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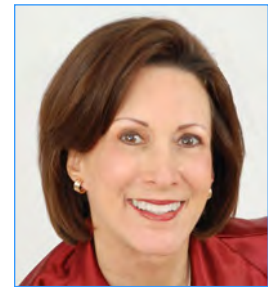
May - June 2019

President's Message

Denise Lott

CCA Friends,

This season is showing how versatile our club activities are. For the first time, we had a lengthy trip, two weeks along the Danube River, as one of our CCA activities. Then, coming up in July, there is a four-day driver to Ruidoso with a large group of cars caravanning.



This is in addition to our regular one-day drivers and social events in the area, and it shows that we are unlimited in our potential for activities. Scheduled summer activities include a pool party, a potluck/game night, and a driver to Prescott, along with our Chicks lunches and Vette Set dining. New ideas are welcome, and if you have something in mind that you would like to host for the club, contact our Activity Director for assistance and a spot on the calendar.

At our June general membership meeting, we presented a check for \$1800 to Packages from Home, our designated charity. Those proceeds were from our April "Corvettes in the Park" car show. Meghan Richards, an Afghanistan veteran herself, was present to receive our donation. We are always happy to assist Packages from Home, which sends care packages to our troops overseas.

Whether your summer journeys are with CCA or off in another direction, I wish you safe travels, bright and happy days, and great memories to store away.

Sharing the drive with you in 2019,

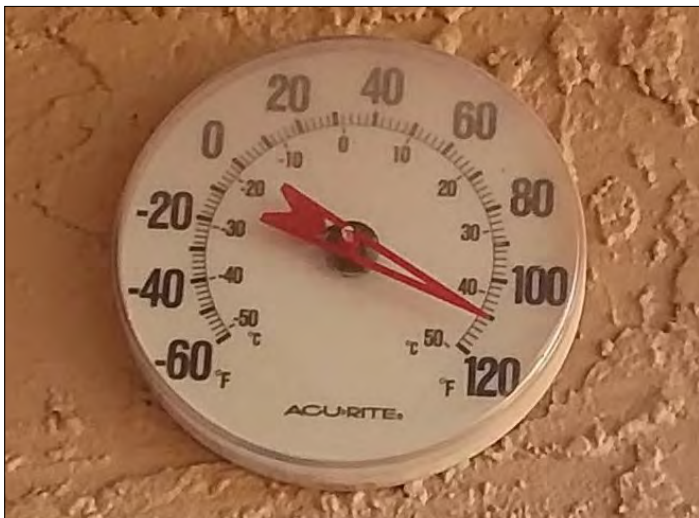
Denise



From the Editor Bob Bassett



As I write this on June 10, I am looking at Phoenix weather on the internet and seeing a high of 111. Jim Kerber sent me this photo of the thermometer in the shade on our back patio. Of course, all of you know how hot it has been, because you are sitting in it, or by the time you read this, possibly have it even hotter. I, on the other hand, am sitting in 28C, about 82F, which equates to your forecast low for the day. No wonder summer drivers to Payson, Ruidoso and Prescott are so popular!



Please be sure to tell me all about all the things you are doing this summer. As I have said before, I get my CCA summer fix by reading about all your hot adventures while relaxing in the cooler weather up North.

My thanks to Dick Hedahl for his "Dick & Dave's Excellent Adventure" article. I'm sure all of you have a good Corvette story to tell, so please let us hear yours. A simple narrative and a few pictures is all that is needed.

I also want to thank Dom & Susan Lovino for getting me yesterday's Kohl's Ranch Driver photos and write up in record time!

Lastly, a reminder that I still need new headshots from most of you, so if you get a chance, take some new shots (with the flash on please) and send them to me at CrosstalkEditor. (As before, anything that is underlined in **Crosstalk** has a link to a page or an email address.)

I hope you enjoy this issue of **Crosstalk**.



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“The Next Generation” Corvette

When you get to Ray Jenkin’s report you will see that I should be referring to the 2020 as the “Next Generation Corvette” rather than as a C8. While that might be politically correct in GM’s corporate mind, I think that ship sailed a long time ago, at least for me, as I’m hopelessly engrained in the habit of naming the generations C 1 through 8. My apologies to GM marketing!

If you have been following the C8 reveal news, you will know that GM released a 29 second teaser video shortly after the April 11 announcement. This month, they released an extended 51 second version of the same teaser video, this one with some added footage, reinforcing the message that a mid-engine corvette is a logical evolution that has been in the works for years. Other than these two teasers, there has been no more information from GM. I have been in contact with Steve Marley and Nick Hill at Earnhardt Chevrolet regarding pre-orders, but unfortunately they don’t know any more that we do at this point. We will have to just hang on to our hats until July 18.

That said, we can dream. Here are three excellent renderings done by Midenginecorvetteforum.com member Chazcron. This fellow is an incredible digital artist and his renderings are worth watching even if you are not salivating over the new model. Click on each of these pictures to see the full video.



For best effect, watch them in full screen mode. Take a close look at his idea for a Hard Top convertible mechanism rendered in the pane below. I have no idea whether this is a workable idea, but what a cool way to handle it. Lets hope that GM can find room to add something like this down the road!





Progressive Dinner

Jo Ellen Leitz



A NIGHT IN VENICE

The CCA Progressive Dinner has been held annually for many years and has always been a great time, and this year was certainly no exception. The moving feast offered hours of entertainment with great food and drink, the enjoyment of the company of good friends and this year we were able to enjoy the evening drive in beautiful weather.



The 43 members who took part in this year's CCA Progressive Dinner started the Italian-themed night with Happy Hour and appetizers at the Leitzes. Gordy and JoEllen live in southeast Mesa and started the party out with a "Night in Venice", including a Venice canal backdrop for guests to use for that special photo.

(Editor's note: Forgive me for including so many photos, but our members photos look so good I decided to reproduce a bunch of them for you.)

Appetizers included a charcuterie board, fruit, cheeseball, mozzarella cheese bombs and Italian meatballs accompanied by wine and sangria.



The next stop was dinner in The Islands in Gilbert at the Enriquezes. Jim and Esther along with Roc and Diana Campise prepared the most delicious dinner of chicken parmesan, baked pasta, with or without sausage, Italian salad, garlic bread and of course refreshing beverages. With the perfect weather guests were able to enjoy dinner either indoors or "al fresco".



After dinner, guests ended the evening with an assortment of sweet treats at Frank and Nancy Hagans in northeast Mesa. Their menu included a large cheese cake and Nancy's home made blueberry crumble.



Complimenting the crumble was vanilla bean ice cream. For those who didn't want to indulge in all that refined sugar they offered a large bowl of fresh blueberries and fresh strawberries. To compliment dessert there was coffee, regular and high test. Before, during



Progressive Dinner (Cont'd)

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and after they also offered red and white wine including home made Sangria, and lots of bottled water. As the evening wound down and the eating, drinking and socializing slowed, the hugs and good nights began to happen. Slowly the Corvettes left Mesa one by one to head on home with full bellies and a feeling of contentment.

Once again, the opportunity to socialize with the wonderful members of CCA was a great success and a special way to start out the summer season.

The Enriquezes, Campises, Hagans and Leitzes would like to thank those who were able to attend. We were glad to share this evening with you!



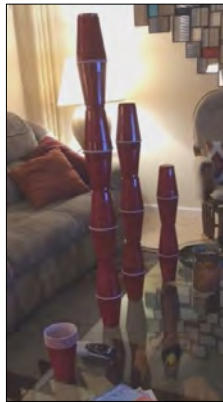


Game Night

Elly Palmer



For May's Game Night we had 12 for a burger pot luck. Tom was the master of the grill. In attendance were Mundy's, Lotts, Lovinos, Campises and Rocks. We had stellar weather so we never went back in the house. We played some Minute to Win it Games (cup stacks, M&M shuttle at which we all sucked..., and Puff and Blow). We never got to the board games for all the chatter that was going on and that was just fine.



Mary Rock made a mean batch of baked beans, Diana Campise hit the jackpot with her salsa, Sue whipped up an awesome macaroni salad Mundy's brought some yummy fruits and a Dave tipped the scales in wrong direction with an amazing cheese cake. Hope everybody had a good time... we sure did.





Danube River Cruise

Denise Lott



After a year of planning and waiting, our CCA group finally headed off to Europe and a Danube River cruise on an Avalon vessel, the Illumination. Roc Campise had initiated the offering for any interested CCA club members to join in. Five member couples signed up—Campises, Hagans, Smiths, Haydens, and Lotts-- and brought along three additional friends--Pam and Dean Lovell from Seattle, friends of the Smiths, and Colleen Walker, a friend of the Lotts.



From the beginning it was fun, fun, fun, and the meals were amazing. Breakfast and lunch were extensive buffets. Dinner was a full four or five course meal with multiple gourmet choices – and all the wine and beer one wished. Restraint was not a factor to be considered when so many good options were presented.

Starting in Prague, Czech Republic, we spent two nights in a hotel overlooking the Vitava River. We walked the city, including our first evening, hiking for about 25 minutes to find a specific restaurant with our trusted guide, Don Smith, attempting to read the map. On the way home, we discovered it only takes 10 minutes on the direct route, but the dinner was worth it.

Leaving Prague, an afternoon bus ride took us to Nuremburg, Germany and the Danube River where we boarded our ship, settled in, and corralled the largest dinner table for the group. The steward stayed busy with our table every day as the wine flowed throughout our many meals.

The sailing journey began the following day. The river was high with a very fast current. There had been serious flooding over its banks



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Danube River Cruise (Cont'd)

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the week before in an unusual rainy month that added to the typical melting snows. We were lucky that the ship was able to cruise, as that had not been the case in the previous week due to high waters where the ship cannot get under the bridges.

We did miss one stop at Passau while waiting for high waters to drop, and that led to a jolly afternoon on board playing Trivial Pursuit—Australian and Canadian versions. Meanwhile an optional tour went off to Salzburg and then got picked up in the evening on our way to Vienna.

To compensate for our day at sea, the cruise line treated all of us that evening to a special event, attending the Vienna Supreme Concert at the Parliament Hall. It was definitely one of the highlights. Vienna was, and still is, one of the world centers for the arts, and their musical programs are magical.



On the following day, while we did our tours in Vienna, Nancy Hagan had a memorable experience. She and Frank met up with a cousin of Nancy's and that cousin's spouse and spent the day with them, local style. Nancy was born in Linz and has an amazing story of her birth and later journey to the U.S. If you haven't heard it, ask Nancy about her background.

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Danube River Cruise (Cont'd)

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Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, home of the Hapsburgs and the Holy Roman Empire, was well worth the trip. This was built to rival Versailles, and both the building and grounds certainly do justice to the word opulence. We wished we had even more time to explore the area here.



For the last stop, we sailed into Budapest. That evening, as we cruised up the river to view the brilliant city lights accenting amazing structures, there was a horrendous accident just in front of us. This accident, a collision between a Viking ship and a smaller 80 foot passenger vessel, ended up in international news for days. We were just behind that ship and saw all the emergency cars and boats but had no knowledge at the time of what had happened.

The next day we disembarked. While the rest of the group hung out for two extra nights in Budapest, the Lotts, along with Colleen Walker, had added six days to their itinerary to spend in Germany. Along with visits to areas including Heidelberg, Rothenburg, and Mainz, they did another river cruise, this one by car, riding up one side and down the other along the Rhine River. That provided a chance to visit several of the castles and small towns along the way.

These two weeks passed much too quickly. Having such a group together really added to the adventure. Thanks to all who joined us!





Donation to Packages From Home

Denise Lott



At our June meeting, we had a special guest, Meghan Richards, representing Packages from Home. This agency has been our designated charity for many years, and our car shows are a source for our donations. Packages from Home sends care boxes overseas to our active troops throughout the world. Meghan herself was an Army medic in Afghanistan and also a recipient of one of these packages during her tour.



It was our privilege to be able to donate \$1800 toward this effort. That money will provide the postage for 120 boxes that will be sent to our service members, reminding them that they are not forgotten and how much we appreciate them.

During the Corvettes in the Park car show, which was the source for this specific check, Packages from Home had tables set up where car show visitors and CCA volunteers could write thank-you notes and use their basic art skills to decorate some of the priority envelopes destined for our troops.

Thank you to Mark Godina for heading this car show so successfully that we were able to provide these funds. In turn, Meghan provided us with a certificate of appreciation for this and past contributions.





Upcoming Birthdays

JULY

Diane Feck	Gail Baldacchino
Susan Lovino	Howard Katz
Neil Pivar	KC Miller
Cathy Dunton	Bruce Mundy
John Dunton	Tina Pivar
Dave Roberts	Brad Ryan
Carol McDougall	Bud Stover
Bob O'Connor	Mary Ellen Hayden
John DeCamp	

AUGUST

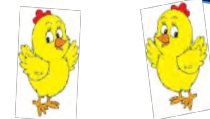
Tina DeCamp
JoEllen Leitz
Kat Bitney
Sandy Duhaim
Bill Hayden
Eva Platten
Cecile O'Boyle
Gloria Hedahl
Bob Davenport

Monthly Chicks Luncheons Mary Ellen Hayden & Denise Lott



Next luncheons:

July 12 & Aug 9



The group may be a bit smaller during these summer months of travel, but many of us remain in the area, traveling on shorter trips throughout the summer. That means there are still adventures to share and friends to catch up with.

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 11:00. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend one of our lunches as part of their membership process.

Please RSVP to MaryEllen Hayden (mehayden2@centurylink.net). If you would like to be included in the monthly reminder sent out, let her know. The reminder includes directions to the restaurant.



Hosted by MaryEllen Hayden & Denise Lott





CCA to the Rescue!

Ken Rock



Brookdale Senior Living Center Car Show

I received a phone call on May 21, from Ashley Strong, the Social Coordinator for Brookdale Senior Living Center. They had a car show scheduled for May 28 and the car club that was supposed to participate backed out of the show at the last minute. The Senior Living Center was looking frantically for another club to attend the show. Ashley had gotten my name from one of the postings I did online for Corvettes in the Park. I told her I would see what I can do and contact our club members. I called Esther Enriquez and she immediately put a email out to club members with the show flyer. The response to her request on short notice from our club members enabled us to save Brookdale's Car Show!



We had 15 members attend with their cars. The weather was perfect and Brookdale provided entertainment and lunch for all of us. The aide brought the seniors living in the center out to look at our cars and talk with the members. We enjoyed talking with them about our cars and they reminisced of their days and cars. They were extremely pleased with our attendance and are planning to do an annual car show in the future. I want to thank all the members again for their participation on such short notice!



Proud Owner Design can be accessed via the CCA Website. Click the "Merchandise" tab on the "Members Only" page.



Pool Party at Hagans

Nancy Hagan

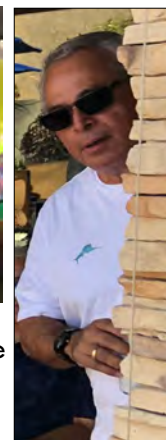


Be Our Guest at the Hagan's Pool Party!

We sent the flyer out with a limit of 30 people. The email, texts and phone calls came in quickly. Normally we don't like to put a limit on any function to our home, at least not that low a number. However, with the summer heat now here we're not able to open the bi-fold doors which bring the inside out. So, we were guessing all the people would be eating indoors and enjoying the pool after dark.

We were watching the weather all week wondering how hot it would be the day of the party. Luckily the high for the day was 98 degrees.

The fact that it wasn't blistering hot outdoors allowed people to eat inside and out. During and after chowing down a bunch of people were in the pool enjoying the floats and the pool temperature. Some of the people even went in the heated spa.



As far as the food was concerned, there was virtually everything you can imagine. We provided hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings that went with the meats. The members provided shrimp, a variety of different salads, and cheeses. Norma brought a beautiful carved up watermelon that was so clever. Oh, and Howard brought salsa in this dish shaped into a shark that had batteries in it and that made this weird noise. It was so Howard!



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Pool Party at Hagans (Cont'd)

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Of course, there was a wide selection of drinks, red and white wines, and ice tea. There was left over beer from the Progressive Dinner, and we always have bottled water.

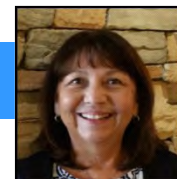
Once it seemed that everyone had eaten, we brought out two medium Carvel ice cream cakes and sang "Happy Birthday" to Dom Lovino, Roc Campise and Scott Feck. We followed up with decaf and regular coffee.

The socializing continued for a little longer and then the guests started leaving around dark or shortly thereafter. Our thanks to all the guys and gals who helped with the wonderful food. We got some feedback saying they enjoyed themselves very much, which is all Frank and I strive for.



Activities Update

Esther Enriquez



In looking back at the Activity Calendar, it's obvious that May and June were two very slow months. There was a good turn-out for the Progressive Dinner, and the Palmers hosted a game night in May. The Hagans put on a very social pool party in June, and the Campises and Lovinos stepped up to lead a driver to Kohl's Ranch. Two events in each month isn't too bad, but when you consider the size of our membership, we should be able to come up with a few more activities than that!

Currently, the Activity Team is working on organizing the Annual Awards Banquet which is a BIG responsibility, so we could use some assistance in filling the calendar with YOUR events. It doesn't have to be a big blow-out event; some of our most popular activities are simple socials – game nights, Vette Set dinners, short drivers to lunch or dinner.

So, how about it? If you look at the calendar, you can see plenty of openings. In fact, 15 couples are going to Ruidoso in July for a long weekend, BUT that means there are plenty of CCA members who will be staying in Arizona that weekend. How about hosting a social for those of us not able to commit to the longer weekend event?

As always, the Activity Team is ready to help and waiting to hear from YOU! Just hit that "Reply" button when you see my next email and let me know what you have planned for us.





Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock



- 1) In what year were dual point distributors first used? (A)1956 (B)1957 (C)1958
- 2) What was the last year that exhaust was routed through the bumper? (A) 1959 (B) 1960 (C)1961
- 3) In what year were big block engines first available? (A)1965 (B)1966 (C)1967
- 4) In 1956, what percentage of coves were painted a different color?
Less than ___% (A) 20 (B) 40 (C) 60 (D) 80
- 5) What year was the last year of the tooth grill? 1959 (B) 1960 (C) 1961
- 6) What percent of Corvette sold in 1972 were convertibles? (A) 25 (B) 33 (C) 40 (D) 55
- 7) In what year were aluminum valve covers first available? 1956 (B) 1957 (C) 1958
- 8) How do you tell the difference between a 1960 and a 1959?
- 9) What year was telescopic steering column first available in? 1965 (B) 1966 (C) 1967
- 10) What year was the last year aluminum knock off wheels were offered? (A) 1964 (B) 1965 (C) 1966
- 11) What year was the last year Corvettes were built in St. Louis? (A)1967 (B) 1972 (C) 1980
- 12) What was the top speed of the 1998 Corvette? (A) 175 MPH (B) 180 MPH (C) 185 MPH





Club Calendar

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change. For the most up to date information and flyers for various events, please go to the [Website](#) and Login. **Last Update: 06/30/2019**

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<p>4 Independence Day</p>  <p>11 Membership Meeting Floridino's</p> <p>12 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>13 Summer Potluck w/lotts</p> <p>18 Board Meeting w/ Ryan</p> <p>20 Great Summer Escape - Phantom Vettes Inc. (Road Runner Region Event)</p> <p>26 -29 Return to Ruidoso w/Kerbers & Rhodes</p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>	<p>1 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber</p> <p>9 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>15 Board Meeting w/ Campises</p> <p>31 Prescott Driver w/ Logans and Kerbers</p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>	<p>2 Labor Day</p> <p>5 Monthly Membership Meeting</p> <p>13 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>19 Board Meeting w/ Lombardo</p> <p>20-23 MMT w/McSpaddens & McDougalls</p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>

Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz

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|-------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| 1) (A) 1956 | 5) (B) 1960 | 8) Seat stitching: 1960 was vertical, 1959 was horizontal | 10) (C)1966 |
| 2) (B) 1960 | 6) (A) 25% | 9) (A) 1965 | 11) (C)1980 |
| 3) (A) 1965 | 7) (A) 1956 | | 12) (A)175 MPH |
| 4) (B) 40% | | | |





CCA Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



Our **Roadrunner Region** has had a successful first six months with four well attended sanctioned car shows hosted by four different Clubs. There are five more sanctioned events scheduled by five different Clubs planned for the rest of the year. Look at the Roadrunner Region calendar and plan on attending upcoming events hosted by other Clubs. You will be surprised how interesting and fun they are!

I will be attending the NCCC Annual Convention in Denver, CO, the second week in July. This is an annual event that spotlights the Corvette and its enthusiastic owners from across the Nation. I hope to have a report for you in the next Crosstalk. This Annual Event should be on every Corvette owner's "Bucket List".

CCA has volunteered to Host the 2020 Roadrunner Region "Kick Off" Event on February 14th & 15th of 2020. I have a few volunteers that said they would help, but the whole CCA membership needs to plan on supporting this event. The event will be held at the Hilton in Mesa.

**Here are some selected item notes from the NCCC Quarterly meeting held May 4, 2019**

Elaine Heretta – Blue Bars Publisher: Soft copies of Blue Bars - your members should know they have an option to receive Blue Bars in that fashion. On each member's page there is a box that can be checked to indicate that member wants access to Blue Bars online. Elaine received an inquiry from a governor that expected when Blue Bars was finished being published, that each member would receive an email with the link to Blue Bars. That is not the way it works. They need to go to the website and from there your member(s) can download Blue Bars if so desired. Please make sure your members are aware of this option and the process required if they want to download Blue Bars.

Jim Walton NCCC Business Manager: Regarding insurance, again all of you have been doing a great job. I received a couple of minor incident reports, but no real claims, and this is really good. We do have a new set of FAQs' on the website, these are basically a regurgitation of what was out there before. If you have any questions about our insurance, Jim Walton NCCC Business manager is the one to contact.

Linda & Dave Goebel – NCM Ambassadors: We are not to call the new Corvette a "C8," it is the "**Next Generation Corvette**". The plant is now producing about 175 C7 cars per day, and the paint shop is now totally robotic. It is a totally different kind of plant. From what we had in the past. The entrance to the NCM has a new display that was just unveiled, it is of one of the original 1953 promotion Corvettes that was cut in half.

I am looking forward to a great summer and I hope you are too!





Payson Driver to Kohl Ranch Lodge

Dom Lovino



Roc Campise suggested that we should host a quick driver together for June, since there were no planned drivers. I checked my scheduled and called Roc back. The next day, the four of us took the drive to visit Kohl's Ranch near Payson, check the place out, and most importantly, taste the food! The weather was perfect, we sat outside and had a late lunch. There was a nice cool breeze and shade, a break from the Phoenix early summer heat.



We reserved the date for June 29. Roc put the flyer together and sent it along to the Activities Chair. It didn't take long for the driver to fill up.

The day started warm and sunny with 10 shiny Corvettes ready for a drive. We met in the parking lot behind the McDonald's at Ellsworth and Baseline. We found the McDonald's lobby closed due to remodeling (that wasn't in our plans). We did the best we could and visited other nearby businesses. We held a brief driver's meeting in the little shade we found from two little trees in the parking lot.

We headed to Payson, North on Ellsworth through Usery Pass to Bush Highway. We drove by the Salt River and the many "tubers" and past



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Payson Driver to Kohl Ranch Lodge (Cont'd)

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beautiful Saguaro Lake. We continued on SR 87 to Payson. The traffic was horrendous for the last 5 miles to Payson. Apparently, there was an accident that caused the traffic to back up. Also, being the weekend before the July 4th added to the volume of traffic heading to cooler weather. We had a quick rest stop at Mazatzal Casino, which provided some a quick chance to win some gas money. Turning onto East SR 260, we finally left the traffic behind us with another 12 miles to reach our destination - Kohl's Ranch.



We dined at the Zane Grey Country Barbecue. The weather was slightly warmer than our initial trip, so we decided to eat in the restaurant. We were provided a menu especially prepared for our club. Desert was a surprise birthday cake for Susan (July 1). Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship, and as usual, the food and service were excellent!

We toured the Saloon and amenities: pool, mini putt golf, bocce ball, horseshoes, volleyball and yard chess. There were plenty of trees, shade and the smell of fresh pine everywhere - a nice change from the valley. We said our goodbyes and wished safe driving to everyone. Thank you to all who attended for making this a fun day!





Dick & Dave's Excellent Adventure

Dick Hedahl



My friend, Dave Anderson, and I decided to take a Corvette run to AZ by way of Sturgis, and catch what was left of Route 66, on the way. It was awesome and the car performed flawlessly..... until New Mexico.

We got to Newcastle, WY and stopped for gas. The burger place next door is called Way Back Burgers, for reasons unexplained to me. Arrived in Ft. Collins after a huge rain storm. We came in just as it quit raining, so the Corvette didn't get wet, but there was big flooding we had to avoid.



Next morning we made a stop to see friend Angie and get breakfast in Boulder.

Here is a picture the day we left. Perfect day and perfect travel. We stopped at Amadon, ND, by 10:30 AM for their annual HotDog and Hamburger

Then on down I-25. The car is still running perfectly. No issues. Just like a new car.



We stopped for gas at Pueblo, CO. Little station in a crummy part of town. They had premium gas, but I suspect they didn't sell much of it.

fund raiser. We were too early, but they fired up the grill for us anyway and started the feed early for us. A good time and good burgers.

Anyway, back on the road again. Just before the New Mexico line the car started coughing and wheezing. Seemed like it wanted to stop – in the Middle of Nowhere. We limped into a truck stop. I called Pat Reipl at ProTune. We diagnosed what it could be. We decided it might be bad gas from Pueblo. So I dumped in a bottle of Methyl Alcohol from the truck stop with a tank of fresh 91 Octane in hopes of drying it out.

Then on to Sturgis. The Rally was in full swing when we arrived.



It seemed to run pretty good – for about 100 miles. Then it began acting up again. At 13.6 MPG, shortly after 100 miles I am looking for a gas station. So, another bottle of Methyl Alcohol - this one from AutoZone. I bought a couple of bottles. Again, it ran good - for 100 miles. Another AutoZone bottle and another tank of gas. Every

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Dick & Dave's Excellent Adventure (Cont'd)

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hundred miles we continued like that. Then it rained. Lots of rain. Car didn't leak much though.



Note the towel!



We finally got to Albuquerque for the night. Another tank of gas there with another bottle.

The next morning, we hit the road to find Route 66. About Laguna, NM we took our first Route 66 detour. Pretty scenery and a very lonely road. The towns on Route 66 are very run down. There are lots of remnants of Route 66, but no thriving businesses. It was fun driving the two-lane roads

when we could. We could see where the travelers in the 50's, and 60's stopped and passed by on their way across America on Old Route 66.

We turned off again at Gallup, NM. There was a huge street celebration going on in town. It went on for a mile of Historic Highway 66 in Gallup. We circled around it all and were trying to get out of town when the car died on the busiest street in



town. We got AAA to send a tow truck. We could see a PepBoy's store ahead, so I had the driver dump us there. The service manager said none of their techs will work on a car with carburetors. Huh?

So, I bought some tools inside and took the carb apart. It looked fine so I reassembled it. It started



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right up and we went on our way. Ran fine for another 100 miles or so. When we got to Winslow, AZ we stopped downtown, because Winslow is "Old Route 66 Central" with lots of touristy stuff for 66-ers.

The final leg of "Dick and Dave's Excellent Adventure" was through Payson, AZ with its beautiful winding mountain roads. The Corvette ran perfectly all through the mountains. Huge fun ride there.



After Payson, it acted up again, but by then I knew what it would do, so I was able to limp into Gilbert with no further issues. Then I took it apart to "fix it" properly.

I replaced the brass filter, adjusted the needle and seat and now it runs fine again. This picture is in



front of our AZ house, after I fixed it. It truly was an Excellent Adventure!



The Last Word

Bob Bassett



Food for thought.... Barb & I had an opportunity to visit with many of our CCCC (Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs) friends from across Western Canada at the "Cruise into Summer" event hosted by the Kelowna Corvette Club on the May long weekend. This is the first of five long weekend events held in different cities around Western Canada each year. It was great to see people again after a long winter. The format for these events is: Friday night welcome social, Saturday morning Concours d'Elegance and Show & Shine, Saturday afternoon Rallye, Saturday evening Dinner & Dance, Sunday Autocross, and Sunday evening Awards Banquet. Every one is a busy, fun filled weekend.



I'm thinking out loud here, and this is really the province of the Activity Director, and her team, but with CCA volunteering to host the 2020 Roadrunner Region Kickoff event in February, I am wondering if we want to attempt to do some or all of the above. If we do, it will require a fair amount of effort on the part of a large number of members, but the result can be well worth the effort. Think about it.

In the meantime, stay cool!

