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President's Message

Marge Rhode



Welcome to the first Crosstalk issue of 2018! I've been told this will be a large issue, but hope you'll take the time to read through it.

Team up with a more tenured member who has experience in the type of event you're considering. They will work with you every step of the way so things will go smoothly. Once you've sponsored your first activity, the next ones will be much easier.

One of the changes implemented this year is the focus on activities with the installation of an Activities Team instead of the solitary Activities Chair. With a large membership, we want to offer many events, and a diversity of events, so that members can have choices in which activities to participate.

The Activities Team has been working hard to energize you to sponsor drivers, socials, dinners and whatever other fun things you can dream up. We're doing really well covering breakfast, lunches and dinners, but how about some more drivers?? Let's put some miles on our Vettes!

I'd also like to encourage the newer members to help host activities. You don't have to wait to get involved.



If you've read this far, I thank you! Would you let me know you have by clicking [HERE](#) to send me an email? The subject will say "I read it!" and you don't need to add anything

else so it's quick and easy. Yes, it's a little test checking percentage of readership, but humor me! In return, I'll let you know how many I receive.

And remember to smile, you're driving a Vette!

Marge





From the Editor

Sheryl Katz



As CCA's Crosstalk Editor this year, my goals are to enhance the newsletter content to be informative and interesting, with a spotlight on the individuals that make this such a fun loving Club.

Toward that end, my plans also include a few new columns. A **Mystery Members** column will spotlight four members in each issue by presenting a "tidbits profile" - a combination of CCA related, Corvette related, and Personal (separate from and not associated with first two items) information. Answers will be included, but to keep the guessing game going, names will be published elsewhere in the issue. The **CCA CORRAL** column will feature interesting Corvette or CCA stories from various individuals. And, for CCA website news, there'll be a **Webmaster's Corner**.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the many members who participated in the kickoff of these new columns. They were responsive in submitting their items, all the while keeping mum so identities would remain secret until the 2/28 debut. It was a pleasure paving the road together; we hope you enjoy the ride and we look forward to more exciting insights and vignettes ahead.

This year, Crosstalk will be again be published bi-monthly but, with minor accommodations for deadlines after our spring and fall Car Shows. Car Shows have a lot of moving parts so these two issues will have a few extra days for the Chairs to gather stats, write the article, and select a handful of photos. The 2018 publication schedule is:

- Issue #1: February 28
- Issue #2: May 6
- Issue #3: June 30
- Issue #4: August 31
- Issue #5: November 10
- Issue #6: December 31

Contributions for the newsletter are always appreciated! Traditionally, shortly after an event while details are fresh, activity hosts should submit a short article and a few photos to be included in the upcoming issue of Crosstalk.

Articles should contain an interesting description of the event and the photos should be good quality

images to showcase the activity. If you host an event and writing and/or taking photos is not your forte, before your event, ask for assistance or recruit a willing and able participant who will help.

And, last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to commend our previous Crosstalk Editors for their time and dedication sharing CCA news over the years. Crosstalk has evolved from a typed, printed version to the sophisticated online publication it is today. I have big shoes to fill and welcome your feedback. I hope you enjoy the 2018 version of CCA Crosstalk!

2018 Board of Directors

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Membership: Welcome Ken and Mary Rock

Jim Kerber



Please join me in welcoming Ken and Mary Rock to CCA as our newest members. Ken and Mary are long time Corvette owners who split their time between Pennsylvania and Arizona. Their present Corvettes include:



Show in April. He is also known in the Corvette community. When I ordered Ken and Mary's name tags from our regular supplier, Great Lakes Trophies in Michigan, the owner emailed me back that he knew a Ken Rock from Pennsylvania. I replied back that our new member was from the Pittsburgh area, and he replied "that's him!" He also added that Ken's a nice guy, and I agree.

- 1972 LT1 Convertible
- 1982 Collector Edition Coupe
- 1996 Collector Edition Convertible
- 1996 Collector Edition Coupe
- 1996 Grand Sport Coupe
- 1999 Convertible



Ken and Mary bring our total membership to 117.



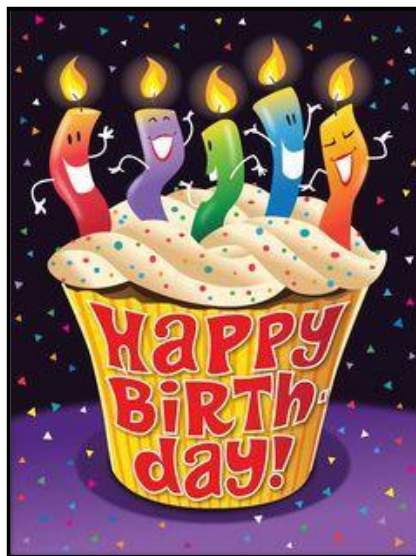
Pittsburg, PA

Both Ken and Mary are retired and have two children and two grandchildren. Ken has already volunteered to chair the Publicity Committee for the Corvettes in the Park Car

Upcoming Member Birthdays

MARCH

- 3 Karen Mion
- 11 Mark Godina
- 15 Bob McDougall
- 21 Jim Eberst
- 24 Jennifer Hitzel
- 28 Dale Pavlicek
- 31 Beverly Davenport



APRIL

- 9 Linda McCarty
- 10 Mike Terrey
- 15 George Ray
- 16 Cory Wendland
- 20 Bob Logan
- 21 Sheryl Katz
- 22 Mary O'Connor
- 25 Joe Hitzel
- 29 Jim Goss



Annual Banquet



Hosted by Jim and Patti Kerber



On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the CCA Annual Banquet was held at the Phoenix Chandler Hilton Hotel. A total of 54 members signed up for the event, but the flu caused two members to stay home. We had a designated Corvette-friendly parking area where arriving members were directed into their reserved parking places by Tom Hill and Jim Goss. The hotel side entrance was flanked on either side with the club feather banners.



Once members passed through the door they were greeted by Pam Swanson and Sandy Sample at the reception table, where they picked up their place



cards and the annual Banquet Program which was written by Bob Bassett and printed by Jim and Esther Enriquez. Members then proceeded into the Banquet Room and placed their cards where they wished to be seated.

The Banquet Room was decorated with poster sized reproductions of selected 2017 CCA Event Flyers - a great idea from Sandy Duhaime. Guy Lombardo and Dom Lovino arrived early to hang the posters. Tables were decorated with beautiful floral arrangements made by Sandy Duhaime. Roxanne Goss, Norma Lombardo, Sue Lovino, and Beth Godina helped with the other table decorations, including custom CCA napkin rings. Throughout this event, Mark Godina, Barb Bassett, and Bob Swanson took photographs.

Outside the Banquet Room, the reception area included a cash bar and appetizers of Mini Beef Wellingtons and Chicken Quesadillas. Members socialized and enjoyed the appetizers and beverages for about an hour before the meal. Following the social hour everyone returned to the Banquet Room for dinner and the evening's Program. After dinner, President Marge Rhode started the Program by honoring the members of the outgoing 2017 Board and then



introduced members of the new 2018 Board. She then reviewed many of the fun activities of 2017 and discussed some of the Club achievements during the year.

After Marge's review of the year, CCA's 2016 *Outstanding Member of the Year* Denise Lott presented this year's award.



When tallying the votes, she encountered a situation that has never occurred in CCA's 43 year history, a tie between a husband and wife for *2017 Outstanding Member of the Year* - both Howard and Sheryl Katz received the exact same number of winning member votes! Unfortunately, the Katzes were not in attendance so they missed the presentation and their standing ovation, but they were informed and congratulated quickly via texts from several members at the Banquet.

The Program concluded with fabulous door prizes, actually fabulous *revolving* door prizes.

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Annual Banquet (continued)

What's a revolving door prize? Upon check in, every couple received a ticket. When the first ticket was drawn the lucky winner chose and unwrapped one of the 10 prizes at the front of the room. When the second ticket was drawn, that winner had the choice of unwrapping one of the remaining prizes on the table or taking the already unwrapped prize - similar to CCA's traditional Christmas Gift Exchange, but with door prizes. The fun continued until all the prizes were unwrapped and claimed.



Many thanks to everyone who attended the Banquet and a special Thank You to all the members who helped in the event. After all the bills were paid we were disappointed that we came in over budget, by \$2.05!

Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



In 2017 several CCA members participated in 33 of the 35 sanctioned Roadrunner Region events and ranked 2nd Place in the Region for Club participation. Four within the group were extra active this year and received awards for their participation in several Regional events. NCCC points are given for each event entered, and points are given depending on performance.

CCA's four enthusiastic Regional competitors who earned awards are:

- Ray Jenkins 1st Place for Overall points and Runner Up Autocross points
- Mike Terry 3rd Place for Overall points
- Pat Jenkins 3rd Place Ladies Overall points
- Jim Enriquez 1st Place Autocross points

NCCC points are accumulated for Region Club Sanctioned Car Shows, Rallies and Autocross during

the year. These events are all fun times, visiting with members from other Corvette Clubs in the Region and using your Corvette as the primary focus of the event.

Using the CCA website, check the Roadrunner Region calendar for upcoming events this year and sign up to participate in these events!

Paul Hamersly, our Regional Competition Director, words come to mind, "I challenge all Region members to participate in the events of each of the Region Clubs. We can all make friends and celebrate America's Only True Sports Car with us through out the year. Let's get out there and play! Save the wave.... "





Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Frank and Nancy Hagan



Well the theme was set for Valentines Day, with pink and lavender flowers on all the tables, tablecloths with hearts on them, and assorted decor representing the holiday. Luckily the "Weather God" sent us a perfect day for the hungry 58 CCA members that attended and hungry they were, and thirsty.



constantly brewing the coffee in our laundry room; phew! We also have to mention the Campises, Hills, Marshes and Pivars for supplying food and anything else

we needed to pull this event off. As the event seemed to go off without a hitch we were having visions of last year's pancake



Elmwood Street was awash with beautiful colors as the Corvettes took their parking spots.

Inside awaited 150 pancakes, 120 eggs, 160 bacon strips, a ham plate, a fruit bowl, two French toast casseroles (Yummy!), 60 breakfast muffins, and three Scottsdale Potato casseroles. There

were lots of drinks to choose from: Bloody Marys, orange juice, Champagne and or Mimosas, coffee and plenty of water.



Oh, and that was not the best part. The best was all the people enjoying the food (of course) and the "Socializing". And we have

to say what brought it all together was the exceptional crew of volunteers. Sheryl Katz as the director and function manager; Howard Katz as the head pancake cook; the *Bacon Boys* Scott Feck and Joe Hitzel, the guys who cooked all that bacon; Bob O'Connor and Mark Godina as our excellent new bartenders, and Mary O'Connor who kept the food flowing from oven to the buffet tables. Mary was also in charge of keeping coffee thermoses full, which consisted of Mary

breakfast (circuit breakers popping, water tanks flooding in the garage, and the garbage disposal breaking) but none of that happened in 2018. We're thanking our lucky stars!

As we've lost track of all the generous people who also brought food and the people who pitched in helping whenever anything needed doing, you know who you are, we say "Thank You". We could not have done it all by ourselves and one more mention, with help from Rob

Deacon who delivered the club chairs. He brought them to our home and after everything was cleaned up and put away, he came back to load them up and return them to the club's rental unit. These wonderful volunteers are the reason CCA is such a great club. Cheers to all who came and enjoyed; see you next year for Pancake Breakfast 2019.





Activities Team Bob Logan, Roc Campise, and Esther Enriquez

There's a new team in CCA town and we need you!

With the growing membership size, there was a clear need to manage more activities that met a variety of interests. To do this, it was decided (by membership vote) to replace the member-at-large positions with Activity Coordinators whose responsibilities would include assisting the Activities Director in promoting CCA activities. In 2018, the team is comprised of Bob Logan serving as the Activities Director with Roc Campise and Esther Enriquez assisting Bob as the Activities Coordinators.

We're working together to offer members the opportunity to participate more fully in CCA activities. Bob Logan is heading up the effort to schedule more drivers. These can be longer drivers that allow us to appreciate the roads, views, and wonders that our beautiful state has to offer or the shorter drivers that provide opportunities for exploring the resources that exist closer to home and may be on a "someday I should do this" list.



Of course, each of these drivers typically includes a meal and plenty of time for socializing. If you need ideas, Bob has created a handy list of potential drivers; all you need to do is choose one, plan an event yourself or volunteer to work with him or another couple, and schedule the event. If you need anything, full support from the Activities Team will be available every step of the way, from creating the flyer promoting the event to actually leading the caravan of cars the day of the event.



Roc and Esther will coordinate other events and focus on the social side of CCA. Roc (and Diana) will keep you posted on Vette Set dining events and any travel plans that you may want to offer members to join in on.

Roc will also be working with Rhonda Deacon on scheduling the ever-popular monthly Game Nights.

Socializing after monthly meetings has been a long-standing CCA tradition. Esther will continue offering a variety of dining options. Additionally, other social activities like the Progressive Dinner will be her responsibility.



Currently, the CCA Calendar has many open dates. Hosts are needed for the following events:

MMT – time is getting short to plan this long weekend, traditionally scheduled for early fall. If no one steps up soon, this may be the first year that the club won't have this long-standing, popular event! If you're thinking about it and need some assistance, contact one of us - we are more than willing to help with the planning process.

Drivers – long or short, let's just climb in our cars and go somewhere!

Dining Options – schedule a Vette Set event (breakfast, lunch or dinner) or offer Esther some suggestions for where to socialize before or after CCA meetings.



Social Activities – game nights, in-home dinners for small groups, wine-tastings, sports events, movie nights, etc. What have you done in previous clubs that you would like to introduce to CCA members? New ideas are always welcome!

We all joined this club because we like the cars, the people, and the activities. CCA is a SOCIAL club, but the success of our club depends on you and your contributions. Please contact one of the Activity Team members with your suggestions. We are ready to support any efforts to plan or host an event and look forward to hearing from you soon.



Upcoming Events

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change.
Last Update: 2/20/2018

| March | April | May |
|--|---|--|
| 1 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber 7:00 PM | 1 Easter  | 3 Membership Meeting Floridino's 7:00 PM |
| 3 Ostrich Festival Parade Bill Rhode | 5 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber 7:00 PM | 11 CCA Chicks Lunch D. Lott and N. Marsh |
| 7 Dinner @ Rustler's Rooste 5:00 PM – Bassetts & McDougalls | 13 CCA Chicks Lunch D. Lott and N. Marsh | 17 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Mundys |
| 9 CCA Chicks Lunch 11:00AM D. Lott and N. Marsh | 14 Corvettes in the Park Godina & Dunton | 29 Memorial Day  |
| 10 Game Night - Palmers |  | TBD Progressive Dinner |
| 15 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Campises | 19 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Kerbers |  |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 21 Founder's Day - Frieszes | YOUR event/driver |



Several NCCC activities are coming up for this period.
Check out the [Road Runner Regional Events](#)



CCA's QR Code by Howard Katz

A QR (Quick Response) code is a square pattern of black and white pixels that can be read by a camera equipped smart cell phone. The cell phone camera is pointed at the code image and an app interprets the patterns into useful information, usually redirecting the user to a specific web page.



Try It!

CCA has a QR code (see below) that takes users to a special "Landing Page" on our website. This web page informs the new visitor where they have

been redirected, and asks them to click to proceed to our public web area. We will be adding this QR code to our show flyers as well as to our upcoming revised CCA brochure.

Apple iPhones and iPads feature a built-in QR reader in the Wallet app. To access the scanner, open the Wallet app, click on the plus button at the top of the "Passes" section, then tap on Scan Code to Add a Pass.

Android phones require installing a third party reader. The **Kaspersky QR Scanner**, available free from Google Play, is a safe and secure reader with minimum frills and device permissions. So give our QR code a try! Scan the code reproduced in the previous column.



CCA Outstanding Member of the Year by Denise Lott



At the end of each year the spotlight turns to someone who has gone way above and beyond. Although it is called a Member of the Year award, every one of our past honorees has been strongly involved, not just for one year, but for many years before this award was given.

I got to count the ballots for the 2017 award. We had had a big turnout at the voting meeting in November, and there were a lot of ballots. However, it was soon apparent that two little stacks

were building up very quickly. When I counted those two stacks, I couldn't believe they each held the same number of votes. I counted again - and then again - and it still came out even. We had a tie for the 2017 Member of the Year.

So for the first time in CCA history, the award goes to an outstanding CCA couple, Howard and Sheryl Katz.



2017 Outstanding Couple of the Year

Most Recent CCA Outstanding Member of the Year Recipients



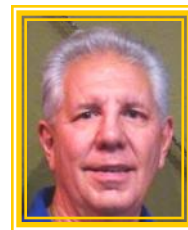
2016 ☆ Denise Lott ☆



2015 ☆ Dave Lott ☆



2014 ☆ Marge Rhode ☆



2013 ☆ Garry Mion ☆



All CCA recipients are listed on the CCA Website's "Members Only" page.



Mystery Members (answers on last page)

Mystery Member A

1. My passion used to be touring motorcycles until my honey said "I'd rather sit next to you than in back of you". Next step: sports car. Four Corvettes later, we're enjoying our 2014 torch red convertible, vanity plate... STINGIT.
2. Moved from Ohio after my spouse and I retired in 2011. Went to our first CCA function October 29, 2011, were voted in as members shortly thereafter.
3. I enjoy being a Grandparent, especially watching my grandson grow - he's just now starting to walk. Uncle Sam taught me how to be a photographer and I still use my camera equipment to take pictures, and that's been great for family and Corvette fun.



Mystery Member B

1. I like to relax, take life easy and enjoy the journey. I always try to educate CCA Friends about the meaning of the word "l i m i t " as in "Speed Limit." *If you exceed the "Limit" and go too fast, you'll soon hear sirens blowing their blast!*
2. Being a True Patriot, our Corvette license plate was selected to reflect love and appreciation of our country. I'm a real FOX NEWS NUT, while my Sweetie prefers Country Music, therefore, we compromise and listen to Elvis and Golden Oldies while cruising in our Corvette.
3. I enjoy and appreciate the simple things in life; such as the best spouse ever, home, flowers, sunsets, homemade cookies, and a cup of tea with friends.

Mystery Member C

1. I am a native of Michigan and have lived in Arizona for the past 44 years. Nello's Pizza and Joe's BBQ are my two favorite restaurants. Hobbies are Corvettes and more Corvettes.
2. I have been a member of CCA for several fun filled years. I keep coming back because of the great relationships developed with other members and the fun activities the club offers.
3. I enjoy working on my Corvettes probably more than driving them. The two C2 body off the frame restorations I completed are the highlight of my Corvette life. I am best known for not driving my Corvettes in the rain. Sharing Corvette knowledge with others is also a big part of this love affair.



Mystery Member D

1. As a rather new member in CCA, I haven't become fully involved yet, but I love the fun welcoming atmosphere and all the warm, friendly and great activities, especially the MMT!
2. Need a ride in an ambulance, a special breathing treatment, to learn CPR or emergency help sent to you? I have done all those jobs. I love playing "who-done-it's" and Scrabble. Game nights are some of my most favorites, but my passion is creating, especially through crochet.
3. As a first time Corvette owner, I say our current Corvette is my favorite! It is weird that I didn't know about the friendly Corvette brotherhood before owning one.



Packages from Home

by Bob Bassett



Our original annual Packages from Home Packing (PFH) Party was scheduled to take place January 24, and a record 35 members signed up to



participate. However, things changed when PFH asked if we could possibly move the date up a week to help them catch up on their preparations for the Arizona Stand Down (ASD).

The ASD is an alliance of community-based organizations that come together to provide annual, one to three day events that bring together the State's homeless and at-risk military Veterans, connecting them with services ranging from: VA Health Care, Mental Health Services, clothing, meals, emergency shelter, transitional and



permanent housing, ID/drivers license's, court services and legal aid, showers, haircuts and myriad of other services and resources. In January, these events are held at various locations throughout the state and the largest place serves about 1,500 Veterans in our own backyard, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum located at the Arizona State Fairgrounds.

PFH had a goal of packing 1600 Seagram's Crown Royal bags with all the smaller items normally packed into the mailing boxes, but found themselves short of both volunteers and time to meet their goal. CCA therefore agreed to change the date to January 17, which,

unfortunately, was right in the middle of the Russo and Steele and Barrett Jackson auctions. Many of those who had signed up for PFH were already volunteering at Russo and Steele and

had to opt out. Fortunately, others stepped up and, we ended up with 24 eager folks who participated where needed to stuff bags in assembly line fashion, pack huge shipping boxes, and replenish supplies.



Following huge thanks from

PFH and a group picture, most of us went to Desert Rose for lunch. Despite all planning well in advance, the restaurant was short staffed that day. We put the time to good use visiting and playing games in the courtyard and, the excellent food was worth the wait.



PFH and the Arizona Veterans would like to thank all CCA folks, who together, packed 655

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Packages from Home (continued)



bags, which far exceeded their goal and helped PFH be ready for the Stand Down.

If you have not been on one of our packing parties, I would urge you to sign up next year. You would not believe the amount of treats we cram into a box or bag, or the feeling you



get knowing you are doing something to give back and say Thank You for the service our Vets and Armed Forces willingly provide to preserve our freedom and way of life. It is two hours of frenetic activity followed by a leisurely lunch and a great feeling in your heart.

Contacting Our Sponsor

by Marge Rhode



CCA's sponsor, Earnhardt Chevrolet, offers many benefits to our club members, including discounts on vehicles, service, and parts. These discounts in some cases extend to other Earnhardt branded dealerships as well.



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Purchasing a New Chevrolet Brand Vehicle

Members wanting to purchase a new Chevrolet brand vehicle should contact Steve Marley. He will work with them to obtain CCA pricing which presently is \$1,000 off invoice for most vehicles. Some restrictions apply.

Purchasing a Non-Chevrolet Brand Vehicle

Those members wanting to purchase a brand of vehicle that's not Chevy, but is a brand carried by another Earnhardt dealership, should also contact Steve Marley. Steve will talk with Jason Gourd, the General Manager of Earnhardt Chevrolet, and he in turn will call the General Manager of the other Earnhardt Group dealership to work out the best discount terms for CCA members.

Service and Parts Discount

CCA members should present their Earnhardt discount card or mention that they are members.

Questions

Please direct questions or comments about dealing with Earnhardt Chevrolet to Marge Rhode, CCA President.



CCA CORRAL

We Love Car Shows

— Cathy and John Dunton —

For the past 24 years we have owned Corvettes and have enjoyed driving a '78 Silver Anniversary, a '94 Black convertible, and our present 2003 Silver Z06.



Over the years, one of our passions has become participating in Car Shows in the Arizona and Nevada areas. Both of us attend all the shows together. We especially enjoy the car shows that

support community and charitable services. We have been awarded numerous trophies and plaques for our participation in these car shows.

We have been members of CCA since 2014 and, at the time we joined we were driving the '94 Black convertible. About two years later, we decided it was time to get a newer car.

John started his search but when we attended the CCA All Chevy Car Show at Thororbred, we saw the car of our dreams and fell in love with



a fabulous 2003 in the Show. And, it turned out that this car was owned by former CCA members, Mike and Nancy Meyers. And, timing is everything - the Meyers were ready to sell their car! When we saw that car it was love at first sight! The 2003 is a more comfortable car than the '94 convertible, both inside and the ride, plus having a larger trunk size has been great.

During the past year, the detailing had started to fade and we decided to upgrade a few things and personalize the car. We added more fine points to the car, trimmed the engine in red and chrome and installed new exterior graphics. Come see us at this spring at CCA's "Corvettes in the Park" Car Show. Be sure to stop by and see our newest detailing enhancements.

Our Vanity Plate "HER IRA"

— Bob and Beverly Davenport —

After I retired, Beverly was already retired, and I got the itch to buy another Corvette. Since my first Corvette was a used '62 back in 1965, I had always longed to have another one because we loved that car but sold it to get a more family-friendly truck and camper mainly for use camping with our three sons.



After 25+ years I couldn't put off the urge to get another '62 and found one for sale in Scottsdale, just

like the one I had many years ago but struggled with how to buy it since it was a private owner sale I and needed to pay cash and financing was not an option. I had my retirement savings in an IRA as did Beverly. I looked at both of these accounts and saw that Beverly's was earning about half as much as mine and just happened to be the amount that the seller needed so I put together a rationale to convince her that we would be much better off using her "nest-egg". So, we bought the '62 with her IRA which depleted it! This was kind of traumatic for her to see her IRA disappear! I thought that it would be a pleasant surprise to order a personalized plate for the car after we had already licensed it, so I ordered a new plate with "HER IRA" so that she would get credit for her sacrifice and it worked!

We have gotten many questions on the history of how this plate came to be and "that's the rest of the story". Of course, there have been three Corvettes since then and the extra money has had to come from my IRA but Beverly still gets credit for it which is fine with me.



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CCA CORRAL (continued)

A Ten Year Love Story — Jennifer and Joe Hitzel —

In 2008, Joe purchased a '59 Corvette as a restoration project. He chose that particular year because he and the car were born in the same year. The car arrived in Gilbert, AZ from Spokane, WA, and Joe completely dismantled it, pedals and all! He worked on it infrequently for the next few years because his beautiful first wife, Martha, became ill. After she passed, Joe resumed the restoration which became his Saturday mental therapy. Eventually, Thanks to Norma Marsh, Joe met the lovely Jennifer, and, again, the restoration "took a back seat." Eventually, Joe started working on the car more consistently.

The restoration process was enhanced by many people (CCA members, family, restoration vendors), trips to the "Corvettes at Carlisle Show" in PA to search for old parts, but especially, by the expertise and patience of John Marsh, AKA "The Professor".



Since early 2015, Joe and John enjoyed their time together laboring over the car two to three weekends a month, finally culminating in the NCRS Chapter judging in Oct 2017 where the car earned "Top Flight" status! Their Corvette love story often included one step forward and three steps back, lunch at Flancer's, and John reworking parts at home during the work week. John even kept Dixie, The Silver Jewel, for several months last summer to continue her restoration in his air-conditioned garage.

Joe and John both enjoy driving this beautiful '59 C1. Our family members love going for a ride in her and, she even got to share in the love of Joe's son's wedding day. The two of us are together as a couple because of CCA and we're grateful for our CCA friends, especially for our 'Arizona' parents, John and Norma.



Webmaster's Corner

Howard Katz

The arrival of 2018 marked the one year anniversary of CCA's new website, and it appears that our membership has found it useful! I designed the site using an amazing software package called WYSIWYG Web Builder, and tried very diligently to create an easy-to-navigate CCA web experience for our members.

Guarding our member's personal information is a high priority. Our site is physically broken into two discrete areas, the Public and the Members Only sections. Each member is set up with a



unique user name and password - these are needed to access the Members Only area. Over 74% of our club membership are now accessing the Members Only resources. If you have misplaced or forgotten your logins, you're missing out on a wealth of useful information, so please contact me for assistance.

The public area of our site has actually proven to be an excellent publicity tool - many of our new members first learned about us from a Google search leading to our site. I am able to access usage statistics from GoDaddy, our hosting



company, and they reveal that people from all over the world are looking at our site. Many views come from Eastern Europe - perhaps there are a lot of Corvette enthusiasts in Romania and Russia!

I'm currently seeking a volunteer to be next year's CCA webmaster. This is a rewarding position which is certain to challenge your mind and creativity.

I will provide hands on training to that lucky person to ensure a smooth transition. The next webmaster should have excellent Windows skills and a good understanding of Internet technology.

Thanks to everyone for your kind comments about the new site!



Miss a meeting?

1. Go to CCA Members Only page
2. Click on the "Minutes" Button
3. Select "Board" or "Membership"
4. Click the date you want to read

What time is it?



It's TIME to REGISTER!!

CORVETTES IN-THE-PARK
ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW
APRIL 14, 2018

LOCATION: Historic Downtown Chandler Dr. A.J. Chandler Park

Event Sponsor: DC

More Information: Mark Godina 480-888-0540

Registration Fee: \$30.00
Participants Choice Judging
Awards for First | Second | Third
Public invited - Free Admission

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Taliesin Driver

Hosts: Lotts and McDougalls

For our first official CCA driver of 2018, we had a cool, sunny morning as 37 participants enjoyed the day. The main group, from the south, gathered at Whole Foods to caravan north to Frank Lloyd Wright's winter campus, Taliesin West. With Bob and Carol MacDougall leading the way, and Dave and Denise Lott bringing up the tail end, we made great time in reaching our destination. We met up there with the rest of our contingent.



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Beverly was our docent as we moved throughout the buildings. She imparted plenty of information

about Frank Lloyd Wright's visions and accomplishments. She pointed out the scales of the buildings, the shapes he emphasized, and the incorporation of nature.

One area that seemed to get a lot of attention from our group was his bedroom with the two very small



beds, one for nighttime sleep and the other for napping. Was there a third bed somewhere?

Wrapping up our visit, we headed off to the O.H.S.O. distillery on Hayden Road for a large, very tasty lunch of specialty burgers and sandwiches, which had been preordered. Soon after we arrived, so did the lunches, all marked with our names so that we were very quickly served. After dining, Carol used her special golf ball system to award a gift for one of our ladies and one of our gentlemen.



Part of our lunch visit included a tour of O.H.S.O.'s distillery, where they produce

multiple varieties of whiskey, gin, rum, and vodka. We broke into three groups for the tours, and then most gathered back at the bar for samples!

A fun day with a great bunch of people....



Sweet Basil Cooking Class by Barb Bassett



On January 22, 12 would be culinary connoisseurs joined Bob and I for our 6th annual Sweet Basil CCA Cooking Class. Sweet Basil is located in Scottsdale and is a combination kitchen boutique, gourmet cooking school and coffee shop.

After having an opportunity to browse the many unique kitchen items in the store, our host, Marty, gave us a demonstration of various kitchen tools we would be using in class and a few of those spur of the moment, "gotta have that gadget" items. Then our Chef Instructor, Linda, walked us through the whys and hows of each dish on the French menu. What I really enjoy about these classes, is that we learn why we do things a certain way, and we always learn something new that we can apply to many other dishes.

How does this sound for a special occasion menu? Begin with Cream of Brie Soup, add a Crab Crostini with Crème Fraiche, then enjoy an Endive and Pear Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing. The main course features a Classic Tenderloin Beef Wellington,

accompanied by Orzo cooked Risotto style with Parmesan Cheese and Thyme, and by Roasted Root Vegetables with Rosemary. Follow up with a truly decadent Baked Chocolate Pudding with Vanilla Whipped Cream. Combine all this with complete instructions and hands on learning and

you've got an idea of the wonderful gastronomically delicious learning experience that evening.

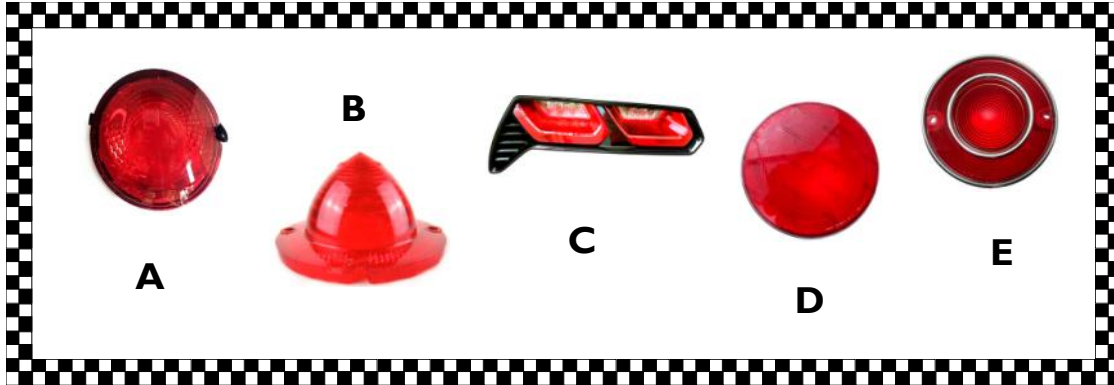
Our thanks to participants for their wonderful dishes: Cream of Brie Soup – Kat & guest Mike Cota; Crab Crostini – Esther & Jim; Endive and Pear Salad - Diana & Roc;

Tenderloin of Beef Wellington – Frank & Nancy; Orzo – Elly & Tom; Root Vegetables - Barb & Patti; and Decadent Dessert – Bob & Jim Kerber.

This is an event that usually fills up before I even start arranging it or picking a date, so if you would like to get involved next year, send me an email in October. Until then, Happy Cooking!



Red Light District: What Generation and Years Are These Tail Lights?



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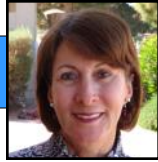
Special C7 Raises \$1.4M for Charity at Barrett Jackson Auction

On January 20th at the BJ Auction in Scottsdale, former President George W. Bush and Jay Leno took the stage to help auction a special 2018 Corvette Carbon 65 Edition for a charity that benefits military veterans. Bush autographed the car's steering wheel, center console and battery. The car was sold at \$1.4M. All of the proceeds will go toward the George W. Bush Presidential Center's Military Service Initiative, which helps post-9/11 Veterans re-adapt to civilian life.





Chicks Luncheons



Hosts: Denise Lott & Norma Marsh



Our monthly Chicks' gatherings have brought in quite a few of our CCA Chick members. Each month we recognize those with birthdays. In February we had no birthday celebration but then Chicks always



find something to celebrate, and so we had special Valentines Day entertainment. Chick Barb Bassett played several old classics for us on the piano, to enjoy and reminisce. She is one of our several musically



talented ladies in the group, and her melodies wrapped up another fun luncheon.

All CCA Chicks, guests, and prospective members are welcome to join the group, which meets on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We get together at the Stone & Barrel Taphouse in Sun Lakes' Oakwood Country Club.

Introducing: Monthly Game Nights

Rhonda Deacon



All CCA members are invited to join us for monthly CCA Game Nights. Each month, someone volunteers to host a potluck dinner and game night at their home. If you are interested, send me an email and I'll add you to the list so you can receive information describing the next Game Night. For each event, RSVP's should be sent to me at Rhonda.Deacon@gmail.com. I will also email a reminder that includes directions to the upcoming event.



The January 6th Game Night was a fabulous way to start the New Year. Rob and I hosted the evening and everyone was asked to bring a potluck dish to share. After dinner we had a blast playing two games. The



first was Reverse Charades which is a game where there is one person guessing the charades that are being acted out by the rest of the team. The other game was Sequence which is a strategy game

played with cards. Lots of laughs and good times were had by all.

The February Game Night was held on February 24th at Bob and Barb Bassett's home in Sun Lakes. A dozen members participated and after a delicious dinner, a lot of socializing, and enjoying Bob's Model Railroad, the games began. Two sessions of Catch Phrase and a round of Sequence were played.





Vette Set Dining: Driver, Lunch, and Art by Tina Pivar



January 25th was a beautiful balmy day so 11 of us (Dom & Susan Lovino, Gil & Judy Schmidt, Roc & Diana Campise, Frank Hagen, Neil & I and guests Ken and Mary Rock), took our Corvettes out of the garage for the Art Show mini driver. We met at Tavern Americana in North Scottsdale for an enjoyable lunch, choosing between wood-fired pizzas, fresh healthy salads and their famous pulled pork sandwiches. In



addition, the Art show treated us to a nice appetizer per table to share. We all left feeling very full.

It was a short, but interesting drive to the art show. I have such a sense of direction that I took everyone to the address of the Art Show's year round office. No Art Show there! A few moments of fumbling and we were on our way to the show.

Celebration of Fine Arts is a 10 week long juried show with artists available in their booths. Susan Potje, our Fine Arts representative, greeted us for a little description of this 20 year long show known as "The Big White Tents". A slow walk through the show and we were left to our own devices. Our

entry tickets are good for the 10 weeks for any that would like to return.

A nice outing was had by all and I believe we left with our wallets intact.



Got ideas?
Join Vette Set
Dining Group?
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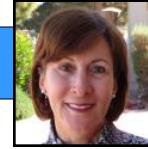
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Band Tribute Series: Credence Clearwater by Denise Lott



Lookin' Out My Backdoor" at Credence Clearwater Revisited

Another magical evening transports us back in time! I see myself bopping up and down in the Officers' Club in Aschaffenburg, Germany as "Proud Mary" pounds through the amps. And in present day I look around as little groups still jump up and down while the tribute band plays the hits we all know.



This is the third in our tribute band concert series. They've all been different, yet exciting and nostalgic. We started with those Jersey Boys—Frankie Vallie and the Four

Seasons—in October, followed by the Eagles in December, and now Credence Clearwater Revival.



As usual, our evening began with a group dinner, pre-ordered, at Stone &

Barrel Taphouse in Oakwood Country Club. Then we crossed the hall to enter the ballroom and begin our evening of escapism and memories as Randy Linder reproduced the classics from



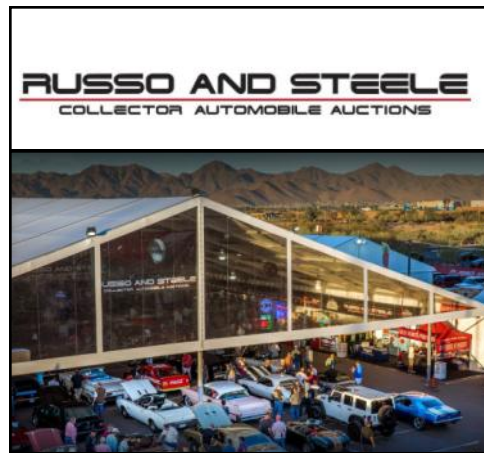
Credence Clearwater Revival. To name a few, "Born on the Bayou," "Have You Ever Seen the Rain," "Down on the Corner," "Bad Moon Rising,"and on and on.

It's been great sharing these past hits with our club. I will keep you posted on what's coming up for the new cycle.

CCA Russo Steele Volunteers...

THANK YOU!

You helped earn \$1,000 for CCA!





The Finish Line (the last page)



Mystery Members Unmasked



A
Mark Godina

B
Norma Marsh



C
Mike Mileskiewicz

D
JoEllen Leitz



TAIL LIGHTS REVEALED

- A. C6 2005 - 2013
- B. C1 & C2
1961 - 1967
- C. C7 2014 - Now
- D. C4 1984 - 1990
- E. C3 1975 - 1979

Member Services Column Has Been Discontinued

After checking with members to renew their business advertising in 2018, interest has waned thereby eliminating the need for the column.

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