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# CROSSTALK

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## President's Message

Denise Lott

CCA Friends,

What an amazing club! Lots of events have taken place in these past two months that demonstrate how committed our members are.

- The Corvette Chicks have been showing their seasonal finery with the St. Patrick's Day and Easter themes during lunches.
- The weekend wine-tasting tour to Sonoita was hailed as a great get-away.
- Our annual Corvettes in the Park car show drew a record number of registrants.
- Founders Day, with a driver to Colossal Cave, south of Tucson, highlighted our club's 44th anniversary.
- We have had frequent Game Nights and Vette Set dinners for simple gatherings.
- Our semi-annual highway clean-up gave us a chance to show our appreciation for those open highways that Corvettes love.
- There are more happenings added all the time. Check out our calendar.



These are just a few examples of how involved and active our members are. Whether you are hosting an event or joining in with the group on an outing, it is great to have you along for the ride.

Sharing the drive with you in 2019,

*Denise*



## From the Editor Bob Bassett



I would like to begin with a big “Hats Off “to Mark Godina and his team, who put together a very successful Corvettes in the Park car show with very tight time lines. Thank you Mark for stepping up and chairing the event when its future was in question. The move to Sunday appears to have been a good one, and received very positive feedback from attendees. All who volunteered made this a great event. Thank You!

I also want to thank the organizers of all the other events held these past two months. Unfortunately, Barb & I missed the Founder’s Day driver put on by the Lotts and McDougalls. Colossal Cave must have been fascinating and it looks like it was a great outing. We were able to participate in the Sonoita Wine Tasting driver hosted by Plattens & Mundys just before we left for cooler climes, and I can tell you that was a terrific adventure. The desert was green. The wine was plentiful. The accommodation was unique. The Prime Rib dinner was the best ever, and the camaraderie was outstanding. What more can you ask for?

I thought this would be a relatively short issue. Then along came the big C8 announcement: On April 11, GM CEO Mary Barra announced that the date for the reveal of the mid-engine C8 Corvette for 2020 will be 07.18.19, and GM has now released this, the first ever, Official Photo of the C8:



The fine print at the bottom says: “Camouflaged preproduction model shown. Actual production model may vary. Availability to be announced at a later date.”

Exciting News Indeed!



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# C8 News & Views

Bob Bassett



In confirming the worst kept secret in the car industry, GM's April 11 announcement finally confirms that the C8 will be built and that it will be offered as the 2020 model. Full details and pricing won't be available until the reveal, but some dealers are already offering to put prospective buyers on a waiting list, and I have a link to a leaked "Draft Order Form" later in this article. Also announced was the end of production for the C7, happening in July, August, or September, so the 2020 will definitely be a C8, with production beginning in late September. The Last C7 Z06 will be auctioned off by Barrett Jackson to benefit the Siller Foundation in June, but the high bidder will have to wait for it. In addition, GM has a new "Next Generation Corvette" page on their website announcing the reveal date and offering a signup for C8 updates. Considering that a mid-engine Corvette has been rumored to be in the works for about 50 years, this is exciting news!



## The C8 Reveal Date will be 7.18.19

Two great sources for info and for "informed guessing" about the C8 are [Corvette Forum](#) and [MidEngineCorvetteForum](#). Through them, I learned of the Reveal Date announcement and I found the videos and photos that follow. The Photos and Videos appeared on these forums and also on CNN and You Tube almost immediately. By the time you read this it will be old news, but here are the links to the full posts regarding these announcements on [MidEngineCorvetteForum](#):

**Official: C8 7.18.19 Reveal**

**C8 Ride Video**

**C7's Production Ending**

My thanks to co-founder **John** at [MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](#) for the articles he posted as soon as it was official. In his post, John quotes from **Joey Carpella**, of **Car & Driver**, as follows:

*"This first Corvette C8 model we will see in July is the base Corvette Stingray, which will kick off the lineup. Initially, the C8 will use an upgraded version of the current car's pushrod 6.2-liter V-8, which we suspect will be upgraded to produce somewhere around 500 horsepower. The engine will also be renamed LT2 to reflect its new location in the car. A dual-clutch seven-speed automatic gearbox supplied from Tremec is slated to be the only transmission choice—unfortunate news for #savethemanuals diehards like us. Multiple high-performance variants are set to follow in quick succession, including Z06, ZR1, and a range-topping hybrid that may use the Zora name. The current thinking is that the Z06 will have a a DOHC 5.5-liter V-8 with a flat-plane crankshaft, while the ZR1 will add twin turbochargers to that engine, and the Zora will get the twin-turbo V-8 and an electric motor in the front axle to cement its place as the most powerful Corvette, with a combined power rating that could approach 1000 horsepower.*

*We hear Chevrolet will hold the line on pricing for the 2020 Corvette, despite its monumental philosophical shift and abundance of new technology. Expect the new Corvette to cost around \$62,000 to start, an increase*

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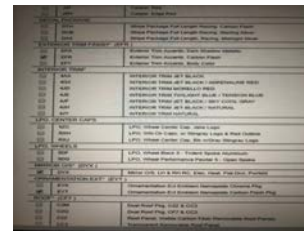
The Corvette's Chief engineer Tadge Juechter and General Motors CEO Mary Barra ride in a camouflaged next-generation Corvette near Times Square

of around \$5000 compared to the C7 Stingray's starting price of \$56,995. There's no official on-sale date yet, but given that Chevrolet is already rolling out a "Next-Generation Corvette" page on its consumer website, we feel certain that the order books will open by the end of 2019 at the latest."

Wow! If they can get close to that price, I'm in! You can get the latest posts, and join the forum by going to [midenginecorvetteforum.com](http://midenginecorvetteforum.com) and looking for C8 News.

### READY TO ORDER YOUR NEW CORVETTE?

If the above got your attention, here is another new post that claims to be a leak of a draft of an order form for the 2020 Corvette: [2020 Corvette Order Form Leaked!](#)



Most of you know what a great resource Corvette Forum is for information about anything to do with Corvettes. No topic on the forum has generated greater interest than the C8. For the past few years we

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## C8 News & Views (Cont'd)

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have been following spy shots, rumors, and a lot of speculation. With the announcement of the big reveal for July 18, 2019, this order form is quite likely a legitimate early draft. It has a couple of typos in it, like "245/35 ZR 10 front and 205/30ZR 20 rear" tires. I'm pretty sure they will swap out those 10" front tires for something a little bigger: say 19" fronts to go with the 20" rears. 😊

The errors notwithstanding, it's still fun to read. Items like the new LT-2 mid mounted V8 and an MIL 8-speed dual clutch automatic, (Car & Driver said 7 speed) and new colors like "Accelerate Yellow Metallic", "Rapid Blue", "Zeus Bronze" and "Black" do get the blood rushing. And if prices follow the guesstimate made by Car & Driver this week, then I'm definitely interested.

I talked to Steve Marley, our go-to guy at Earnhardt Chevrolet, and he advised that although they are not taking orders yet, they hope to know more after a scheduled GM meeting the first week of May.



Best Guess at what is under the Camo, by fvs, forum founding member



Rendering from Corvette Forum

I think that's your color Sheryl & Howard!





# Corvettes in the Park

# Mark Godina



It was another perfect day for a car show. Roughly 130 Corvettes motored in from all over Arizona and even two cars from New Mexico showed up. WOW what a trip!



I guess Sunday is the day for a Corvette Show.

Many thanks go out to the CCA club members who helped me get this off the ground, set up, take down, parking, registration.

Tom Palmer was my go-to guy for Registration. He did a masterful job. Esther and Jim Enriquez and Mary O'Connor did the day of show registration, with about 30 cars signed in. Bob O'Connor, Bill Rhode and Norm Riffel kept the cars coming in. Dom Lovino had his parking team working hard.



Norma Lombardo was the coordinator of the 50/50 raffle along with Mary Rock and Pat Jenkins. Those three sold a whopping \$830.00 in tickets. Outstanding! Dave Friesz was the lucky ticket holder, winning \$415.00!

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## Corvettes in the Park (Cont'd)

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Marge Rhode and the Packages From Home team had fun decorating boxes for our military over seas. Great job Marge.

Garry Mion and Tom Palmer put together the flyer and with the help of Steve Marley, Earnhardt had the flyers printed up.

Ken Rock must be doing the right thing as our PR man along with Garry Mion getting the word out to the Arizona car show publications. We had a great turn out this year. **GREAT JOB GUYS!**



Time for the judging: Frank Hagan took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in C1 class, and Norm Riffle took 1<sup>st</sup> place in C6 class. Congratulations to all.

The clean-up crew had the park clean and the barricades moved and it was time to return A.J. Chandler Park back to the City of Chandler.



Norm Riffel's ZR1



Frank Hagan's '62

To all CCA club members who volunteered to work the show and all those who registered their cars.... **THANK YOU!**

Now it's time to plan for the next **GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.**





# Founder's Day Driver

# McDougalls & Lotts

One of those perfect Arizona mornings welcomed us as we gathered at Burger King on Riggs Road in anticipation of this April 13 driver, recognizing the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corvette Club of Arizona.

On the road at 7:30 a.m. with 17 cars, we headed south. After a short rest stop in Tucson, it was on to Vail, Arizona for the day's activities.

Our main adventure was a tour of Colossal Cave. The cave was officially "discovered" in 1879, but archaeological findings show that the



**cave** had been used for centuries by prehistoric peoples. We split into two tour groups and proceed into the caverns. The tour route is a half mile long and takes about 45-50 minutes to complete. As each guide related the Cave's history, legends, and geology, we walked down and back up about six and a half



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# Founder's Day Driver (Cont'd)

# McDougalls & Lotts

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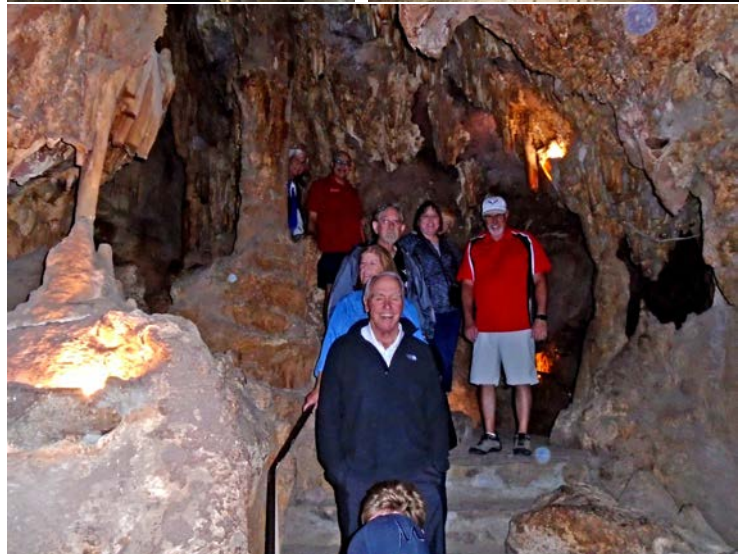
stories (363 stair steps), seeing beautiful cave formations like stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone, boxwork, and helictites.

Then it was time to head back for our lunch, just a short stop from the cave. We dined at Hacienda del Lago, a resort restaurant on the del Lago golf course. The staff was so organized, and our pre-ordered meals were rapidly served. Wrapping up the luncheon was our traditional Founders Day cake.

As the main part of the group prepared to head back, ten members stayed behind to enjoy the golf course or the clubhouse. Seven of us golfers played 18 holes on a challenging course with lots of desert vegetation on each side of the fairway to swallow up stray balls.

When we finished playing at six o'clock, it was time for another meal, so some of the group stopped at Montgomery's Grill before the trek home.

Another year of CCA history and events was celebrated on this beautiful day.





# Sonoita Driver and Wine Tasting Plattens & Mundys

- Eva Platten



On March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, we had an overnight wine tour to Sonoita. A total of 11 couples signed up for the tour, with nine couples taking the scenic route. After meeting at the Cracker Barrel in Casa Grande at quite an early hour, we headed down south via the scenic route, taking Indian 15 to Ajo Highway. After all that rain, we were in for a treat! For miles and miles we drove through an ocean of desert wildflowers. I don't think any of us had ever seen so many flowers in the desert. It was a very leisurely drive on mostly country roads, bypassing Tucson traffic until we arrived at Sonoita.



Since we were about 30 minutes early for our lunch, we decided to have a quick wine tasting at Dos Cabezas, where we met with the two couples who took the direct route. Dos Cabezas is right next to The Café in Sonoita, where we had a reservation for lunch. During our tour planning, we had anticipated that the weather would be quite warm already, but when we were seated on the patio of The Café, most of us had to get a jacket to keep the cold wind out. Despite having pre-ordered our food, the service was chaotic to the point that it was almost funny. The owner neglected to hire extra help and made us wait for our food for a long time. One of the regular customers took pity and started to take food orders from the other tables on the patio. Our Barb Bassett also jumped in and got us water and silverware; otherwise we might still be sitting there.



Our first scheduled wine tasting was at the Wilhelm Family Vineyards. The owners, Karyl and her husband, entertained us for an hour with their very tasty wine and interesting stories about how they ended up running a winery. Several people ended up buying a selection of wine and some flavored port. Since the first tasting took longer than expected we had to hurry to get to our second winery, AZ Hops and Vines. We had talked

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## Sonoita Driver and Wine Tasting (Cont'd)

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to them beforehand and also while we were on the way to make sure they kept their tasting room open until we arrived. That tasting was not as spectacular as the Wilhelms' tasting but I think AZ Hops and Wines would be a nice place to sit outside (once it is a little warmer) and have a picnic with a bottle of wine. Their wines were a little on the pricey side but their location is beautiful. If you pay attention, you even see their peacock walking around outside of the building.



Once we got back to the Sonoita Inn, we had a couple of hours to relax and enjoy the wine and cheese that Cleone, the Inn manager, had ready for us.



Since everybody was getting hungry, we decided an hour early to walk next door to The Steak Out restaurant for our dinner reservation. Together with our dinner, we had a wine and spirits tasting presented Gary, the owner of Elgin Winery. He had a lot to say about each one of his wines and especially about his award winning rums. We all enjoyed his presentation and certainly learned a lot.





## Sonoita Driver and Wine Tasting (Cont'd)

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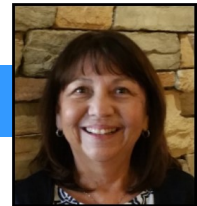
Wine & Port Tasting at Wilhelm Family Vineyards

We finished the day off sitting at the Sonoita Inn fireplace with the conversations centered on the fantastic roads, the nice wines and spirits and the delicious food at the Steak Out.



## Activities Update

Esther Enriquez



### A few words from your Activity Team

Since you hear from me so often via email, there's not much else to add that would be entertaining and informative! However, never one to be at a loss for words, there are a couple of points that I would like to mention here.

We have a pretty active calendar, but if you look closely, there are a lot of activities that continue to be hosted by a small nucleus of members. Now that our membership is at an all-time high, we could ideally be scheduling multiple events on weekends. That means we could have an all-day or overnight driver for those interested in a longer commitment, a shorter ½ day driver for those with limited time, and maybe even hold an evening Game Night or Vette Set Dining event for those more interested in a shorter social event – all in the same weekend! We've never done this before, but then again, we've never been this big either. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

Please consider hosting a driver – we are a CAR club, after all. I have a list of 93 possible Arizona day-drivers that Bob Logan put together last year. Give me a call, send me an email, or catch me at the next meeting and I'll get you started. Let's work on making the second half of the year an exciting and productive one for CCA.

Waiting for your call...

Esther





# A Needle in a Haystack?

Dick Hedahl



I have been a car guy since long before my first car. I bought my 1968 Corvette in August 2013 on eBay. It was a big block car, probably originally a L71 427ci/435hp, but now with a low hp 396 and Holley – and no documentation. I was pleased with the overall condition and the engine was as he represented it. I expected to keep it as a driver. But it died after it arrived. A short in the power cable toasted all the wires as the driver delivered it from the truck. Luckily it did not burn the car down. Or torch my house! My mechanic Pat looked at it. He said, “Hey, it looks good” when he stepped into my garage. “Straight body, good paint, nice interior.” Then I opened the engine hood. Burned wires everywhere! And Pat said, “Oh, this is going to be fun! You can get a whole new wire harness. It has all American threads, and no computers.”



The car has the markings of a 427/435 hp or L88/430 hp car. No tank label, of course, and an aftermarket hood. So, I went on the internet, searching for clues about how to tell what it really was. It has a 6500 RPM redline tach and it’s a single fuel line car—both indications of a 427 car. The transmission, for example, has the last digits of the car’s serial number, “402216,” stamped on it. So, the transmission is original for the car. In further research, it seems to be an M21 Muncie 4-speed, so that eliminates the L88 (they were all M-22’s). The car has a build date code of October 17, 1967.

Next, I was again searching online and found the Corvette Forum. An old post in it by a guy named Kurt read: “I am selling a very rare and hard to find 1968 Corvette L71 427/435 SHP Tri-Power 4 bolt main block. (That would fit mine) The casting number is 3916321 and the casting date is H.19.7. (That fits too – August 19, 1967 since my car was built on October 17, 1967) The pad is stamped T0921IR (Wow, that fits too! September 21, 1967 engine build date.) IR is Corvette 427/435 SHP with manual transmission. (Yup. A fit for mine.) The VIN is 18S402216.” (Holy CRAP. That is my car!) Honest to goodness. This is the serial number for my Corvette. That is the actual engine block my car came with, in 1967! I still get goose bumps just writing it down. 😊



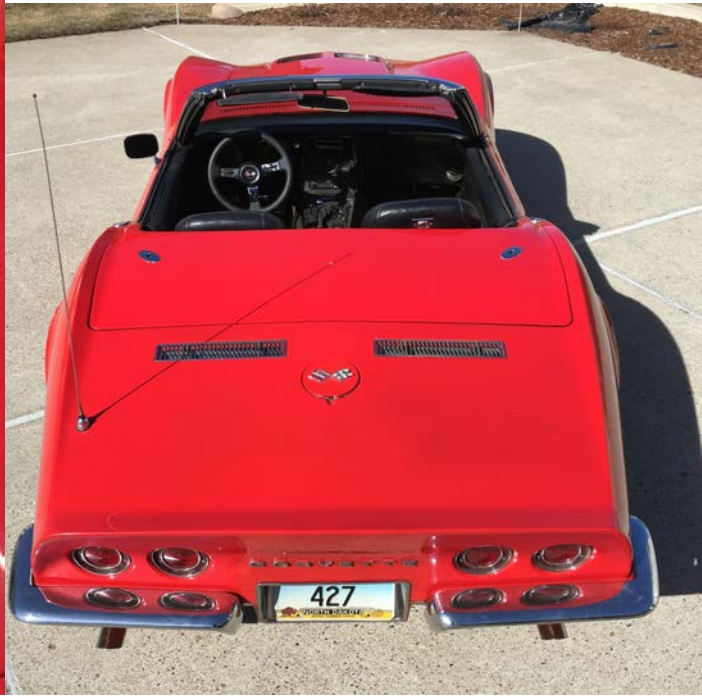
The next morning, I called my new best friend Kurt. He said he sold that motor in 2011. It went to a guy in Michigan named Terry. I tracked down Terry and called him. He said, “Ya, I remember that

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## A Needle in a Haystack? (Cont'd)

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engine....“ Oh no! That’s a bad sign. Yup. He sold it to some guy on the east coast, maybe Pennsylvania. Cash sale, no paperwork, no name. Darn! End of the Line..... **Unless.... If you bought a big block 427/435 SHP Tri-power from a guy named Terry, Call me!**

Fortunately, I was able to get pictures of the engine block from Kurt. You have heard of “finding a needle in the haystack”? Well, at least I found a **picture of a needle in a haystack!**



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## Upcoming Member Birthdays

### MAY

Ray Jenkins  
Cis Eberst  
Kim Kemper  
David Friesz



### JUNE

Steve Navarro  
Dom Lovino  
Marge Rhode  
Mary Rock  
Scott Feck  
Roc Campise

## Monthly Chicks Luncheons Mary Ellen Hayden & Denise Lott



*Next luncheons:*

**May 10 & June 14**



The Corvette Chicks do not really need a reason to get together to celebrate, but these past two months have given us an opportunity to create some unique looks. The Irish green predominated in March and those Easter Bonnets were clever and striking.

All CCA ladies are invited to join us for the monthly CCA Chicks lunch at the Stone & Barrel Tapahouse, Oakwood Country Club, in Sun Lakes. We meet on the second Friday of each month at 11:00am. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend one of our lunches as part of their membership process.



Easter Bonnets!

Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Hayden. If you would like to be included in the monthly reminder sent out, let her know. The reminder includes directions to the restaurant.





Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock



**ARE YOU A CORVETTE EXPERT?**

**TEST YOUR CORVETTE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT GOOGLE OR THE CORVETTE BLACK BOOK**

**FIND THE ANSWERS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE !**



1. What colors were offered in the 1954 Corvette?
2. What years were the famous teak wood steering wheel offered as an option and what was the cost?
3. What was the make and model of the 1,000,000th Corvette built and where was it built?
4. What years where the C-6 Corvettes built?
5. In what year did GM produce the most Corvettes?
6. What television show aired October 7, 1960 featuring the Corvette?
7. How many 1963 Grand Sports where built?
8. What was the last year for contrasting color covers on the C-2 Corvette?
9. What was the last year for the removable back window in the C-3 Sport Coupe Corvette?
10. What year was the eight speed paddle shift available in all models of the C-7 Corvette?
11. What was the first year that the V-8 engine was offered in the Corvette?
12. When did General Motors file for bankruptcy?



Look for the answers elsewhere in this issue and watch for more questions in the next Crosstalk.

Until then, Happy Corvetting! *Ken*







## My Favorite Corvette

## George Ray



Every Corvette has a story. This one starts at the CCA pancake breakfast in January 2011. Janet and I heard about a 1962 Corvette that was for sale. John Marsh was talking about Solid Axle Club member Bob Davenport selling his '62. I didn't know that I was looking for a '62 Corvette but when Janet relayed the exciting news, I became interested. We went and looked at the car and it was love at first sight. Bright Red, hardtop and softtop, matching numbers 327/340 HP, and 4 on the floor!



Janet test drove it and gave it two thumbs up. But I had to think about it. It just so happens that Barrett Jackson was happening the same time. We had some tickets courtesy of Thorobred Chevrolet, so we went to investigate and price compare the car. There were similar cars there that had already sold. The price seemed to be ok, but that's a lot of money to spend in a nasty recession. However, my consulting gig at American Express was going very well, so what the heck. We bought it.

We sold it in 2014 when I heard about Bob Swanson's Grand Sport being for sale. It was sold to a collector in Chandler we know through the Solid Axle Club. Later, the car was partially disassembled for restoration. chrome, stainless, seat covers, carpeting, and a new windshield. This work was being spearheaded by none other than John Marsh himself with the assistance of Mike Mileskiewicz. Since the owner also owned other '62 Corvettes, my old car was always referred to as "George's" car.

In 2016 while the car was apart for restoration, the idea came up to ask George if he wanted to buy his car back. Well, I didn't know that I was looking for another '62 Corvette, but I'll think about it... Ok,

let's do it. Now I am excited again about the same '62 Corvette but first let's make sure all the parts are there... John Marsh said he would help me finish putting it back together.



Note the picture in the shop with the hood up, battery charger, and no windshield. This was the day I picked it up and took it back "home". We couldn't put the top up because there is no windshield. I drove it from Chandler to my house in Gilbert. Early in October you can still get some monsoon action and rain was in the forecast. Driving east on Elliot with Garry Mion following, I got to Higley and Elliot and hit a thunder shower (no top or windshield) and got a bit wet. I quickly pulled into the Bank of America drive-thru teller



lane and waited for the rain to stop. Since it was a Sunday and the bank was not open, I didn't have any "explaining" to do. We made it home safe and sound with no other mishaps.





## Vette Set Dining - Euro Café Roc & Diana Campise



For those of you who don't know about the annual wine tasting and gourmet feast, it is held at the Euro Café in Gilbert, but in a private dining room away from the main restaurant. The tables are set in the old English tradition fit for King Henry. The dinner includes an endless supply of paired wines to go along with each course. This year's event was held on March 27 and we had the largest group! The Pre-Set Menu included:

### **Spicy Lamb Potatoes**

Gyros meat & potatoes with herbs and spices

### **Ravioli Salad**

Cheese filled, mixed with Romano-parmesans, black olives, bell peppers, tomatoes, Genoa salami, hearts of palm, peas, red onion, tossed in mustard vinaigrette dressing

### **Milanesa**

Lightly breaded pan-fired pork cutlets, garlic, horseradish mashed potatoes, roasted pepper and garlic jardiniere, lemon wedges

### **Mocha Espresso Brownies**

Rich chocolaty brownies spiked with Greek coffee, Kahlua and walnuts

### **Wine paired with Each Course**

Truly a feast fit for a King or Queen! This is a terrific annual event. Please join us next year!



Got ideas? Want to join the Vette Set Dining Group? Contact Diana Campise (480) 209-0117



# Vette Set Dining - Singing Pandas

# Ken & Mary Rock

On Tuesday, April 16, 20 members of CCA were entertained at the Singing Pandas Asian Restaurant in Chandler. Mike Russell, a former Las Vegas entertainer, showed his talent by impersonating famous singers such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly, and many others!



We also had a visit from Kermit the frog who was infatuated with Diana Campise. Mike is also an excellent ventriloquist and he showed his talent with his Kermit Puppet. Sherry, the owner, also sang a few songs with Mike Russell. We were treated to an excellent Asian meal with many different entree's available, plus great service and a phenomenal dessert menu. Everyone had a great time. We're planning another visit to the Singing Pandas in the fall!

Got ideas?  
 Want to join the Vette Set Dining Group?  
 Contact Diana Campise  
 (480) 209-0117





# Monthly Game Night

Rhonda Deacon  
Coordinator



## March 23rd Game Night Hosts: Don & Carol Smith

The March Game night was held at the Smiths home in Scottsdale. It was a lovely evening and the lighted back yard and patio were alluring. We were fortunate to have a beautiful March evening with the outdoor heaters minimizing any chill.

The beef tenderloin sliders were a treat as well as the many side dishes, and of course the Bassett's famous baked beans! After dinner we gathered in the family room, dividing into teams for a game of reverse charades. There was quite a bit of acting however no one matched Diana and Barb's stage animation! They are true Thespians! We had so much fun with Pivars, Campises, Lotts, Lovinos and Bassetts. It was a special treat to celebrate Bob and Barb's 45th wedding anniversary! We will definitely host again and encourage others to host. Great way to have fun and get to know everyone a little bit better. Until next time.... Don & Carol Smith.



Contact Rhonda Deacon to join the Game Nights Mailing List.



# Membership Update

Guy Lombardo



A former CCA member has taken steps to rejoin the club. The board approved the re-entry of Betty Irish at the April 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

Betty owns a 2019 grey Grand Sport. Betty's previous Corvette was a 2007 yellow Z06. She is retired and has a part-time encore career as a Faculty Associate at ASU teaching Construction Management in the Del E. Webb School of Construction.

This brings our membership up to 135. Interest in our club remains strong. Sixteen prospective members have started the process of becoming members, and six more people have expressed interest in attending their first meeting.





# Club Calendar

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change. For the most up to date information and flyers for various events, please go to the [Website](#) and Login. Last Update: 04/30/2019

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
2 <b>Membership Meeting Floridino's</b>	1 <b>MMT Deposits Due!</b>	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 
4 <b>Game Night / Palmers</b>	6 <b>Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber</b>	11 <b>Membership Meeting Floridino's</b>
4 <b>Autocross - Porsche /CCA Coordinator—Kemper</b>	16 <b>Pool Party w/ Hagans</b>	12 <b>CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</b>
10 <b>CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</b>	14 <b>CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</b>	16 <b>Board Meeting 7:30 Ryan</b>
11 <b>Progressive Dinner w/Leitzes, Campises, Enriquez &amp; Hagans</b>	<b>No Board Meeting</b>	20 <b>Great Summer Escape - Phantom Vettes Inc.</b>
11 <b>Verde Valley Vettes - Larry Green PC Car Show</b>	<b>TBD Game Night</b>	26 -29 <b>Return to Riudoso w/Kerbers &amp; Rhodes</b>
16 <b>Board Meeting 7:30 Palmers</b>		<b>TBD Game Night</b>
25 <b>Micro Bash—Tucson Corvette Club</b>		
27 <b>Memorial Day</b> 		

## Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz on page 19

1. Polo white, Pennant Blue, Sportsman Red, Black. 2. 1965 at \$48.44 on 2,259 cars; 1966 at \$47.40 on 3,941 cars. 3. 1992 White Convertible. 4. 2005 through 2013. The C-6 model ended with the 60th Anniversary Edition Car. 5. In 1979 53,807 Corvettes were built in the base price of \$19,220.23 . 6. Route 66 starring Martin Milner and George Maharis. 7. Five Grandsports where initially built with a 377 cubic inch small block engine with 550 hp. 125 additional cars where slated to be built however, when Chevrolet learned of Zora Duntov's top secret program they halted production. The five remaining Grandsports are still in existence. 8. 1961. As of 1962 the coves were the same color as the body due to the elimination of the chrome accent around the coves. 9. 1972. In 1973 the rear window on the hardtop was not removable this increase the rear luggage space by 2 inches with removal of the shelf that held the rear window. 10. 2015. 11. The 265 cubic inch 195 hp V-8 was first offered in the 1955 Corvette. 12. GM file for bankruptcy June 1, 2009 and re-emerged from bankruptcy on July 10, 2009. Thanks for Playing! Ken





## Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



The NCCC Sanctioned **“Corvettes in the Park”** put on by our Club was a great success. Thanks go out to all who helped organize it!

Upcoming Roadrunner Region Sanctioned Events:

- Verde Valley Vettes All Chevy Show on May 11th
- Tucson Corvette Club “micro bash” May 25th
- Phantom Vettes “Great Summer Escape” Rally event July 19th
- Tucson Corvette Club “Awsome Autocross” October 26th & 27th



Thank you CCA volunteers for committing to help make the 2020 Roadrunner Region “Kick Off” event happen! The Regional Executive, Barb Johnson, had asked me if the Corvette Club of Arizona would consider hosting the **Region “Kick Off”** event next February 14th - 16th. **Thank you, you said you would!**

The Annual 2019 NCCC Convention is in Denver this year and registration is open. This is a great NCCC event and all NCCC members are invited to attend. All information is on the NCCC web site.

**The 2nd Quarter Roadrunner Region Governor's Teleconference meeting was held April 10th**

Governors were reminded to fill out the NCCC form online to notify the Council on any charitable events from their respective clubs. Barb finished her report by encouraging all clubs to consider traveling to other regional club events so that we may all continue to support each other.

**Regional Competition Director Bob Johnson's Report:**

Bob announced that at the National Meeting the 2018 Sanctioned Events results were deemed final. The top 15 clubs as well as the top Men and Women were announced. Full results are available on the [Roadrunner Regional Website](#). Regional Events are posted on our website as well as the results as soon as they become available.

**Membership Director Ron Scott's Report:**

Processing of new memberships will be suspended from the Sunday before the National Meeting until after he returns. This is VP Membership's report may be more in alignment with the Treasurer's report. The dates of the remaining National Meetings for 2019 are May 3-4, Sept. 6-7, and Nov. 8-9. Ron also reminded Governors to inform him of any deaths of club members so that he could inform NCCC.

**Treasurer/Webmaster Debbie Marple's Report:**

Debbie reported on our current bank balance. She also reported that everything is going well with the website, and reaffirmed that the contact information for the 3 elected officers has been added.

**Announcements:**

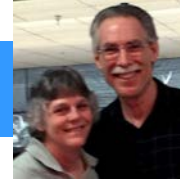
The 3rd Regional Governors' Meeting will be held on July 20 at Ruidoso Great Escape, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting will be Oct. 12 in Cottonwood. Applications for sanctioned events need to be received by Bob J. 45 days in advance of the event. We all found the teleconference for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting a definite advantage, and unanimously agreed to continue the practice for at least one meeting a year in the coming years. For more info, check out the [Road Runner Regional Events](#) calendar.



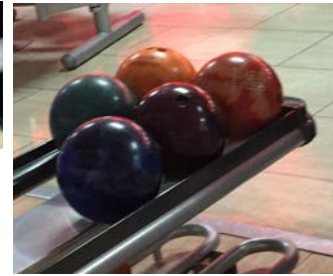


# Bowling Night

# Joan & Jeffrey Neiman



On Saturday April 27th, CCA to Kyrene Lanes on West Chandler Blvd. for a great afternoon of bowling followed by drinks and dinner.



The ladies were on one lane & the guys on the other.



Novice bowlers played with experienced bowlers. After the games were done, we headed over to Charleston's for drinks at the bar before dinner. We then adjourned to the dining room to enjoy a fabulous dinner. A good time was had by all!

Joan





## Highway Clean-Up

## Dean Sample



April 20 saw 14 CCA members turn out for our semi-annual Highway Cleanup. CCA has adopted two miles of SR 87 (Arizona Ave) from Hunt Highway to Chandler Heights Blvd. We had enough workers this time and it went very well. All were great workers and I hope they return in November to do it again. There were no out of the normal items found this time; just the same old trash. The workers were Roger Craig, Frank Hagen, Kim Kemper, Carol & Bob McDougall, Tina Pivar, Eva & Heinz Platten, Ken & Mary Rock, Dean & Sandy Sample and prospective members, Rod Downs and Frank Mantando. Thanks to everyone for their time and effort on this event!



## The Last Word

Thanks for sticking with me through these 24 pages. Our club can be very proud of the quantity, quality and variety of the activities it offers. Look at all that we have accomplished in just the past two months. With higher temperatures coming soon, we will be turning to High Country drivers, pool parties, and air conditioned homes and restaurants. Needless to say, there will be a fair bit of driving and dining involved. Please be sure to tell me all about it. Like the rest of the Snowbirds, I get my CCA summer fix by reading about all your hot adventures while relaxing in the cool 80 degree weather up North.

Mixed in with the various event reports, you will find a couple of interesting Corvette stories in this issue. I know all of you have some good Corvette yarns to tell, so please let us hear your story! A simple write up and a few photos is all you need. Speaking of photos, I really should have new head shots photos of all of you, so if you have a minute, please get someone to take some new shots (with the flash on) and send them to me at [CrosstalkEditor](#). (As before, anything that is underlined in **Crosstalk** has a link to a page or an email address.)

The next publication date will be June 30, so keep those articles and photos coming!

All the best. Bob

