irish Word Scramble! Special recognition gifts of a \$10.00 gift card to Irish Republic were awarded for those who took first place. For getting the most correct answers on the Irish Scramble, the award goes to Karen Mion and Sheryl Katz, who shared the gift card. The Outstanding "Shamrock Tosser" of the crowd was Dave Lott. And the Cabbage Bowling Queen goes to Sheryl Katz!!! Thanks to all of those who helped with games and Scott Feck for helping with parking! Special thanks to the "kitchen helpers" – we could not have done it without you all!!!

Thanks to all of those who attended. We certainly hope everyone enjoyed themselves and went home full and happy!





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POKER RUN and COOKOUT By Sharon & Bruce Lund

What a great time and a great day for a driver. We could not have ordered better weather for our poker run and cookout. It was amazing it did not rain or even threaten to rain or snow, given our historical track record for this event.



After leaving the meeting place, our first stop was at the rest stop in Superior, AZ. Everything was great except for the bathroom situation, (thanks to Sharon there was ample bathroom tissue for both our members and other ladies in line). Upon leaving the rest stop, the Riffel's ZR1 would not start. We tried to jump start Norm's ZR1 but could not get it started. Thanks to the 'old fashion' push the car to get it started, we were back in business. Norm was actually offered a straight up trade for a biker's Harley while we were pondering the situation.



We were surprised that everyone left without their leader (a 'driver' faux pas!). Thanks to cell phone technology, Scott and Diane took over as they knew where the turnoff to Bernie's was located. The separated group made the stop in Wheatfields, AZ at Bernie's for lunch. We arrived at the lunch place ready for a bite of lunch and a drink or two. Service was very slow. We had a communication snafu with Bernie and did not give him enough advance warning. Bernie was a little miffed as he prefers to provide better service. The food was good once delivered. Thank you for your patience or lack of patience, whichever fits.

We left Bernie's and headed for Lake Roosevelt where we made a stop for pictures.





We then headed for Jake's Corner. Someone forgot to turn off their Corvette so it was moved to a safer place. When it was time to leave Sharon took over as leader so Bruce could tally up the winners for the poker hands. That is one of Sharon's favorite drives heading down 87 to Fountain Hills.



Upon arrival at our home, several people pitched in to help get the cook out going. Bill Maguire and Phil Duhaime took over the grill job as Bruce handled the bar tending. Frank and Darlene Heavlin set up the food display with plates and the food so it was a nice flow.



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Dave and Kathy Golec won the best hand with a full house (first time draw) and say thank you to all of you who donated the \$40 first place prize.

We had a great time with great people. After hours was awesome with tequila tasting and late harvest cabernet.

Sharon and Bruce

To view a slide show of this event, click the following link:

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Highway Cleanup By Mike & Nancy Meyers



On Saturday morning, April 7th, 10 people had a great breakfast at Hoosier's Café. Then they joined 8 more of us at the corner of Arizona Avenue and Riggs Road to do the Spring Trash Pickup for the club, sponsored by Mike and Nancy Meyers and Jim and Patti Kerber. We started out on both sides of Arizona Avenue, with 4 of us heading either North or South and on either the East or West side of the street. Mike and Nancy had gone out early and Nancy "planted" some tagged notes which, when found by one of the participants, needed to be turned in to Nancy to receive their "giftie" at the conclusion of the pickup.



A good time was had by all (at least as good a time as one might have picking up trash) and we only had two casualties. Ray Jenkins stuck his arm someplace it should not have been, by some big thorns, and he drew some blood; and Mike and Nancy's small bottle of spf 50 sun block got slammed in the tailgate of their pickup, which resulted in a bath of sun block for those standing near the truck!

All in all, it was a successful trash pickup and we finished by about 10:45 am, before it got too hot! Thanks so much to those who came out to help and we look forward to another pickup of trash in either late October or early November!

Mike and Nancy Meyers and Jim and Patti Kerber



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Corvettes-in-the-Park

By Jim Enriquez

Yes, the 2012 version of our Spring Car Show was the best on record in terms of the number of vehicles registered and the quality of the show. The weather was great, entrants were pleased, there were lots of cool looking

Corvettes, and just about everything ran smoothly. The only thing that was not under the direct control of the Spring Car Show Committee was the classic sunny Arizona weather. CCA members who volunteered for work assignments on the day of the show helped bring everything together on one very fine April 7th day.

The behind the scenes planning by the Spring Car Show Committee consisting of Dave Lott, Mike Meyers, Garry Mion, Jim Wilson, Mike Terrey, Dave Friesz and myself, made all the difference in a show garnering many positive acknowledgements from the record number of participants. I also wish to thank Darlene Heavlin and the San Marcos for their help and support.

On top of it all, we were able to donate \$730 to Packages From Home. It was a lot of work, so we'll take a month off and start all over again for next year's show.

One guest at the San Marcos (a Corvette owner), visiting Arizona for a wedding, felt the show was the highlight of his visit. - I was just hoping he wasn't the father of the bride!

Hope everyone enjoyed the show as much as the San Marcos guest!



Jim

To view a slide show of the car show click the following link:

http://www.photoshow.com/watch/yg9SH6iW?source=em_ps_show

Corvettes-in-the-Park – continued

And the first place winners are:

C1 – John Marsh



C2 – John & Marcella Walton



Corvettes-in-the-Park – continued

C3 – Barry Rahn



C4 – Wendell Coats



Corvettes-in-the-Park – continued

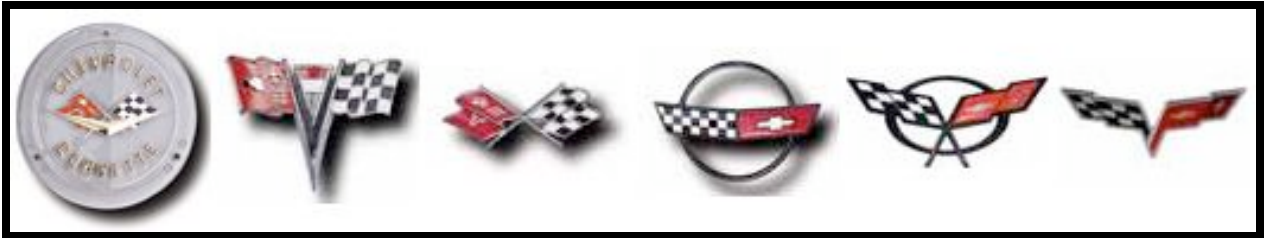
C5 – Mark & Darci Stormquest



C6 – 1st Place and BEST of SHOW, Fred Mapp



Corvettes-in-the-Park – continued





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Corvettes and Bombers

By Bill Rhode

Photos: Garry Mion & Jim Kerber



This year's CCA event went off without any hitches. The Vettes gathered in Tumbleweed Park and proceeded to the Airpark at 8:00 am sharp. A total of 12 Vettes took part.



While the number of aircraft was down from last year due to high winds on Saturday, there was a good overall showing and a good community turnout. The weather was great and Hanger Cafe was a very busy place most of the day. We departed the show in small groups between 1:00 and 2:00 pm, when the planes started leaving. Those in attendance had a good time, as we usually do at events where you can show your car.



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37th CCA Founder's Day [NO PONCHOS REQUIRED] By Dave Golec



The early morning sun shined brightly at 7am on Saturday April 21st as 19 Corvettes congregated at the Village Inn parking lot on Apache Trail in Apache Junction. The temperature was rising quickly on its way to a record tying high temp of 103 degrees. There would be no (rain) ponchos required on this Founder's Day poker run.



After a brief drivers meeting, the caravan headed east on Apache Trail as it wound its way to the junction of Route 60. The multi colored Corvettes then headed east to Route 79 south and snaked our way thru Florence passing the prison where Bill Rhode spent some time. JUST KIDDING BILL!!! We continued across the soon to be dormant desert, turning south at the junction of Route 77 headed for Tucson.

Our first rest stop was the McDonalds on Oracle Road in northeast Tucson, where we enjoyed a break, some snacks and refreshments. After about 30 minutes we began the second leg and crossed Tucson on westbound Tangerine road until we merged onto I-10 en-route to our next stop, the San Xavier Mission.





Upon arriving at the Mission, we broke into two groups and were given a very informative tour by the Docents. They detailed the trials and tribulations of construction in the late 1700s as well as a primer on the Baroque architectural style found inside the church. Although the Mission is currently undergoing renovations, the unbelievable attention to detail is evident, especially considering the time of construction and its remote location.





Around noon we headed to Tubac for a delicious lunch at D'Anza Cantina. Our host Marcus had his employee lot cleared out for CCA reserved parking. Guests had made their selections ahead of time so lunch was served after a short Happy Hour of chips and salsa and some of the tastiest margaritas I can remember. After lunch, the winners of the poker run were awarded their prizes from our Fabulous



Showcase. Congratulations go to the Grassels for their first place full house, the Godinas for second place and the Fecks for their third place hand. Once everyone had satisfied their sweet tooth with CCA birthday cake, the group dispersed. Some left for home while others went browsing around

Tubac.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed organizing the 37th CCA Founder's Day event.

Your Hosts:

Sandy and Phil Duhaime & Kathy and Dave Golec

To view a slide show of the Founder's Day driver, which includes many photos of the inside of the church, click the following link:

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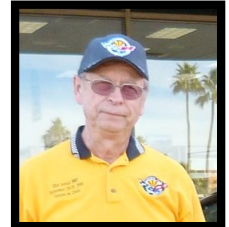


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Corvette Club of Arizona, NCCC Governor's Corner

The Corvette Club of Arizona (CCA) is on its way to being the most active Club in the Road Runner Region this year. With the two NCCC sanctioned events: the Rallye and Corvettes in-the-Park Show, we are looking good. By participating in these Club events and events of other Clubs, the CCA should have no problem getting the Number 1 Club Region award for 2012. Last year we were awarded three 2nd place plaques for CCA Club participation in Roadrunner Regional Events.



New NCCC Members for CCA so far this year are: Janice Byers, Sharon DeGraff-Lund, Art & Rae Eden, Diane Feck, Mark & Beth Godina, Denise Landers, William Maguire, Jan Mundy, Joyce Riffle, Sandy Sample and Alison Stover.

As a CCA & NCCC member, check out the Region and NCCC web sites linked to the CCA web site. You will see that you are part of a great organization that has benefits that you can use. The NCCC National Website is our central repository linking our Regions and Clubs around the nation in one common location. It is a resource for our national contests, awards and competition programs, in addition to providing benefits like classified ads, discount listings, etc.

An NCCC affiliated Club receives 10 National Sanctions annually, which provide an opportunity for a Club to host sanctioned events. Hosting events can financially benefit our Club, Region or even our Club's charity.

Be involved in other Corvette Club events in the Region. Check the CCA event calendar and scroll down to see the Region calendar for other Club's events. There are numerous types of sanctioned competition events, which include Car Shows, Drag Racing, Economy Runs, Funkhana, Rallies, Speed Events (high & low) along with time trials. Have some fun going to these other events and help our Club be the top active club in the Roadrunner Region for 2012.

Ray Jenkins





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2012 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change. **Last Updated: 4/20/2012**

May	June	July	August
3- Business meeting at San Marcos Resort 7:00PM 5,6,7 - Driver to Plastic Fantastic in San Diego Mion 13- Mother's Day 17-Board meeting 7:30PM at Mion's 19 -Progressive Dinner Yarusso/Appetizers Enriquez/Main course Godina/Dessert 28-Memorial Day	7-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM 9,10- Autocross in Taylor Enriquez & Terrey 17-Father's Day 21-Board meeting 7:30PM at Rhode's 23- Driver to Greer Friesz & Wilson 30- 59th Birthday for the first Production Corvette	4-Independence Day 5-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM 19-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swanson's	2-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM 11- Driver to ? Kerber & Swanson 16-Board meeting 7:30PM at Ray's

2012 ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR & RESULTS

Last update: 4/13/12

			5/4-6	NCCC Nat'l Mtg St. Louis MO	
RR-426-017	VVV	PC	5/19/12	Cottonwood AZ	FLYER
			5/26/12	Q2 RR Gov Mtg	
RR-331-012	TCC	PC	5/26/12	Superbash – Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-331-013	TCC	Gimmick Rallye	5/26/12	Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-331-014	TCC	LS Autocross	5/27/12	Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-331-025	TCC	LS Autocross	5/27/12	Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-331-015	TCC	Matching Times	5/27/12	Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-331-016	TCC	Bracket Drags	5/28/12	Tucson AZ	FLYER
RR-332-034, 035, 036, 037, 038	CCA	LS Autocross	6/9	Taylor AZ – Date Change - SANCTIONED	FLYER
			6/23 – 7/1	NCCC Nat'l Convention Topeka KS	



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LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

[Upcoming CCA Events]

May 5th thru 7th – The Plastic Fantastic Driver to San Diego

Hosts: Garry & Karen Mion

Event details: Spend the weekend (Saturday thru Monday) in cool San Diego.

We'll be attending the Plastic Fantastic All-Corvette car show. Last year there were 350 Corvettes on the grass of Embarcadero Park, next to Seaport Village.

Cost: \$30.00 per car plus Hotel and Car Show costs.



May 19th – Progressive Dinner

Appetizers, Yarusso (Mesa)

Main Course, Enriquez (Gilbert)

Dessert, Godina (Queen Creek)

June 9th & 10th – NCCC Sanctioned Autocross Event

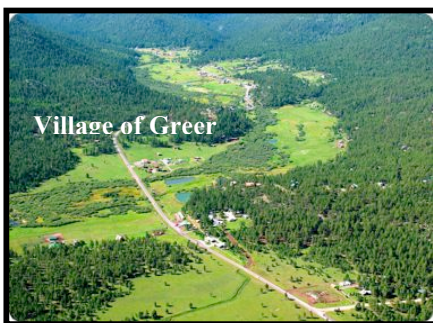
Co-chairmen: Mike Terry & Jim Enriquez

Location: Taylor, AZ

Early (**RSVP by 05/25**) registration: \$65.00



June 23rd – Greer Driver



Co-planners: Frieszes & Wilsons

Event details: Departure 8:30 am. Scenic drive, poker run and stops along the way.

Arriving in cool Greer at the Wilson's cabin for a BBQ at 1:00 pm. Cost \$10.00 per person, pre-paid by **June 15th**. If you plan to stay overnight, it is suggested that you make your reservations early.

September 14, 15, & 16th – Magical Mystery Tour. **RSVP by 06/07** to the Lotts!

CCA Members ... To view the event flyers, visit the Corvette Club of Arizona Website: > Members Only > Activities and Flyers



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