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President's Message

Denise Lott



Dear CCA Members,

I'll begin by wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous and successful New Year!

We've certainly kept up a fast pace. It's hard to believe this will be my last message as 2019 president.

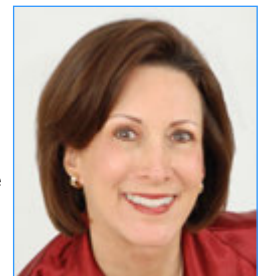
To wrap everything up for the year, we will be combining our upcoming January general meeting with our annual awards banquet. This is going to be another event that you don't want to miss. It starts with a buffet dinner in an attractive setting, then awards and a very short meeting right after, and ends with great comedy entertainment provided by the Sun Lakes Improvables troupe. You can't beat the price, and it's a fun way to kick off 2020 with our new Board at the helm. Be sure to sign up.

A few items we focused on this year included consolidating strong backups and written operating procedures from each club officer as pertinent and keeping these in a central location, revising the membership application, adding social time with snacks immediately following the Chamber meetings, setting up an improved storage arrangement, varying the times of Board meetings, and planning for hosting our first NCCC KickOff event.

I had a wonderful group of Board and committee members who were dedicated to keeping the Corvette Club of AZ current and flexible as we adjust to changing membership demographics and, with that, new interests. Thanks to all of them for their support and contributions during this year.

Sharing the drive with you in 2019,

Denise



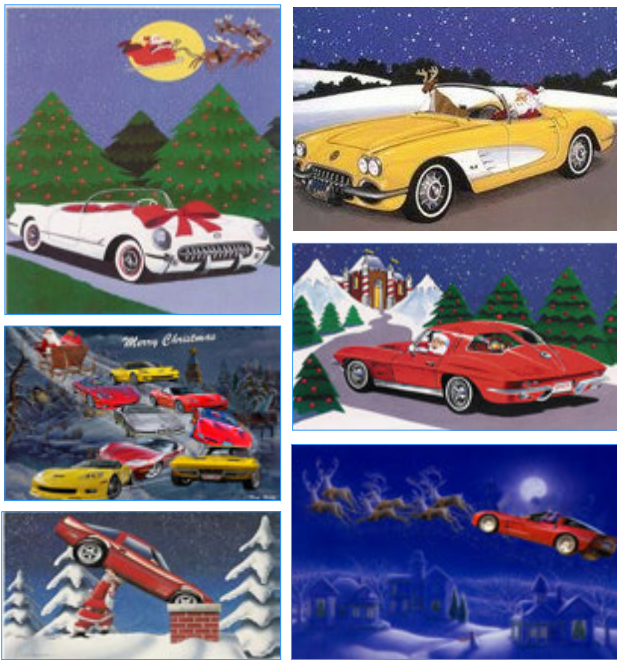


From the Editor Bob Bassett



As we arrive at the end of my first year as **Crosstalk** Editor, I would like thank all those who contributed articles, suggestions, and comments. I also want to shout out a huge **Thank you** to **Sheryl Katz**, whose help acting as my proof reader and mentor over this year has been invaluable, and another big thank you to **Dick Hedahl**, for stepping up to take over Sheryl's position for the coming year. I am deeply indebted to you both!

Hopefully, I have managed to get this issue of **Crosstalk** to you a week early so I can wish a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Happy New Year to all of our wonderful friends in CCA! May all your wishes come true this Holiday Season!



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November 7 Membership Meeting & Elections at Flix

As you all know, we are privileged to be able to use the Chandler Chamber of Commerce meeting room for our First Thursday of the month membership meetings. As it turned out, the Chamber Meeting room was not available for us to use in November, but thanks some pretty cool organizing on the part of the Chamber, we were invited to use one of the theaters at Flix Brewhouse for our November Membership Meeting and Elections. Our special thanks go to the Chamber and to the owners at Flix Brewhouse for this privilege. We were treated to great food and beverage service in the room.



Dom Lovino, being an avid techie, decided to take advantage of the Big Screen, and put together a terrific slide show, an interactive agenda, and photos of all nominees and present directors. He even added a Roadrunner cartoon for yours truly. All in all, it was a very novel and enjoyable experience. Thank you Dom, and Thank you to all who allowed their names to stand for office!





Outgoing and Incoming Board of Directors



Please join me in a huge **THANK YOU** to this year's Board of Directors for a job well done and an excellent year! Outgoing Board Members are President: **Denise Lott**; Vice President: **Bruce Mundy**; Secretary: **Tom Palmer**; Treasurer: **Susan Lovino**; NCCC Governor: **Ray Jenkins**; Membership Chair: **Guy Lombardo**; Activity Director: **Esther Enriquez**; Activity Coordinators: **Diana Campise & Nancy Hagan**; Officer at Large: **Brad Ryan**; and Volunteer Positions: Crosstalk Editor: **Bob Bassett**; Webmaster: **Dom Lovino**.

Please also join me in wishing our new Board members a very successful year in office. Our 2020 Board of Directors consists of: President: **Brad Ryan**; Vice President: **Tom Palmer**; Secretary: **Dave Golec**; Treasurer: **Bob O'Connor**; NCCC Governor: **Ray Jenkins**; Membership Chair: **Guy Lombardo**; Activity Director: **Susan Lovino**; Activity Coordinators: **Diana Campise & Nancy Hagan**; Officer at Large: **Norm Riffel**; and Volunteer Positions: Crosstalk Editor: **Bob Bassett**; Webmaster: **Dom Lovino**.





Chevys in the Park Car Show

Brad Ryan



It was a beautiful Arizona fall day for our Chevys in the Park Car Show for and to make it even More special this was our 20th Anniversary of this show put on by the CCA! Here are the Car Show Results & Awards:

- 132 Total Cars Registered;
- 126 Actually showed up for the Show
- 78 Corvettes Registered
- 34 CCA Corvettes = 44% of all Corvettes
- 3 CCA Chevy Powered Vehicles

CCA Trophy Winners:

1st Place: Bill Rhode;

2nd Place: Roger & Arlene Craig,

3rd Place: Neil & Tina Pivar; Dick Hedahl & Lylla Alejandro

“Best” -- Paint: '69 Chevelle SS; Engine: '14 Corvette Z51; Interior: '37 Chevy Coupe

Best of Show Chevy: '41 Ford Business Coupe; Best of Show Corvette: '61 Corvette



The Packages from Home tables allowed children to color shipping boxes & write notes to send to the Veterans which was extremely popular and busy.

Some new Ideas for our 20th Anniversary Show! Acting on a suggestion from Jim Enriquez, we implemented a brand-new traffic flow where all cars entered on either Boston or Buffalo and looped around to come down the middle of the Park (Commonwealth) where our registration tables were located. Also, at the end of the show, as entrants left the Park, we handed out our new custom-labeled ice-cold water bottles that said “Thanks for Attending this CCA Event” and included the CCA and Earnhardt Logos.



The operation of this Show was much more efficient due to the creation of multiple Co-chair positions as Follows: Brad Ryan as Show Chair; Dom Lovino for Parking & Traffic Control, Tom Palmer for Pre & DOS Registration; and Ken Rock for Advertising.

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Chevys in the Park Car Show

Brad Ryan

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This division of responsibilities into smaller, individual Co-chair positions for this and future Car Shows was designed to encourage other Members to step up and volunteer for these newly created Co-Chair positions requiring fewer tasks with more focus on each task.

Special thanks go to Ken Rock for getting us a "Live Hit" on Arizona Family, Channel 3, where we showcased a sample of cars at their studio in the early AM, which also featured a Packages from Home promo. (This TV Video is also available on our website, thanks to Howard Katz for recording and posting it.)

Special thanks also go to Rob Deacon for loaning, storing, unloading and delivering all of our tables, chairs & signs from the CCA storage locker; Dave Friesz, Ken Rock & John Marsh for "Best of" Committee. Also, to those that came out late on Saturday afternoon to hang up No Parking Signs: Mark Godina, Marc & Cathy Teixeira & Ray Jenkins.



And, lastly, a BIG THANK YOU to all of those Members who signed up for volunteer positions to help make this another great show!

Brad Ryan
Show Chair, Chevys in the Park – 20th Anniversary - 2019





Membership Update

Guy Lombardo



In November we added 3 new members. Please welcome Dick Bond & Jerry Jordan and Dennis Cox.

Dick Bond & Jerry Jordan >

Dick owns a 2018 Torch Red Coupe. Dick has owned Corvettes which include the following years: 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1972, 1985, and 1989. Dick was the Postmaster for the State of Illinois. Dick's hobbies include golf, shooting and reading. Jerry was a social worker. Jerry's hobbies include golf, Mah Jong, cooking and reading. They live in Sun Lakes



< Dennis Cox

Dennis Cox owns a 1962 Fawn Beige Convertible, and a 2014 Red convertible. Dennis was an architect and he lives in Gilbert.



This brings our total membership to 146. We started 2019 with 132 members.

We added fourteen new members this year, and eighteen of our current members did not renew their membership for 2020. We will end 2019 with 128 members, which is four less than at the end of 2018. We currently have seventeen Prospective Members/Guests who are in various stages of qualifying. It is projected that less than half of the seventeen will succeed in qualifying to submit an application for membership.





Marine Corps Ball

Denise Lott



It was the U.S. Marine Corp's 244th birthday on November 10. Corvette couples joined Marine Dave Lott and Denise at the formal ball the night before this anniversary. Dave is currently chaplain and Marine for Life Coordinator of the East Valley Marines, Detachment 1296, of the Marine Corps



League as well as the Aide-de-Camp and Quartermaster for the U.S. Southwest Region.

Our CCA ladies sparkled as they were escorted to their tables by the Vista Grande High School JMROTC from Casa Grande. These cadets also conducted the flag ceremony. They were followed by the Tempe bagpipe band.

Dave emceed the ceremonies. As cadets solemnly wheeled in the birthday cake following the procession of Commandant and guest speaker, the cake was cut with a sword, and the first piece presented to our guest of honor. The second piece was presented to our oldest Marine in attendance, who then passed it on to the youngest Marine in attendance. These ceremonies are duplicated around the world as the Marines' birthday is recognized.



The U.S. Army Band then kicked into full gear, playing those oldies that we all love and want to dance to, for the rest of the evening.

Dave and Denise thank all of those who came to the Ball in support of our military members. You were all stunning in your evening attire, and it was heartwarming to have you share in this patriotic evening.





Recognizing CCA Veterans

Ray Jenkins



Although Veteran's Day gave all an opportunity to thank our Veterans for their service, most of us thank them every day, quietly, and in our own way, for our freedoms and our way of life. Many in our club have served and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize them and to express our boundless thanks to these CCA Veterans:

- Ken Alejandro - U.S. Army - 82nd Airborne Division 1960 - 1963
- Rocco Campise - U.S. Air Force 1965 - 1969
- Roger Craig - U.S. Army Reserves 1966 - 1972
- John Dunton - U.S. Navy - Active 1965 - 1968, Reserves 1986 - 2001, Active Navy Security Force 2001- 2003, Naval Reserves 2003 - 2004
- David Friesz - U.S. Naval Air 1967 - 1987
- Mark Godina - U.S. Navy 1968 - 1971
- Frank Hagan - U.S. Army 1965 - 1967
- Bill Hayden - U.S. Army 1969 - 1974
- Ray Jenkins - U.S. Airforce TAC 1963 - 1967
- Larry Maiorano - U.S. Army Signal Corps Translator 1961 -1963
- Mike Mileskiewicz - U.S. Airforce 1963 - 1967
- Tom Palmer - U.S. Navy 1970 - 1977
- Bill Rhode - U.S. Army 1961 - 1964
- Mike Terry - U.S. Navy 1974 - 1999



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Hagan's Happy Hour Nancy & Frank Hagan



Sunday November 10th we hosted our first Annual Hagan's Happy Hour or rather Happy Hours. The evening started at 5 p.m. and lasted 'till the last person left. There was a maximum attendance listed at 30 on the initial flyer, however it started to creep up to 35 or so plus Frank and me.

Well along with extra people there was extra food, much more than enough. The weather was perfect so we opening the bi-fold doors and allowed all the people to blend in with lots of room to mingle. Between the food and talk, and there was plenty of that, everyone had plenty of jaw exercise. There was an abundance of wine, red and white and some Champagne.

We, or rather I, made a Pomegranate Sangria. Yum! I think it was a hit. The various spirits and appetizers were consumed throughout the evening to make for a relaxed and contented group. We want to thank everyone for the delicious selection of dishes they brought. Our goal was to make this event simple and easy so the price of admission was simply "bring a dish". Seeing everyone enjoying themselves was great, but one of the highlights for Frank and me was seeing Tom and Nancy Hill. Tom looked great with his new hairdo. Here's hoping we can do this on a regular basis, perhaps one in the Spring and another one in the Fall.



ANY HOUR WITH FRIENDS IS A HAPPY HOUR!





C8 News and Views

Bob Bassett



GM's Christmas present this year is no surprise: The 2020 Corvette has been named Motor Trend's Car of the Year. It really couldn't have been any other car, as nothing else has a chance of matching the extraordinary leap in technology we see in the new Corvette. Quoting Motor Trend: "[Chevrolet] dialed it, massaged it, honed it, crafted the new 'Vette to the point of the nearly impossible. The eighth-generation car will bring people into dealerships who previously would never have come in. The mid-engine Corvette is a game-changer, an inflection point, and a reminder that when Americans truly set our minds to a task, lookout. For soon you'll be standing on the moon - or driving the sports car equivalent thereof."



And another no brainer: Even though production hasn't yet begun, all 2020 Corvettes have already been spoken for. GM North America president, Barry Engle, said GM plans to build 40,000 examples of the 2020 Corvette next year, all of which have already been sold. This includes both the Coupe and the Convertible!

Chevrolet is reportedly cooking up a 900 hp, all-wheel-drive hybrid version of the new mid-engine Corvette that would be the most powerful GM car ever. Now Hennessey Performance has revealed plans to offer a 2020 Corvette build powered by a 1,200 hp twin-turbocharged version of the new 6.2-liter V8.



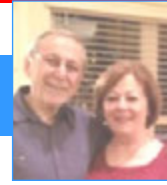
I haven't had the chance to see, feel and touch one yet, but am looking forward to Barrett Jackson this year as I'm pretty sure they will have one, or perhaps even two on display. How good would it be to see the new convertible up close and personal?

In the meantime, how about this plate as a Christmas present to yourselves?





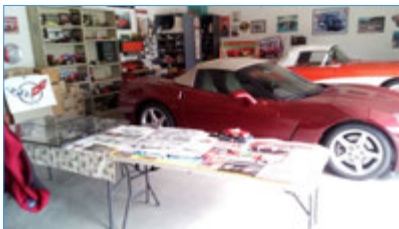
Memorabilia Tour and Quiz Larry & Kathy Maiorano



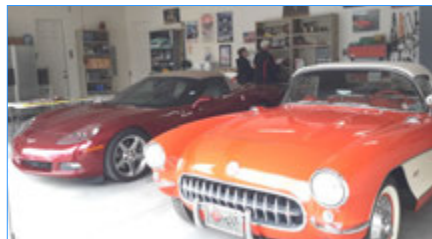
In trying to come up with a proposed CCA event, it occurred to me that some of the members might find some of my cars, memorabilia and library of interest. However, it also occurred to me that it could possibly be boring to anyone other than myself. I decided to forge ahead just the same, but to possibly make it a bit more challenging, and force attendees to actually try to be observant, I incorporated a quiz.



On November 20, Cathy and I had close to 40 CCA members come to Queen Creek to tour our shop, garage and gear-head basement, as well as completing a 26 question quiz. The quiz questions were mostly on those items of an automotive nature, in each of the shop, garage and basement locations, found in and around the participant's surroundings. This was followed by additional quiz questions along the route to our lunch destination.....Baci Italian Bistro in Queen Creek.



Awards were presented to the top three scores on the quiz. No one got all 26 questions right, however, Bob and Barb Bassett and Mark and Beth Godina tied for the highest score with 23. Bob and Barb won the tie breaker and received the "If Pigs Had Wings" award. As punishment for receiving that award, Bob charged me with the responsibility of writing this article for **Crosstalk**.





Thunder Vette Set Event

Ray Jenkins



On November 15th, Pat and I attended the Thunder Vette Set NCCC Sanctioned event in Sierra Vista. Although we extended the invitation to all CCA members, no one else from our Club was able to make the trip.

We arrived at the Gateway Studio Suites about 4 P.M. and were greeted by TVS members as we checked in. That evening we walked across the street to the VFW Post 9972 for dinner, meeting old and new friends, and participating in an evening of Raffles! TVS had free food for all participants and the VFW Post offered a Steak dinner for \$11.00.



Saturday morning there was a People's Choice All-Chevy Show at "The Mall at Sierra Vista" parking lot. There were about eighteen Corvettes and five vintage Chevys. After a lunch break, TVS held three afternoon Rallies. The Fun Rally was called the "Game of Life Rally". There were also two Chance Rallies. The day was sunny and warm and the route was easy to follow.

An Awards Dinner was held on Saturday evening, again at the VFW Hall. All participants got a VFW steak dinner (included in the registration fee) and a no host bar. Car Show and Rallye prizes were awarded to the happy recipients.

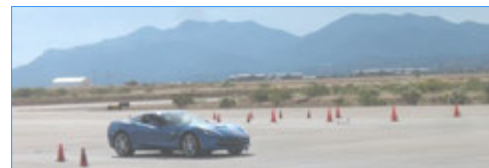


There was a Silent Auction of many Metal Cast vintage Corvettes and Corvette

memorabilia that was donated from a TVS member that had recently passed away. All proceeds went to the Sierra Vista Animal Rescue Center. Raffle prizes and Silent Auction items were distributed during the dance where our DJ played '60's and '70's music. What a great way to end the day!



Sunday morning we were up early for the Low Speed Autocross at the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport. The TVS Club partnered with the Sierra Vista Sports Car Club to put on this event. That means there were a variety of "metal" cars to watch as well as the Corvettes. Pat and I entered our 2014 Z51 in the Autocross event. Even though we didn't take first place we had a great time going as fast as we could. The course was easy to follow and the timing went perfectly.



The Autocross wrapped up by 2 P.M., so Pat and I loaded up our prizes and luggage into the Corvette and headed for Yuma to visit our daughter, arriving there before the sun went down! This was a very well organized and fun NCCC Sanctioned Event put on by the Thunder Vette Set Corvette Club in Sierra Vista. We highly recommend that CCA members consider attending some of the events hosted by other Roadrunner Region Clubs, and that you attend the CCA Sponsored 2020 Roadrunner Region Kick Off Event Feb 14 - 16 to meet some of these fine folks. [Click here for Flyer](#)





Highway Cleanup

Dean & Sandy Sample



We had twelve very hard-working cleanup people for this fall's Highway Cleanup project. It seemed to be a lot dirtier than usual, and perhaps this was due to the recent rains. There is a new housing along our section of highway that appears to have trimmed their palm trees and dumped the cuttings over the wall onto the highway side. That made for a lot more work for us. The palm fronds were too large for us to bag, so we collected them all into piles and left them beside our filled bags for the Highways pick up crews to collect.



We had some new people working with us for this event. Our thanks to newcomers Rita and Al Mattivi, Ron Brennan and Jerry Jordan. The regulars were Jim and Patti Kerber, Mark Godina, Eva Platten, Ray and Pat Jenkins, and Sandy and me. All in all it was a good day for a clean-up, and the rain held off for us.



Vette Set Dining

Diana Campise



Got ideas? Have a favorite Restaurant?

Pick a date, make a reservation for 8, 10 or 12.

Call Diana, and she'll do the rest.

Want to join the Vette Set Dining Group?

Contact Diana Campise (480) 209-0117





Game Night at Palmer's

Elly & Tom Palmer



On Nov. 16th, Plattens, Rays, Campises, Bassetts, O'Connors and Alejandros descended on the Palmer house for Game Night. Everybody brought all the trimmings to make a delightful pulled pork dinner. There was only one minor panic attack, when Elly discovered the meat which had been cooking all day was not done when everyone appeared. (This is why we have mini cocktail hours).

We filled the waiting time with a wine or two, and we played a personal interview game during which we learned Barb and Bob are very competitive and Lylla and Mary take



extraordinary notes (but just can't remember what they wrote)...When dinner was ready, we overate. No surprise!



Games played were a one handed cup stacking game, Sequence, and Things. You will have to ask Heinz what not to say to a surgeon just before you are put under the anesthesia. I can't print it. We have to do this again soon...



To join the Game Nights group, contact Rhonda Deacon



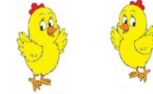


CCA Chicks Around Town

Mary Ellen Hayden
Denise Lott



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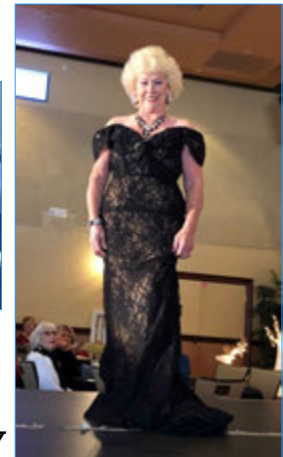


Next lunches: January 10 & February 14 - Hosts Mary Ellen Hayden & Denise Lott

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.

In November, many Chicks brought items to support the House of Refuge's Christmas program. See the photo included here. They had been asked to help provide "Gifts for Parents." These would be things that children could come and select as Christmas presents for their parents. Resources for families being assisted by the House of Refuge are very limited, and it is special for the children to be able to give each parent a gift from that child.

Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Hayden (mehayden2@centurylink.net) for the November luncheon



Next morning coffees: January 8 & February 5 - Hosted by Norma Marsh

In addition to our monthly lunches, we have expanded our opportunities for the Chicks to get together. Each month, in the Cottonwood, Sun Lakes ballroom, there is a large ladies' monthly coffee group. The agenda usually includes some form of entertainment, a fashion event put on by one of our local stores or trunk shows, presentations by local businesses, and lots of give-aways. This function is the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (except for January, when it is moved to the second Wednesday.) Cost is \$3 for drinks and cookies. Two of our Chicks, Lylla Alejandro and Denise Lott, are runway models for the stores during each show.

January 8 fashion show: *Chico's* February 14 fashion show: *What Women Want* (escorted by Marines)

If you are interested in attending any one of the coffees, please email Norma Marsh (njoymarsh@aol.com) and she will be sure to save you a seat with our other Chicks.



Are you involved with another group that has an activity that you think would be of interest to us? Please let Denise know about it so that we can send out the information.





Event Hosts Appreciation & Activity Update Esther Enriquez



As the year comes to a close, so does my tenure as Activity Director. Looking back on the last two years that I've served on the Activity Team makes me realize what a special group of people we have in our club. To show my appreciation for all the events that members have hosted, it's been our pleasure to host an Open House for these many leaders who take the initiative, time, and effort to organize and host events that keep our calendar full.



This year the invitation list included 65 members who had hosted at least one event on the 2019 calendar, and 41 people showed up on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy an afternoon of food, drinks, and socializing. Of course, one of the purposes of this get-together is to share hosting experiences, ideas, and plans for next

year's Activity Calendar. Many thanks to Nancy and Diana for co-hosting this afternoon activity with me.

Encouraging members to organize and host activities for the club is an ongoing challenge. Because the club has had such dramatic growth in the past few years, it was decided to expand the Activity Director position on the Board to include two Activity Coordinators with the idea that three people working together would create more activities for more members to enjoy. Nancy and Diana have certainly done their part to organize, host,



and participate in many of the activities you see on our calendar. But considering the size of our club, there are still many members who have not hosted an activity in the recent past.

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Event Hosts Appreciation & Activity Update Esther Enriquez

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We had 45 events in 2019. That sounds like a lot of activities, but we only had seven drivers this year. We are a CAR CLUB; we should aim for at least one driver per month that gets those cars out on the highway where they belong! I know planning and leading a driver can be somewhat intimidating for our newer members, but we have many long-term members who have not hosted a driver in over five



years! Perhaps it's time for those members to step up and work with a newer member to get something going; it's always more fun when you do things with another couple and sharing the load makes it lighter for all.



2020 will be CCA's 45th Anniversary

Let's make it a very special year

It's obvious that we are doing something right when you look at the success we've enjoyed all these years and the growth of membership in the last few years. Let's continue to build on the fun and

friendship that attracted us to CCA in the first place.

We all need to pitch in and do our part to keep the activity calendar filled with a variety of activities. How will YOU contribute in 2020?





Christmas Party Poem from the Hitzel's Jennifer & Joe



*'Twas eleven days before Christmas and all through the
Hitzels' house, 63 creatures were stirring, including my spouse.*

*The Corvettes were parked in the cul-de-sac with care, so
appreciative that Howard and Santa Sheryl were there.*

*The house was adorned with three Christmas trees, and flowers
and snow globes and poinsettia leaves.*

*All the guests were given a time for a tour. "What a view!" they
exclaimed as they walked through each door.*

*We feasted on meatballs and pasta and lamb, along with a
holiday drink in our hand.*

*The evening was quite chilly, and some guests dined outside,
but the ones by the fireplace did not seem to mind.*

*The cookies were placed on the counter with care, yet in less than
five minutes the counter was bare.*

*The gift exchange was the final event, a combination of Secret
Santa and White Elephant, so it went.*

*We mingled and jingled in a festive holiday air, with laughing
and chatting and friendships to share.*

*Then away they all drove, the Corvettes out of sight, Happy
Christmas to all, and to all a good night!*

Jennifer & Joe



Christmas Party at Hitzel's

Bob Bassett



On Saturday, Dec 14, about 30 couples ventured into far reaches of Fountain Hills to Joe and Jennifer Hitzel's beautiful new home for our annual Christmas party. After being passed through the entrance gate and following the guard's instructions, we were met by Santa, (Sheryl Katz) who was giving out candy canes to the "nice" and broken ones to the "naughty". We were then met by one of her elves, (Howard) who gave us parking instructions.



The Hitzel's new home is absolutely magnificent and features natural beams and pillars, three of which measured 28 feet tall and were each hewn from a single Oregon Douglas Fir. The tours through the home took us from one unique feature to another, and there were lots of "oohs" and "wows", and more than a little garage envy going on.



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Christmas Party at Hitzel's (Cont'd)

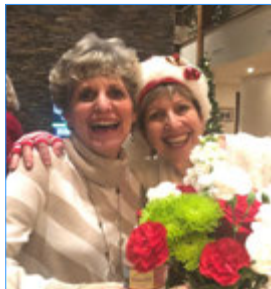
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After getting the grand tour we shared a little Christmas cheer, many pleasant conversations, and watched the sunset on the Four Peaks from the amazing pool deck. As with all CCA events, there was plenty of fine food, drinks and visiting.

Dinner was followed by the obligatory Christmas Gift Exchange. With so many folks in attendance, Jennifer made a corporate decision, and wrote new rules for the



exchange that involved rolling the dice and taking the appropriate action. As a result, the exchange went smoothly, and relatively quickly compared to the usual "stealing" format. It was a very enjoyable evening and everyone went home with a nice surprise gift.



Our special thanks go to Joe and Jennifer for opening their home and hosting this very special event.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!





Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock








1. How many separate body pieces were in the 1953 Corvette?
a. 104 B. 6 c. 46 d.53
2. How many 35th Anniversary Edition Corvettes where sold by Chevrolet?
a. 200. b. 2,500 c. 2,050 d. 4,325
3. What kind of spare did the C5 have a when it was first was introduced in 1997?
a. Narrow rim alloy wheel, inflatable spare
b. Narrow rim steel wheel, inflatable spare
c. Full width aluminum-spoked wheel, full size tire
d. None
4. In the 1980's Corvettes, what was the marketing name chosen for the new "distributorless" engine
a. Turbo-Jet. b. Turbo-Fire c. Astro-Fire d. Direct-fire
5. Of the 22,000 Corvettes made in 1964 only 806 of them had this option!
a. fuel injection b. Knock- off Aluminum wheels c. A/C d. 36.5 gallon fuel tank
6. What model year did the Corvette pass the break-even point to where the Corvette started to make a profit for G.M
a.1958 b. 1960 c. 1961 d. 1963
7. In the 1969 Corvette, what notable feature differed from the 1968?
a. the outside door release
b .the removable rear window
c. the vacuum -operated windshield wiper cove
d. the humped hood on the big block
8. Due to painting difficulties, what color turned out to be an extremely rare color for the 1994 Corvette?
a. Admiral Blue b. Copper Metallic. c Torch Red d. Polo Green Metallic
9. The first year for the soft front bumper on a Corvette, was what year?
a 1968. b 1971. c. 1973. d. 1984
10. In 1992 a new small block was introduced recalling the name of a great engine in the Corvette past ,what was it called?
a L79. b. LT 1. c. LT 4. d. L76
11. In the Nicolas Cage movie "Con Air " a pristine stingray Corvette was dropped from the airplane! What year was the stingray?
a. 1965. b.. 1966 c. 1967 d. 1969 e. 1970
12. The radio antenna in the 1953 Corvette was found in what unusual place?
a. Rear deck lid. b. Right front fender. c. Windshield frame d. Gas cap lid





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: 12/20/2019**

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1 Happy New Year!	2 Happy Ground Hog Day	4 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh
	5 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh	5 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber
8 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh	6 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber	8 Groovin' Thru the 60s w/ Rocks
10 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott	14 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott	
11 Membership Meeting Awards & more 825 S Islands Dr., Gilbert	14 –16 Roadrunner Kick-Off 2020 w/Jenkins	13 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott
11 to 23 Russo & Steele Volunteer Days w/Garry Mion		17 St. Patrick's Day
16 Board Meeting - Lovinos	19 Packages From Home Packing Party w/Bassetts	
22 Sweet Basil Cooking Class w/Bassetts		TBD Chandler Ostrich Festival Parade
	20 Board Meeting	
	22 Save the Date Lott's Driver	



Merry Christmas!



Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz

1. c; 2. c; 3. d; 4. d; 5. b; 6. c; 7. a; 8. b; 9. c; 10. b; 11. c; 12. a;





2019 Year in Review

(Thanks to Sheryl Katz for the Formatting)

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<p>10 - Annual Recognition Dinner & Mbr. Mtg. @ Old Spaghetti Factory - Katzes</p> <p>11 - CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh</p> <p>12-23 Russo Steele volunteers - David Edgington</p> <p>17- Packages From Home Bob Bassett</p> <p>18 - 21 Road Runner Kickoff</p> <p>21 - Sweet Basil Cooking Barb Bassett</p> <p>24 - Board Meeting - Enriquez</p> <p>29- Packages from Home Bassetts</p>	<p>7 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber</p> <p>8 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>9 - Pancake Breakfast Hagans</p> <p>23 - Doo Wop Concert - Rocks</p> <p>15 - BOD Mtg.</p>	<p>2 - "No Ostrich Parade" Lunch At Rosattis w/ Bill Rhode</p> <p>4 - Vette Set Dinner w/ Pivars</p> <p>7 - Mbr. Mtg.- Chamber</p> <p>8 - Chicks Lunch w/ Hayden/Lott</p> <p>17 - 18 Sonoita Driver Plattens & Mundys</p> <p>21 - BOD Mtg. - Lovinos</p> <p>23 - Game Night - Smiths</p> <p>26 - Vette Set Dinner & Wine Tasting w/ Activity Team</p>	<p>4 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber</p> <p>7 - Corvettes in the Park w/ Mark Godina</p> <p>12 - CCA Chicks Lunch w/ Hayden/Lott</p> <p>13 - Founders Day Driver w/ Lotts & MacDougalls</p> <p>13 - Autocross - CCA Coord. - Kim Kemper</p> <p>18 - Board Meeting w/ Mundys</p> <p>20 - Highway Cleanup w/ Samples</p> <p>- Game Night TBD</p>
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<p>2 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber Social time @ Floridino's</p> <p>4 - Game Night w/ Palmers</p> <p>4 - Autocross Porsche / CCA Coord: Kemper</p> <p>10 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>11 - Progressive Dinner w/ Leitzes/Campises, Enriquezes & Hagans</p> <p>16 - BOD Mtg. - Palmers</p> <p>26 - Reg. MicroBash/TCC CCA Coord. - Jenkins</p> <p>28 - CCA to the Rescue</p>	<p>6 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber</p> <p>16 - Pool Party w/ Hagans</p> <p>14 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>TBD - Game Night</p> <p>No scheduled BOD Mtg.</p>	<p>11 - Mbr. Mtg. - Floridino's</p> <p>12 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>13 - Summer Pot Luck w/ Lotts</p> <p>19 - BOD Mtg. - Ryan</p> <p>26 - 29 Return to Ruidoso w/Kerbers & Rhodes</p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>	<p>1 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber</p> <p>9 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>15 - Board Meeting - Campises</p> <p>19 - Prescott Driver w/ Logans & Kerbers</p> <p>TBD - Game Night</p>
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<p>2 - End of Summer Party w/ Allejandros</p> <p>5 - Mbr. Mtg.- Chamber</p> <p>13 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>19 - BOD Mtg. - Lombardos</p> <p>20 - 23 MMT w/ McSpaddens & McDougalls</p> <p>TBD - Game Night</p>	<p>3 - Mbr. Mtg.- Chamber Social Time @ in Mtg. Room</p> <p>11 - CCA Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>12 - Wickenburg Driver w/ Deacons</p> <p>17 - BOD Mtg. - Dobson's in Mesa (Jenkins)</p> <p>179- Old Tucson Studios Driver Campoises/Hagans</p> <p>TBD - Game Night</p>	<p>3 - All Chevy Car Show / Ryan</p> <p>6 - CCA Chicks Coffee w/ Marsh</p> <p>7 - Mbr. Mtg.- Flix BrewHouse Election of 2019 Officers</p> <p>6 - Chicks Lunch Hayden/Lott</p> <p>9 - Military Ball w/Lotts</p> <p>10 - Happy Hour w/ Hagans</p> <p>15 - BOD Mtg. - Bassetts</p> <p>23 - Highway Clean Up / Samples</p>	<p>4 - CCA Chicks Coffee w/ Marsh</p> <p>6 - Mbr. Mtg. - Chamber</p> <p>8 - Autocross - CCA Coord. - Jim Enriquez</p> <p>9 - Afternoon Appreciation for Event Hosts - Activity Team</p> <p>1 - Holiday Party Duhaimes/McCartys</p> <p>20 - BOD Mtg. - Rhodes</p>



CCA Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



This has been a great year for our Club and the Region. The last Roadrunner Region NCCC Club Sanctioned event this year was sponsored by the Thunder Vette Set in Sierra Vista. It was a fun event that included an All Chevy Show, Rally and an Autocross. There was a welcoming dinner on Friday night and an Awards dinner on Saturday night with a DJ playing the "Tunes of the '70's".

For our CCA All Chevy Show, I reviewed the registrations and waivers that Brad and Tom gave me and I loaded all the information for the NCCC members into the NCCC data base and sent it along with the Waivers to the Roadrunner Competition Director for approval.

Save these dates for next years Roadrunner Region Club Sanctioned Events!

CCA - Roadrunner Region 2020 "Kick Off" Event - February 14th - 16th FLYER

TVS - Car Show, Rallies & Autocross - March 20th - 22nd

CCA - Corvettes in the Park - March 29th

VVV - Hare & Hound Rally - April 5th

VVV - All Chevy Show - May 16th-17th

Phantom Vettes - Corvette Show and Rally - July 18th-19th

SDCT - Rally - September 26th

VVV - Corvette Show & Rally - October 10th-11th

CCA - All Chevy Show - November 1st

TVS Corvette Show, Rally & Autocross - November 13th-15th



These events are one of the reasons you own a Corvette. They are well organized and a lot of fun. As Corvette owners, we all should be looking forward to attending one or more of these Roadrunner Region Corvette Club Sanctioned events next year. Watch the Roadrunner Region Calendar for Flyers for these Events. I will also keep you updated about these events and I will be the Driver leader if we would like to go as a group to them. I sent Barb Johnson (Region R.E.) information on our Donation to Packages from Home, and I will also send her the list of Veterans from our Club for the Regions article in the Blue Bars Magazine.

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



Upcoming Birthdays



JANUARY

- George Baldacchino
- Jim Wendland
- Kathy Teixeira
- Esther Enriquez
- Nancy Hill
- Denise Lott
- Brian Miller
- Lylla Alejandro
- Barb Bassett
- Brian Lund
- Garry Mion
- Patti Kerber



FEBRUARY

- Linda Steinkraus
- Tom Palmer
- Judy Hoffman
- Oscar McSpadden
- Kevin Conley
- Loren McCarty
- Roger Craig
- John Marsh
- Mike Mileskiewicz
- Joan Nieman
- Rhonda Deacon
- Joe Dziezynski
- Jim Enriquez
- Norma Lombardo
- Dean Sample

The Last Word

Bob Bassett



Thank you for following our CCA adventures in Crosstalk this year.

Here's wishing you and yours a Healthy, Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

