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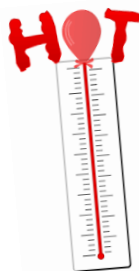
## President's Message

Marge Rhode



1. **The Problem.** I know it's coming and I'm dreading it. You may be also. It happens every year about this time and there's no way to get around it. No, tax day is past already and my annual wellness check doesn't scare me. But the first 110 degree day in the Valley does! It's the harbinger of another wretchedly hot Phoenix summer. You'd think after 47 summers here, I'd quit complaining, but I haven't. (However, the furnace here is still better than the ice and snow of the Midwest.)

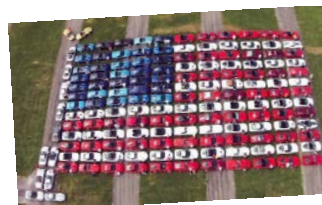
### 2. The Misery.



### 3. The Solution.

Plan a short get away to any cooler area. It could be for a day or longer. Invite your CCA buddies after checking the date with the Activities Team. Plan the route and stops to be made. If you'd like help, just ask. Then have a cool time with your friends and remember to smile, you're driving a Vette!

Marge





From the Editor Sheryl Katz



A big THANK YOU to everyone that provided feedback on my first issue - it was fantastic to hear from you and your comments and will help shape future editions! The comments reflected that my vision for Crosstalk has been very well received, and that in and of itself is inspiring. Publishing the first issue was a HUGE learning curve on two fronts: learning the software (Publisher) from scratch and, learning member turn around time needs for contributions.

As mentioned in the previous issue, my primary goals are to focus on the membership. My secondary goals encompass technical discovery of software features, that will enhance reader enjoyment and experience. For example, in this issue, you can now click on an item under "CONTENTS" on the first page, and zip directly to that article. I am committed to learning and incorporating a few new features for each issue; the tricks are the fun part.

So come along for the ride... and discover with me. See if you can identify what's new in this issue and, let me know what you think. And, remember, contributions are always welcome. 😊

Upcoming Member Birthdays

MAY

- 2 Ray Jenkins
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- 16 Kim Kemper
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JUNE

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Membership Update

Jim Kerber



Over the past two months the CCA Board has approved seven new members, bringing our total membership to 124 Members. The first five new members were approved at the March 15, 2018 CCA Board Meeting, and the sixth and seventh were approved at the April 19, 2018 CCA Board Meeting.



First please join me in welcoming **Brian Lund**. Brian currently has a 2017 Silver Grand Sport Coupe. Previously he has owned a 2000 Z51 Coupe, a 2007 Silver Z51 Coupe, and a 2013 Grand Sport Coupe. Brian is originally from Port Orchard, Washington and works as an Information Technology Engineer. His hobbies include hiking, travel, computers, and target shooting.

Next, please join me in welcoming **Heinz and**

**Eva Platten**. Heinz and Eva currently own a 2017 Gray Grand Sport Convertible with the Collector Edition package. Heinz is originally from Germany and Eva is originally from Hammond Indiana. Both Heinz and Eva are retired. Heinz's hobbies include Taichi/QiGong, gardening and motorcycles. Eva's hobbies include travel and movies.



Please also join me in welcoming **Kevin Conley and Jeanne Schroeder**, a new couple that set a CCA record that will likely never be broken. Kevin and Jeanne currently own a 2016 red coupe with "Lambo" doors and a full 3M wrap. Kevin is originally from Yonkers, New York and Jeanne is originally from Hampton, New Jersey. Kevin works as an Estimator and Jeanne is retired. Kevin's hobbies include RC (Radio Control) Flying and reading and Jeanne's hobbies include cooking and reading. Kevin and Jeanne set a record for speed of qualification for CCA Membership in eight days! They attended their first CCA Meeting on March 1 and completed all three required activities on March 9!



Our last new members for the past two months are **Steve and Cindy Rhoads**. They currently own a 2016 Coupe. Previously they have owned a 1992 Coupe and a 1976 Coupe. Steve is originally from Ottumwa, Iowa and Cindy is originally from Mesa, Arizona and both are self employed. Both Steve and Cindy share the same hobbies of Hot Air Balloons and Travel.

One final observation; all of the above new members found CCA through the Club website, a real testament to the outstanding job being done by our Webmaster Howard Katz. Visit it soon for all you want to know about CCA!



Founder's Day Hosted by Dave and Patty Friesz



2018 CCA 43rd Founder's Day Copper County Driver

by Patty Friesz



Roundup: 7:30am  
Depart: 8:00am

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 26 CCA Vettes gathered in SE Mesa to participate in the Club's 43rd Founder's Day Driver, hosted and lead by Dave and Patty Friesz. We were blessed with blue skies and perfect temperatures as we headed East on Hwy 60 toward the town of Superior. Our first pit stop in Superior provided some fantastic views of the Superstition

Mountain range and began our motorized tour of the towns that were once some of the richest Copper Mines in Arizona.



Leaving Superior, we took Hwy 177 past views of numerous open pit mines and proceeded past the town of Kearny, which developed as a community to accommodate the miners of the nearby mining towns. Next, we passed the ASARCO Hayden Smelter and the Copper Basin Railway in Hayden and

Winkelman. These towns are in the Copper Basin near the Gila River. Lush Cottonwood trees lined the river bottoms and opened to flat farm fields, giving the drivers spectacular vistas. Another pit stop at Winkelman provided a rest from navigating all those winding, curvy back roads that Vette drivers love.



After being refreshed, we took the Hwy 77 toward Globe on more spectacular winding roads through the Mescal Mountains. In Globe, we stopped at the former Old



Dominion Mine to view what was once the richest copper mine in the world. The mine pit has now been made into a community park and an outside museum of history with artifacts from the mine. As we toured the Park, some members hiked up the pit walls and got an awesome view of the entire town of Globe.



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### Founder's Day (continued)



Leaving Globe on Hwy 60 south, we drove past Miami, a current operational copper smelter town. Continuing our descent through the Superstition Mountains, we experienced driving through the Queen Creek tunnel and gawking at the impressive rock "hoodoos" along the roadsides.

Gold Canyon in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains was our destination for lunch at the Gold Canyon Resort. After enjoying delicious lunches, Patty did a presentation about some of CCA's History before we celebrated our 43rd Founder's Day with the traditional CCA Birthday Cake.

David and I enjoyed planning and executing this event for the Club and have appreciated all the positive comments about the day. Total driving mileage for the day was 153 miles. Look for Patty's slideshow of this event on the CCA Website.

### Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



#### Roadrunner Region Events

The Hare and Hound Rally sanctioned by the Verde Valley Vettes club was a fun Corvette day in Cottonwood. Our Club had eight members (four cars) participate, and they all had a fun time driving and navigating the Rally.

The **Roadrunner Region (RR)** calendar is filling up with Regional Club Events:

- **May 19:** Verde Valley Vettes: All Chevy Show
- **May 26:** Tucson Corvette Club: "Micro Bash"
- **July 28:** Phantom Corvette Club's Great Summer Escape in Ruidoso, New Mexico



Think about participating in these Regional club events and expect to have a fun Corvette weekend. I plan on going to all of them. Flyers and Registrations for these events are on the RR website. Join the Fun! Make it your goal to participate in another Club's event this year.

#### Roadrunner Region Q1 Meeting Notes March 17, 2018

Paul Hamersly, the Region Competition Director, is very happy to announce that Barb Johnson from Sonoran Desert Corvettes Tucson has volunteered to be our new Region Secretary. Barb, Thank You so very much taking on this role and for being so enthusiastic and efficient.

Paul is still looking for a Regional Executive to complete this year. This could be a great opportunity for someone from our Club to be an active leader in the Region.

Paul called upon Bob Johnson of Sonoran Desert Corvettes of Tucson to make a presentation of the proposal to host the 2019 Kickoff Event. Bob reported that the event would occur January 18-21, 2019 at the Desert Diamond Casino in Tucson. The proposal was accepted, and Bob assured everyone that the event would be announced early. We all should be looking forward to this "Kick Off" event for next year to get all the Clubs enthusiasm going for next year's events.



# Corvettes in the Park



by Mark Godina



The day was perfect, sunny with a light breeze and not too hot. The cars (104 of the most beautiful Corvettes in one place) motored in for the best get together on Saturday April 14, 2018. The CCA club members who came to help setup, direct traffic, check in cars and sell tickets... Thank You.

As Chairman, getting the show off the ground, a special thanks goes to Jim Enriquez for his fantastic help navigating through the red tape with the City of Chandler. Could not do it without you Jim. To John Dunton for having my back and reminding me to get certain things done. Mike Terrey for working with Earnhardt Chevy to have the flyers made. Brad Ryan for doing a great job with the registration, and Garry Mion with a lot of background help.

Another early bird arrival, in comes Howard Katz, DJ with his fantastic sound system and great music, which was the hit of the day with the top 100 tunes. Sheryl is still my favorite announcer, must be a family thing.



Howard was also the "Banker" in charge of the 50-50 raffle. His team of Mary Rock and Loren McCarty generated \$552 in ticket sales; WOW fantastic job. Usually the team selling tickets is bigger but things happen and Mary and Loren stuck with selling tickets all day. Fabulous. The total was split: \$286 went to Packages from Home and 50% to grand prize winner, CCA's JoEllen Leitz.

Something new this year, we have Ken Rock who is the Club's new Public Relations man. Ken got us in the news publications and also set us up with a spot on the morning show of Channel 3 TV News. Feature cars were John Marsh's 1959 Vette, Ken Rock's 1996 Vette and Dave Lott's 2018 Vette. Shortly after this aired, Howard did his magic and posted the video on our website for all to see.



As soon as CCA members started showing up for the show, all I heard was "What can I do, where do you need me?" What a great car club.



Kathy Dunton and Beth Godina directed the cars to the registration tables. Sandy Sample, Pam Swanson and Mary O'Connor made sure entrants got their packets and Tom and Elly Palmer, Jean-Marc and Kathy Teixeira attended to day-of registration.

There was a great group of members getting the cars parked. Outstanding job.

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### Corvettes in the Park (continued)

Best part of the day was judging of the cars. About 30% of the cars were from CCA. Club winners were:

- John & Norma Marsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1959 C1
- Howard & Sheryl Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1966 C2
- Ken & Mary Rock, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1996 C4
- John & Kathy Dunton, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2003 C5
- Kat Bitney, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2009 C6
- Norm & Joyce Riffel, 1<sup>st</sup> place 2009 C6
- Kevin Conley & Jeanne Schroeder, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2016 C7



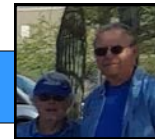
After clean up time, it was time to give the park back to the City of Chandler, and now it's time to start making plans for the next GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

To all Corvette Club of Arizona members, Thank You for helping me put on a Fantastic Show.



Congratulations to all. If it was up to me... everyone would be a FIRST PLACE WINNER!!!

### Rallying with Verde Valley Vettes by Ray and Pat Jenkins



An enthusiastic group of Corvette Club of Arizona members met at the First Watch restaurant near I-17 and Carefree Highway Sunday morning, April 8, for a road trip to Cottonwood. The Jenkins, Katzes, McSpaddens, and Plattens were ready to go.



We had an easy drive to Cottonwood and arrived at 9:30 A.M. at the registration point. We all got signed in and socialized with the other participants until 10:00 A.M. when the drivers meeting was held. We got our instructions and the Corvettes started the chase at three minute intervals.

The instructions were to find the rabbit mark (a large yellow dot spray painted on the road), usually at an intersection, and then guess which way the rabbit went. If you chose the right way there was a confirmation mark in the road ahead, letting you know you were on track. If you didn't chose the right way, you went back to the intersection and chose a different way. There was a lot of searching for the rabbit marks, turn arounds, and waving at other Corvettes along the way.



What are the odds?!? Another Collector Edition Stingray like the Plattens' was on this Rally! Both cars are behind the McSpaddens' car; zoom in to see.

We ended up at Larry McCarty's, the Hare & Hound Rally's planner, house in Cornville. Soda, water, chips & salsa, and pizza were provided while Larry tabulated the results of the Rally and Poker Run. The object of the

Rally was to go the same distance that the rabbit did by correcting your mileage for all your wrong turns. All the participants had a good time chatting with each other about their experience on the route.

Our group had one lucky winner, Howard and Sheryl Katz, in the Poker Run, for third place and received a shiny plaque with a picture of a "yellow" Corvette on it. After the awards and more chatting, we all went our separate ways for the trip home. It was a fun time for all.





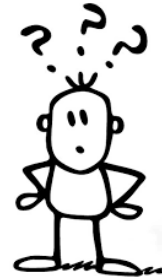
## Mystery Members (answers on last page)

### Mystery Member A

1. I have been a member of CCA for just about a year and love the welcoming people and the great activities that the club offers. Enjoy attending the Vette Set Dinners and even hosted one last year.
2. Currently own a C5 Corvette that we have had for 13 years and are glad to be in Arizona where we can finally drive it year round.
3. I was born and raised in Illinois and retired to Arizona in 2016. I am an avid reader and I enjoy doing remodeling projects on my home. I also enjoy riding my bike and swimming when the weather permits.

### Mystery Member B

1. Although I currently have a 2006 Corvette, my favorite was my '69 big block 427/435 horse with side pipes.
2. I love to travel and have visited many places throughout the world. When I'm not traveling, I like to attend car shows, watch action packed movies and follow GCU basketball. My son will be graduating from GCU in April with a Bachelors in History Education.
3. I have been a member of CCA since 1984 and many years ago, I served as Member at Large on the Board of Directors. My favorite CCA event is the MMT because one doesn't know where you're headed but you know you'll have a great time with the group.



### Mystery Member C

1. I have always lived in Arizona, not imported. When you're Hot, you're Hot. Been a member for 13 years. Got a new Corvette and did something crazy... joined a club of other crazies!! Fun the whole time. Brothers and Sisters!!
2. Finally I retired last year with many tears, now I volunteer at least twice or three times a week at Banner Center and United Blood Services, but when I'm not doing that it's back to my old roots for a ride on the Harley!
3. I have a need... a need for SPEED! So I did 168 in the deserted CA desert on way home from a driver. Whoa!!! Only do 85 on the 101!!! Gotta love it... One of the few in the club who drives a daily driver, so I'm Satisfied.



### Mystery Member D

1. I've been in CCA four years already and the best part is the friends my spouse and I have made. We have co-hosted several Drivers and try to participate in many club activities.
2. I almost bought a new 1969 C3 Corvette; family plans caused me to buy a Chevelle SS 396 instead. Thirty four years later, a new C5 stared me in the face while shopping for Buick Park Avenue; I bought both the next morning.
3. Riding, roping, and running keep me healthy. Grandkids, fly fishing, model railroading, NFL games, doggies, golf, hunting and Entrepreneur endeavors fill in the slack.





# Webmaster's Corner

## Howard Katz



March and April were busy months for the CCA Website. In addition to the regular flow of updates for the member Roster and Profiles, posting and removing event flyers, and responding to Webmaster email, my focus has been on finding a CCA member willing to take over our Website next year. I enjoyed designing the new website and I've enjoyed serving as Webmaster the past 1-1/2 years but it's imperative that the Club have a backup, and it's time to pass the baton for 2019.

A handful of individuals expressed interest, and for the past few weeks, I've been working closely with someone who has great talent, capabilities, and desire to be CCA's next Webmaster. This individual is very close to making a final decision to begin an apprenticeship... we are completing a trial period as this is written. Stay tuned; an announcement will be forthcoming soon!

Meanwhile, here's a quick list of some of the new items on the website:

- Profiles updated with a new cover page collage of all the member images
- Photos of the recent Member of the Year recipients
- The first video for 2018 - posting of the Channel 3 TV segment of Corvettes in the Park

CCA member access to the website the past two months is 4% higher than the previous period. The largest number of site visitors continues to be from overseas users, mainly from Yugoslavia, Russia, and Australia.

Webmaster emails received fall mainly into three categories:

1. Can you recommend a repair shop?
2. Do you know anyone interested in buying my Corvette?
3. From CCA: I forgot my password! Can you help me?



### Accessing Slideshows

1. Go to CCA Members Only page.
2. Click on the "Videos" button (far right tab).
3. Select a Year.
4. Choose the slideshow by double clicking on the thumbnail.

NOTE: items appear in descending chronological order.



**-- REMINDER --**

All sanctioned events will need participant signatures. Access the NCCC waiver form via the CCA Website.



To CCA Former Crosstalk Editors: THANK YOU!!



2008  
★Alison Stover★

THANK YOU!!!



Hats off to our recent  
Crosstalk Editors;  
You Rock!!



2009 & 2010  
★Patty Friesz★



2011 & 2012  
★Bob Swanson★



2013, 2014 & 2015  
★Garry Mion★



2016  
★Janet Ray★



2017  
★Roc Campise★

Hats off to ALL of our **Crosstalk** Editors! Their commitment to keeping club members informed about activities, news, and upcoming events is notable. And, after celebrating CCA's 43rd Birthday, the newsletter is still 'staying alive since '75'!

To keep pace with technology, in 2007, instead of publishing a printed copy of the newsletter, it was posted online, a big change for the Club. Alison Stover who was **Crosstalk** Editor at that time, coordinated with Jim Kerber who was Webmaster then, to ensure a smooth transition.

Since then, several others have carried the torch. The newsletter has grown with the times and has evolved. Each **Crosstalk** Editor has added their own personal touch to bring you CCA's latest and greatest endeavors. For your reading pleasure and historical references, in 2016, our Webmaster, Howard Katz, posted all issues since 2009 on the CCA website.



To access any of these individual newsletters, visit the Members Only page, click on 'Newsletters' tab (third button from the right) and select the issue you'd like to read. Most years, six issues were published. To access an issue prior to 2009, contact Howard. The newsletter library is a wonderful resource and offers grand opportunity to learn about previous activities. Perhaps you'll glean some ideas for new events.

Serving as Crosstalk Editor involves a significant effort. The next time you see a former Editor, please say *Thank You* for their amazing contribution to the Club!



# Ostrich Festival Parade

by Bill Rhode



You folks outdid yourselves! Thirty-four cars participated in the parade: 23 drove VIPs and 11 were club entries led by

CCA's very own Banner Babes. This was either my eleventh or twelfth parade and never before have we been requested to drive so many VIPs. The club entry (new the past four years) has never been more than five or maybe six cars. Heck, we could do a car



show with that kind of turnout!

I talked with most of the member partici-

pants and many of the riders and all considered our efforts a success. The Chamber was delighted with our quick response to their last minute requests. The Chamber also provided the donuts and coffee as well as the tape for the signs.

When I told Diane Douglas that Howard Katz would again drive her, she broke up laughing. They had a memorable time last year. Tom Palmer drew the Chandler Mayor, Jay Tibshraeny. I informed Jay that driving him was a step down for Tom as last year he drove the Cubs mascot, but Tom and Jay got along great anyway. Barb Bassett was the envy of several, since she got to chauffeur Mariah Sharpe, 56th Miss Indian Arizona.

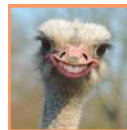


The lunch after the parade was very well attended; 46 was my head count. Prior to the parade I had estimated that 30 or so would attend. Rosati's

didn't blink when we darn near filled all their seats. They always come through for us.



At lunch I was able to talk to new members and prospective members and they all were very positive about the experience. I drafted two into VIP service and they did very well.



All in all, VIPs, members and guests had a great time.

Thank you for making this the largest and best CCA parade event ever!





### CCA CORRAL

#### Corvette Owners Since 1998 — Tom and Elly Palmer —

Tom had always wanted a Corvette, but it had to wait until after the kids were gone. So, while in Crystal Lake, IL (NW suburb of Chicago), we looked at several mid-year Corvettes (his favorite body style). We found a restorable 1966 convertible, 327, 4 speed, not original motor. Tom built a 1.5 car garage on one end of the house for it, and started to go through the mechanicals because we wanted to drive it on club events. While saving up for a paint job, we had a deer run in front of us while



doing 65 MPH on a two lane road during a club trip. Elly screamed... it fortunately rolled off to the left... everyone was OK... whew! It was towed to the painter, and the insurance company paid for the new front clip and part of the paint job.

A good friend was leaving the club and Corvettes, so we bought his 2005 red convertible with only 1800 miles on it! We found a good home for the mid-year, in a fellow who had always wanted a car like that. We wanted to display the American flag; so we had a decal/wrap made that would do just that,



added an eagle head into it... and voila! We share driving the Vette on club events, each wearing a wrap around grin.

We decided to move to AZ in full retirement, and looked at several Corvette clubs. We really enjoy a good social car club, and CCA is the best we've seen. We'll try to contribute to as well as enjoy the club, and look forward to many years of good times with all the good people in CCA. You sure have made us feel welcome!

#### Out of Our 17 Corvettes — Bob and Mary O'Connor —

**Mary's RED Stingrays.** This was one of our worst nightmares... Schaumburg, Illinois, 1987, Woodfield Shopping Mall. Mary drives her brand new 1987 red Corvette Stingray (less than three weeks old) to the Mall. She goes in to shop, comes out, and the car is *gone!!!!!!* Insurance settled. In less than 30 days she purchased another new red 1987 Corvette Stingray. Guess what????? Mary goes shopping again at the Mall, came out, and that Corvette was *gone!!* Once again, insurance settled and



this time, they suggested "please purchase a different vehicle!"

Any questions on the above... we suggest you call your insurance before taking your Corvette to Woodfield Shopping Mall in Schaumburg, Illinois!

**The BLACK Corvette is Bob's 1961** that my girlfriends and I chased him in for over a year - never caught up with him or saw his face - his car was the *FASTEST* in the Muskegon County. After a year or so, he sold it. One night, we "girlies" were out drinking and bumped into these guys, and Bob was one of them - not knowing Bob was the "kid in Black Corvette".



We dated, got engaged and got married. So for a Happy Ending, Mary got to marry "the kid in the Black Corvette", her Prince Charming.

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# CCA CORRAL (continued)

## Life is Too Short — Dave and Kathy Golec —

Dave's first Corvette was a 1979 white coupe with wife #1, who complained about the Corvette and Dave got rid of it (the car, not his wife, at this time). The wife would go a few years later.

Dave's Corvette #2 was with wife #2, who didn't complain. Corvette #2, a Millennium Yellow 2002 coupe, was ordered after the sudden loss of a dear friend and the realization that life is too short to not have what you want and be able to enjoy it.



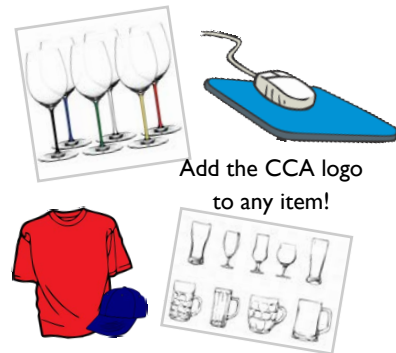
We picked up the car and then found out about Corvette Saturday's at the Pavilions. We drove up and parked, and while we were walking around looking at all of the beautiful cars, we were approached by Danise Cover (former CCA member) and she said "Hey there! You need to come join our club because we don't have a yellow car in the club." She introduced us to a few of the other club members that were there and we immediately felt welcomed and drove home thinking that we should check out a few clubs.

We attended a CCA meeting and everyone was so friendly and the meeting was all about social events and having fun. We immediately decided to join this group and were voted in October of 2001.

Life is funny. We lost a good friend which changed our perspective on life and through that experience, we have gained so many good friends through a car and a club. We have had several Corvettes since #2 and have made many more great friends through CCA. We have done things and gone places that we might never have experienced on our own.



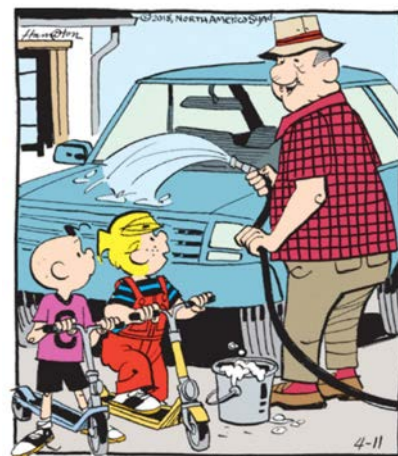
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"WASHIN' YOUR CAR, MR. WILSON?" "No, I'M WATERING IT TO SEE IF IT WILL GROW INTO A CORVETTE."



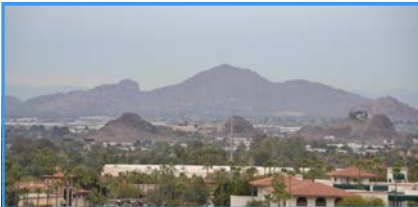
# Rustler's Rooste Vette Set Dining

# Hosts: Bassetts & McDougalls

A total of 56 (46 members and 10 guests) turned out for a *Grand Vette Set Dinner* at Rustler's Rooste on Wednesday, March 7. As we were outside, the overcast skies turned out to be a blessing, and the temperature stayed at a comfortable 80 degrees through the dinner hour.



After gathering in the bar for Happy Hour, we were escorted to our tables on the lower patio.



Dan, the manager, gave a brief welcome and an introduction to Rustler's Rooste. The restaurant has

been in operation since 1971, and serves an average of 800 diners on a week night, and over 1500 on Fridays and Saturdays.



Dan also gave a sincere apology for the only glitch (\$1 increase on most entrees), but they certainly made up for it

with a prompt and efficient dinner service. There was no lack of food, and many of us were able to share plates. From Prickly Pear Margaritas, Ribs and Steaks, to Cotton Candy desserts, there was a wide range of western fare on which to "chow down".

This event was an experiment intended to open a Vette Set dinner to everyone on the Vette Set Dining list, and answer those who have said they wanted to

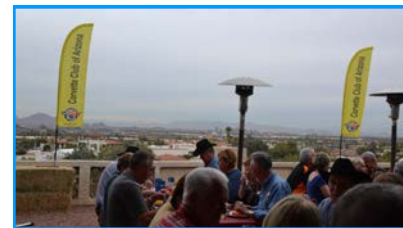


get in on one of the dinners, but have not been quick enough to do so. Rather than the usual intimate dinner with just a few couples, this wide



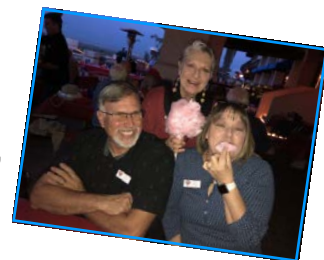
open event gave everyone an opportunity to join in. Each table had a club "host" couple and five tables had guest couples, helping to keep the conversations going.

The evening ended with a roving magician, a lot of visiting, and a fair bit of gazing at the Phoenix night lights. At times we could count ten Airliners lined up for Sky Harbor, with a half dozen more departing or circling around to get in line. All that was good,



but the sight of 26 Corvettes, all parked in a row between the CCA club flags against the beautiful view from Rustler's Rooste, was the cherry on top.

Thank you to all who participated; to Diana & Roc Campise, Jim & Patti Kerber who helped with notices and place cards; and Bob O'Connor who helped with parking. We appreciate your support.





# Progressive Dinner

by Elly Palmer



**Organizers: Elly Palmer and Esther Enriquez**  
**Hosts: Deacons - Appetizers;**  
**Campises and Enriquezes - Dinner; and Mions - Dessert**



What happens when you put five women from CCA in a closed room with a bottle of wine? The Cinco de Mayo Progressive Dinner! So, 43 CCA members launched the Cinco de Mayo Progressive Dinner on Saturday April 28 at 5:00 pm sharp.



Rob and Rhonda Deacon hosted the appetizers and Margarita Bar. Rob even moved his refrigerator from his garage to the poolside bar. And those Margaritas went FAST! Everyone pulled a name from a fish bowl, to find out where they would go for the main course. Roc & Diana Campise and Jim & Esther Enriquez served up fabulous dinners of smoked chicken carnitas with all the trimmings



(chicken smoked by Jim, Spanish rice was a real recipe from Esther, and the beans were a contribution of Diana's) it was all to-die-for good. Everyone re-gathered at the home of Garry & Karen Mion for dessert. There was a beautiful CCA cake, tres leches flan, and a decadent chocolate cake as well.










Everyone had a great time, ate themselves silly, and expressed their appreciation to all the hosts. From our point of view, it was a wonderful group to work with; enthusiastic in every way. Special thanks to attendees, we hope the "drivers" between houses were fun for you.



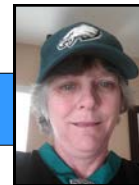
# Upcoming Events

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change  
Last Update: 4/30/2018

May	June	July
<p><b>3 Membership Meeting @ Floridino's 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>5 Highway Cleanup - Hills</b></p> <p><b>11 CCA Chicks Lunch – Lott/Marsh</b></p> <p><b>12 Payson Driver – Enriquez</b></p> <p><b>13 Mother's Day</b> </p> <p><b>17 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Mundys</b></p> <p><b>19 Verde Valley Vettes Driver - Jenkins</b></p> <p><b>26 Game Night - Rays</b></p> <p><b>26 Regional Micro Bash Concourse &amp; Rally – Tucson Corvette Club</b></p> <p><b>29 Memorial Day</b>  Remember - our fallen heroes. They are the reason that we are free.</p>	<p><b>7 Membership Meeting @ Chandler Chamber 7:00 PM; Social time-TBD</b></p> <p><b>8 CCA Chicks Lunch- Lott/Marsh</b></p> <p><b>9 -10 Cottonwood Driver – Lovinos</b></p> <p><b>17 Father's Day</b> </p> <p><b>30 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the First Production Corvette</b></p> <p> </p>	<p><b>4 Independence Day</b> </p> <p><b>5 Membership Meeting @ Floridino's – 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>13 CCA Chicks Lunch – Lott/Marsh</b></p> <p><b>19 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Enriquezes</b></p> <p><b>Driver – Need Host</b></p> <p></p>



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



## Casa Loma Car Show by Joan Nieman



On St Patrick's Day, a small group of us, including prospective member Dick Hedahl, showed up at Cars at Casa Loma Car Show in Chandler. Complimentary coffee was

provided for all participants. The show included lots of exotic vehicles including Maserati, Jaguar, Porsche, etc. After the show we went over to Cracker Barrel for some more conversation and a nice brunch.







### Are You Tuned In?... Turn Your Radio On! What Years Were These Radios Offered?



(answers on last page)

### Activities Update — Bob Logan, Roc Campise, and Esther Enriquez —

**Got some momentum going, so let's move into second gear...**

If you've checked out the CCA Calendar, you may have noticed that the activity level has been increasing steadily the past few months. April was an exceptionally busy month with eight events spread throughout the month (including one Roadrunner Region event in Cottonwood). We also had some BIG NEWS to share with the membership – MMT is on the calendar! A big shout-out to Jan and Bruce Mundy for stepping up and volunteering to host this long-standing CCA traditional event. It looks like a "bucket list" trip and promises to be a unique and fun-filled long weekend for those attending – and there's still room for you to add your name to the list.



We had a couple of Drivers set up in April, two more coming up in May, and one more in June. But there are some empty week-ends where we could easily add YOUR Driver to the calendar. It's a beautiful time of year in Arizona, and soon we'll be looking for cool escapes which is a good reason for planning a drive somewhere. Let someone on the Activity Team know where you'd like to go, and we'd be glad to help you get it going.



Although the Corvette is the vehicle that brought us all together in the Club, we know that it's the people that keep us coming back and who make CCA the best social club in the state (in my opinion, of course!). We're really trying to schedule activities and events that appeal to a wide range of interests, but this will only happen if we know what you'd like to do. Many of our members come to us with past experiences in other clubs, and we'd like to hear about the successes you've had and incorporate some of those ideas into our calendar. Please share any ideas you might have with one of the Activity Team members – there's plenty of room for more activities in the coming months.



Remember, the Activity Team was created specifically to develop and organize a range of activities suitable for a club of our size. As our membership numbers continue to grow, our activity options should follow as well.

We're waiting to hear from YOU!



### Vette Set Dining



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

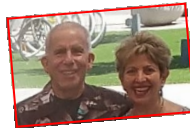


### Casey Moore's Oyster House on March 28th Hosts: Pivars and Campises

On a sunny afternoon 12 CCA members enjoyed a fun dinner and lots of socializing at Casey Moore's Oyster House in Tempe. The restaurant is located in a house that is almost 100 years old and has a colorful history. For more info, click on: [Casey Moore](#).



We took advantage of their happy hour specials. The staff was nice and saved some parking in the back for our cars. Special topic was for the upcoming MMT, which some had already signed up for. Never a dull time when you are out with friends.



### Lou Malnati's on April 25th Hosts: Howard and Sheryl Katz

On Wednesday, 20 CCA members had a grand time seated in the outside patio of Lou Malnati's Chicago Pizzeria in uptown Phoenix. Despite unseasonably hot weather, the excellent misting system and ample shade made it a lovely, quiet, and relaxed luncheon. Five of CCA's Chicago peeps submitted items for our 'Chicago Chicanery: Two Truths and a Lie' quiz game. We certainly have some clever folks in CCA!



Scheduling this lunch required a little patience, since Lou Malnati's, being a very popular Chicago Pizzeria, drew large crowds when they first opened in uptown three years ago. Phoenix's large population of relocated Windy City folk mobbed the place - with long waits during both lunch and dinner!

Even today, lines are still common in the evening and on weekends but now, after Easter and after the snow birds have flown home, weekday lunchtimes are good.



If you like good pizza, click on the slice above!



## Monthly Chicks Luncheons

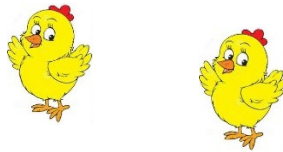


Next Lunches: **May 11 & June 8**

All CCA ladies are invited to join us for the monthly CCA Chicks lunch at the Stone & Barrel Taphouse, Oakwood Country Club, in Sun Lakes. We meet on the second Friday of each month at 11:00am. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

Please RSVP to Norma Marsh ([njoymarsh@aol.com](mailto:njoymarsh@aol.com)). She will email a monthly reminder. The reminder includes directions to the restaurant.

Hosted by



Denise Lott & Norma Marsh

### News from Denise Lott...

#### Upcoming Billboard Concert Series Dates Announced

The summer schedule is out for Sun Lakes Oakwood's billboard legacy bands. These are the upcoming events where tickets are available for \$20 per show. You can buy your tickets at [www.OakwoodTickets.com](http://www.OakwoodTickets.com). Based on last year's experience, it is best to go on your own or in small groups of six or less.

- May 16 – Nashville Gold
- July 9 – Garth Brooks
- Aug. 16 – Cher & Bill Medley  
(Righteous Brothers)
- Sept. 13 – Bob Seger
- Sept. 18 – Neil Sedaka

## Monthly Game Nights

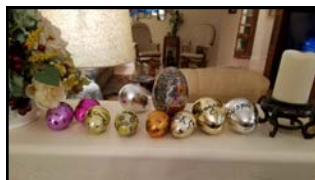
by Bob Bassett



March 10 saw another terrific CCA Game Night, this one hosted by Elly and Tom Palmer. After a fantastic pot luck dinner, the games started with "Stack the Nuts" (as in nuts and bolts). Try stacking seven 11/16" nuts on edge using only a shish kabob skewer. Not as easy as it sounds. Of course someone will always try to find a way around the rules, and Bob Bassett tried but Warden Bill shut him down. So much for thinking outside the box.



After that, Elly and Tom outdid themselves with a terrific



Easter Egg hunt. Nice treats well hidden!

Next we had a game of "What am I?" You get a card and place in on your forehead in a head band, then get two minutes to ask questions until you figure out what you are. Answers are strictly Yes or No. Try this with a skateboard or the moon as your article.



This was followed up with a high stakes game of "Left, Right and Center". Seems to me Tina was the big winner with a

whole saucer full of nickels!

Our thanks to Tom and Elly Palmer for hosting and Rhonda Deacon for organizing.

Since so many CCA events were scheduled in March, the group decided to skip the month of April and will resume in May. If you're interested in joining the group, contact Rhonda Deacon.



To join the Game Nights group contact Rhonda Deacon [rhonda.deacon@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.deacon@gmail.com)



SOMEDAY (Reprinted with Permission) by Dave Heinemann, NCCC President



NCCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2018

March is the start of spring and things happening in the Corvette world. As the weather

begins to warm we start to bring out the Corvettes more and more. Drive-outs start, cruises start, and "cars and coffee" events happen which have become a very popular thing to do on Saturday mornings. All kinds of cars attend these events, usually beginning around 7 AM and over by 10 AM. This is a great way to meet and make new friends.

If we only had more time to do all the things we would like to do? Did you know that most of us live an "eight day week"? When I was younger I use to say my mother played golf eight days a week. She was always on the golf course chasing that little ball. The Beatles sang a song about "eight days a week".

The eight days a week are: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and SOMEDAY! Is our life so busy that we put things off many times until SOMEDAY? What are we missing? What have we NOT done we would have liked to?

SOMEDAY is kind of like later on...or tomorrow. I remember years ago walking into a bar and the sign said: "drinks are free tomorrow". Trouble is tomorrow never comes because returning the next day, their "drinks are free" again "tomorrow".

The great tragedy in life is that SOMEDAY is never part of any week. SOMEDAY never comes at all. Because SOMEDAY never comes, many of the wonderful things in life are missed and never experienced!

The members of NCCC are some of the best of the best people in this world. Many clubs and their members plan and host all kinds of events from meetings, drive-outs, dinner cruises, cars and coffees, car shows, rallies, autocrosses, parades, conventions, tours, and a host of other events too many to list. Within this group we get to know each other and become friends who care about each other. NCCC is a special caring group of members.

So, what do you plan to do SOMEDAY, or tomorrow, or later? I have said it before; each of us only has so much TIME to spend. We can always get more money, more cars, eat more, sleep more, and sit around more. We can never get more TIME or health.

I encourage you to get involved, look at your club calendar, check out the national event calendar, and find something to do with your time, your Corvette, and your life. When it's over.... it is over, there is no turning back. Make the most of what we have NOW and enjoy all you can. It is kind of like sunbathing: you can't get very tan in the night. You have to tan in the daytime, unless you have your own tanning bed.

The third month of 2018 is here. Make the most of your time doing something on the "EIGHTH DAY OF THE WEEK"! I know for sure you will enjoy it making memories.

Take care, be safe, call a friend, hug someone, tell someone you love them, and life will be better for you. And always be thankful for what you have.

God Bless you all! DAVE HEINEMANN PRESIDENT NCCC



In April, several CCA members participated in an **Auto-cross** event. For a first person view of the action, ride along with David Edgington in this video: [Fun Drive!](#)



## Time Travel in a 1970 Red Corvette from the Wall Street Journal

This heart warming article appeared in the Wall Street Journal on March 14, 2018

*Jason Laureys, 40, a Southwest Airlines pilot from Wauconda, Ill., on his 1970 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, as told to A.J. Baime.*

When I was little, instead of a stuffed animal, I slept with toy trucks and Matchbox cars. By the time I was in junior high, because I loved cars so much, my parents had taught me to drive. We had a family friend whose husband



owned a 1979 Corvette, and she let me drive it through my neighborhood.

I did not have a license yet. I remember sitting in that driver's seat, looking out over those huge swooping fenders. In that moment, everything changed.

Today I have three Corvettes and two Camaros. The car pictured here is a third-generation ("C3")

Corvette, like the one I drove when I was in junior high, and it has a special story.

I bought it in June 2015 from a



mom-and-pop dealership in Chicago for \$32,195. I was given a file that had history on the car. Last year I took the vehicle to a car show in the town next to mine. This guy comes up and starts taking pictures. He tells me he used to own a Corvette just like mine, in the 1970s into the early '80s.

The more we talked, the more it clicked. All the history I had on my car, this guy was now telling me. He had lived in Colorado when he owned his Corvette, and I knew my car had once resided in Colorado. Same color, same model year, same 454 390-horsepower engine. His name was Dale Seay and he gave me his number. I was thinking: What are the chances this is the same car this

stranger had owned decades ago, in a different state?

That night, I searched through the file I had on the car and found a service receipt from 1975 that had Dale Seay's name on it. I was flabbergasted.

A week later I brought the car to him and let him drive it. I love hearing his stories from the 1970s, how he used to speed the car through rural Colorado where there were



no police, and how when he drove his daughter to school, all the boys would go nuts over the Corvette.

He's 79, and I'm 40, but we share the car in common. Watching him drive it today is almost as much fun as driving it myself.





The Finish Line (the last page)



Mystery Members Unmasked



A  
Susan Lovino



B  
Loren McCarty



C  
Gail Baldacchino



D  
Bob McDougall

**RADIO YEARS REVEALED**

- A. '90—'93
- B. '80—'82
- C. '58—'62
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- E. '63—'67



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