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President's Report

Tom Palmer



Dear Members,

Happy New Year! Hope you and yours had a good holiday season. Now we're into some of our best weather while a large part of the country deals with snow & ice.....this is why we moved here.

A number of members are battling health issues, and cards and well wishes help them along. We wish them full recoveries.

We had a good response to the member survey, most like the direction the club is pursuing; and we received a number of good suggestions for going forward. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete it.

We have a number of events already on this year's calendar, thanks to the hosts who step forward and plan them. Remember, the Activities Team helps the hosts plan and put on their events. Haven't planned an event yourself ?.....the Activities Team can give you suggestions and help you get started.

Wow.....Corvettes in the Park car show will be later this month.....please sign up to help with the show, we already have over 30 cars registered.

The Board of Directors has been working hard for you, streamlining our fixed expenses, and we now have a 50th Anniversary Committee working on a nice celebration for Founders Day next year, when our club celebrates 50 years since being founded in 1975.

Hope to see you at the events,

Yours in vetting,

Tom





From the Editor Kevin Deihl



Greetings from the Editor's desk! I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy 2024 so far and now we're headed into the best season in Arizona...Springtime in the Desert! With SO much to do, there is something for everyone to enjoy. With a day at Barret-Jackson, working The Phoenix Open, a trip to Puerto Penasco, MX behind us already, we have much to anticipate for the rest of the year. Less than a month away is Corvettes in the Park in Downtoun Chandler. It is always a fun time with fellow Corvette enthusiasts to display the cars they love and enjoy the comradery and be proud to support our favorite charity. Ron Gliot, car show chairperson, has been breaking me in very gently to one day taking over the reins of chairing some of our car shows. It takes a lot of volunteers to stage these shows and I hope I can pull it off as well as Ron.

Speaking of handing off the reins, I am formally announcing that I am seeking to hand the newsletter Editor's position off to the next editor, effective Jan. 1, 2025. Though I have really enjoyed the experience of being your editor, I am looking to shift my focus to other duties. If you have the availability of volunteering a few hours a week, have basic computer skills of emails, files, copy, paste, editing photos, working with word documents, and enjoy adding a personal touch to your work, then you have the qualifications to become our next Crosstalk Editor. I have spoken to a few individuals already about becoming our next editor, and I haven't received any "Absolutely Nots" yet, so there is hope!

While there so much to be thankful for these days, we must keep in mind the challenges some of our members are facing health wise. Reach out, visit, send cards, message, call and stay in touch with those whom we call friends. It's the simplest form of saying I Love You to those that matter.

There are some open dates on the Activities calendar. What better way than getting to know your fellow members and friends by a hosting a driver, or Vette Set dinner. Reach out to Dom Lovino and his activities team to see how fun it can be to be a host.

Get out, enjoy life as best you can and make a difference.

Love, Kevin

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Activities Report

Dom Lovino



As we move into 2024, our calendar is looking pretty good; from the show series events, the Vette Set dinners to a car show at Gilbert HS. We helped our charitable organization (PFH) at a packing party. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a driver to Cave Creek. March is picking up the pace with several special events; Hagan Breakfast, a driver to Tucson for the Gaslight Theatre, the Corvettes in the Park Car Show and the Lake Pleasant driver. April brings the East Valley Marine Golf Tournament, a Ladies Tea Driver, the Laughlin Car Show, the Copper Creek Car Show, and Founder's Day Driver celebrating 49 years of our club's existence.

We need some help for May, June and July as the weather heats up in the valley. I have a couple of suggestions. Why not consider hosting a Vette Set Dinner or a Game night. You can control the size of the event and it's a great way to meet our fellow members. The best part is you pick the time that works best for you and they all can be held indoors. Or how about hosting a driver to the high country to spend a couple of days in the cooler climate? Check out our calendar for more of our upcoming events. If you have any questions about planning an event, please reach out to Diana Campise, Nancy Hagan or myself. We will gladly work with you and pair you up with someone in the membership to help make your event successful.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year of continued friendship with our membership in our club and more driving events for our wonderful Corvettes.

Vice President's Report

Ron Gliot



The days are getting longer and the temperatures are warming! With that, there are loads of cruises and cars shows all over the valley to enjoy. Get out there and enjoy some of these great offerings we have at this time of year. Remember, elsewhere across the country most places are cold and Corvette owners have to store their cars at this time. We are really blessed to be able to drive year-round in most areas of Arizona. Watch that calendar.....your Activities team has been approving and planning many outings for us all to enjoy, along with various event hosts. If you have new ideas for any kind of events, make sure you come forward and present those ideas. If you have never planned an event, there is always someone to help coach you through the process.

Remember on Sunday March 24th is Corvettes In The Park in A.J. Chandler Park in downtown Chandler. This is one of our biggest fund-raising events of the season and we need all of our members help to make it a success. The day is quite social and many of the work is pretty light, with the real key being we have some fun and spend the day with CCA club members! I hope to see all of you there.

CCA is not my club, or the Board's. It is every member's club, and we all should chip in to achieve the end goal which is having fun with our favorite car of choice.....Corvette! Keep the shiny side up.....Ron



"All I got was a chocolate bunny and some chocolate eggs."





Activities Calendar

January	February	March
<p>1-New Year's Day Dinner (Rock) 4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Packages from Home (Pivar) 18-Board Meeting (Lovino) 21-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 27-Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show/Driver (Platten/Lovino)**</p>	<p>1-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 8-Lake Pleasant Cruise (Katz) 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 14-Vette set Lunch @ Horny Toad (Campise/Pivar) 15-Board Meeting (Rock?) Singing Panda's Vette Set Dinner (Rock)*** 18-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock)</p>	<p>7-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 3-ND Picnic and Car Show (Hedahl) 10-Gaslight Theatre, Tucson (Lombardo/Campise) 21-Board Meeting (Platten) ??-Sun Lakes Car Show (**) ?? Roadrunner Region Gala* 24-Corvettes in the Park (Gliot) * 28-Lake Pleasant Driver (Katz)</p>
April	May	June
<p>4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6pm, Meeting at 7 5- East Valley Marine Golf – Oakwood Country Club ** 7-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Ladies Tea Driver (Elly Palmer) 18-Board Meeting (Eberst) 18-20-Laughlin Car Show/Driver (Platten) 24-Founders Day Driver (Campise/Rock)</p>	<p>2-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 10-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Board Meeting (Deihl) ??-Rustler's Roost Vette Set Dinner (Need Host)</p>	<p>6-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting TBones Vette Set Dinner (Lovino)*** 7- Show Low Driver (Nieman) 14-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 20-Board Meeting (Campise) 26-29-North Rim Grand Canyon (Campise)</p>
July	August	September
<p>11-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel No Board Meeting</p>	<p>??-Fiesta Mexicana Vette Set Dinner (***) 1-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's 6 pm, Meeting at 7 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 15-Board Meeting (Hagan) ?? MMT () 22-30 Caravan-Bowling Green, KY</p>	<p>2-Taco's & Tequila (Hughes) 5-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 13-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 19-Board Meeting (Campise) ?? Prescott Car Show Driver (Deihl)</p>
October	November	December
<p>3-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 5-Progressive Dinner (Katz, Dahlstrom, Lombardo) 11-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 17-Board Meeting (Katz) 20- Chevys in the Park Gliot/Deihl) 27-Spooktacular Car Show **</p>	<p>7-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meetin 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 09-Marine Ball (Lott) ** 16-Cruise Shine & Show Car Show (Freeway Chevrolet) ** 21-Board Meeting (Hughes)</p>	<p>5-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 No Chick's & Rooster's Lunch 8-Thank you, Party (Lovino/Campise) 15-Christmas Party (Godina) 19-Board Meeting (Palmer)</p>
*NCCC event	** Non CCA event	***Vette Set Dinner



Dragon Wok New Years Dinner Ken and Mary Rock



A group of CCA members celebrated the 2024 New Year with their annual Vette Set Dinner at the Dragon Wok Restaurant. This was a bittersweet event for attending members. The original organizer of the event and our annual host Bob Bassett, due to recent medical situation, was not able to winter in Phoenix with the club this year. Mary and I filled in for Bob and hosted the annual event for the club. Everyone enjoyed discussing their Christmas Holidays with other members and as always enjoyed a delicious Asian meal. The highlight of the event was Jim and Patty Kerber face-timing with the Bassetts in Canada. They passed the phone around to each member to talk with the Bassetts and wished Bob a speedy recovery and a Happy New Year!

Bob and Barb are planning to return to Phoenix in the fall of this year and get back into club activities. We are all looking forward to seeing our Canadian friends again real soon!



Packages From Home packing party



For the 14th or 15th year, we went to Glendale to pack goodie boxes for service men and women away from home. Packages from Home is one of the nonprofit charitable groups that CCA supports. Our members, Bob and Barb Bassett are our usual organizers for this day's event. Since they are still in Canada, Tina Pivar held the organizing position and did a fine job.

Veterans

In 2012, we broadened our focus to encompass returning war veterans. By partnering with dedicated veteran organizations, we supply care packages and mental health support. Additionally, through valued corporate collaborations, we offer entertainment and special VIP experiences for veterans and their families, honoring their immense sacrifices.

Military k9s/service animals

Initiated in 2015, our 'Bones from Home' program celebrates the unsung heroes alongside our troops and veterans — their loyal canine companions. We extend our care by providing specialized packages for military K9s and cherished service animals of veterans. This program showcases our unwavering support not just for our heroes but also for their brave four-legged partner.



This year, CCA's goal was to pack 200 boxes. We did so in record time. Each box was packed with personal hygiene products, a bit of candy. A small bag to hold the treats was taped up and readied for shipping. Our contact at PFH, Olga, briefed us on our job for the day. She let us know that the cost of postage has risen by 400% since they began sending packages. Financial contributions are welcomed to offset these rising costs. Afterwards, it was time to Eat!



Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show Plattens

Early on January 27 th , 14 sparkling Corvettes met in the parking lot at the Gilbert High School on Elliott Rd. It was very cold but sunny and some of us had warm blankets and a comforting thermos of hot coffee or tea. We were there to support the drumline at Gilbert High School. They organize this event every year to raise funds to help offset the cost of the winter programs and competitions. It was a well organized event, with tons of vendors for shopping and food, music, trophies, raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle, as well as a private performance by the drumline!

When we arrived, the parking attendants (the parents of the drumline) immediately knew exactly where the section reserved for the Corvette Club was and directed us to it. The parking spots were generously spaced and we had plenty of room to accommodate folding chairs and visitors who ooh'ed and ah'ed over our cars. We picked up our registration packet and swag bag, along with a ballot for the OWNER'S CHOICE award. Here we are, wearing the cool white sunglasses that were included in our swag bags!



Hosts, Eva
and Heinz
Platten



Gilbert car show

After registration was complete, we then had time to mingle, shop and vote for our favorite car and/or motorcycle. Here's some pictures of our cars;



At noon, the band performed. I was surprised to see that there were not only drums in the band but also xylophonists and cymbalists. At 12:30, the trophy winners were announced. Our very own Lylla Alejandro won the Drumline's Choice trophy! Here's Lylla with her award, standing next to Ana Sanchez, car show coordinator.

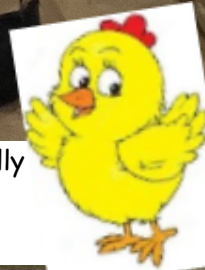


At 1:00 pm, the show ended and the drumline serenaded us as we left the parking lot. Then we headed off for Zinburger in downtown Gilbert, where we enjoyed good food and conversation on their beautiful outdoor patio.

Chicks and Roosters



Chicks luncheon is hosted by Susan Lovino and Elly Palmer. Roosters luncheon is hosted by Dennis Hughes. Photos courteous of Mary O'Connor



Singing Pandas

Ken and Mary Rock



On Friday, February 16th, 20 CCA members once again returned for their annual trek to the Singing Panda's Chinese Restaurant and Stage Show. This Vette Set Dinner has become an annual event for the Corvette club for the last eight years. We had a lot of returning members attend as well as some new ones. Lot of things have changed at the Singing Panda's since we were there last year. Former owners, Mike and Sherry Russell sold the restaurant to Susie Wong and her husband Mark Love. The menu, and the quality of the meals remained the same, however there was a complete change for the variety show. Singer Ken Levin replaced Mike Russell as the impersonator of singing icons and owner Mark Love treated us to his impersonation of Louis Armstrong. The new show was really fantastic and a change from what we have seen in the past! We all had a great meal, lots of laughs, and a delightful evening with our club members! The club plans to return next year as well!



Vette Set Dinner Horny Toad

Pivar/Campise

Lovers Day, Feb. 14, 2024 CCA cruised to the Horny Toad Restaurant in Cave Creek, AZ. Your hosts were Diana and Roc Campise, along with Tina and Neil Pivar. Here are some photos from the dinner;



*Tina and Neil Pivar
Your Co-Hosts*



*Diana and Roc
Campise*





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Hal Wurst's widow, Lesley, is selling two of their cars:

-1987 C4 Corvette, 16,000 original miles, new tires & battery, \$16,500.

-2003 Thunderbird, 19,000 miles, new tires & battery, \$19,600.



Denny Renko at Freeway Chevrolet, 2024 C8 Z06, Yellow, **CONVERTIBLE**, 1300 miles, \$164,000, no second sticker.



Thanks,
Nickerlason Collinson



Upcoming CCA Birthdays

March

- 7 Rich Hoffman
- 11 Mark Godina
- 15 Bob McDougall
- 31 Dick Hedahl



April

- 14 Lonny White
- 15 George Ray
- 20 Jennifer Deihl
- 21 Sheryl Katz
- 22 Mary O'Connor
- 26 Tom Marks
- 28 Terry Banjac

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