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President's Message

Brad Ryan



The good news for the month of May is that once again, we will be having another Membership meeting at the Alamo Draffhouse now that many of our CCA Members have finally received their covid shots. So far, each Membership Meeting has shown an increase in attendance and we expect this to continue into the summer months.

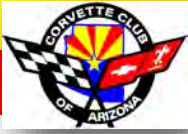
Update: CCA Meeting Venue Search

Thanks to the efforts of the CCA Board and several suggestions from the general Membership, we now have a nice list of meeting locations to choose from; however, most of them still have covid-related seating limitations, but at least the locations that we have reviewed will be at little or no cost to the Club.

Update: 45th Anniversary Photo Shoot

Hopefully everyone has received their NCCC Blue Bars Magazine which has the 45th Anniversary Photo on the back cover plus a descriptive insert describing how we put all of that together during covid. The presentation of the "Fracture" Glass Photo Art will be presented in May to Earnhardt Chevrolet's general manager Jason Gourd and our main contact, Lee Bolster and then put into the display case next to their conference room.





President's Message (cont.)

Brad Ryan

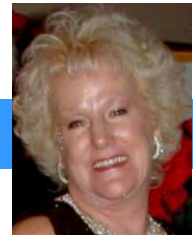
**CCA Activities:**

We welcome any and all suggestions from the Membership for Drivers, or other events that can be put on to keep us way more active than last year. Now that the weather is getting warmer, let's get creative and come with some interesting events or gatherings of any size before the even hotter days ahead.

To keep the Club as active as possible, we have added a new informational category for non-CCA events that Members' may want to attend at their leisure. To that extent we have been invited to two upcoming Car Shows put on by others all at their expense: May 1st at Hospice of the Valley (Cooper Crossings - Ray & Cooper) and May 15th at North Chandler Place Senior Living on Price road (Warner & Conference Drive) Check your emails from the CCA Activities Director for more details.

Brad Ryan,

President, Corvette Club of Arizona



Activities Report

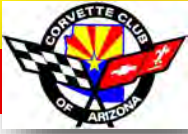
Lylla Alejandro

So far we have 23 cars signed in for the North Chandler Place, Senior Living, May 15th Car Show. There are 22 spaces still available. The show is awarding very nice Trophies and Raffle gifts.

For the May 1st show, I reserved 15 spaces and we have 15 cars signed in. If you still want to go to that show, they will make room for you. Many Raffle prizes will be given away. It will be a great show with many exotic cars. I am registered for both shows, I hope to see you there!

Upcoming events are listed on the CCA website calendar





From the Editor Kevin Deihl



I hope everyone is ready to get back in the swing of CCA activities and events as things in the Phoenix area are "heating" up. With car shows and drivers happening now, I urge all the hosts or sponsors to get me your information as soon as you can so that I may include it in a timely manner for the newsletter. I will give you a gentle reminder as the date for the events become closer. I want to give a shout out to the board members that have been working so hard to correct any missteps that may have occurred since our last edition. We all are working hard to make CCA the best it can be and sometimes it takes a little time to iron out the wrinkles.

I decided to include the article about the May 1 car show at Cooper Crossing to show that we are being more active and to showcase some of the rewards of participating in local events. More to follow.

Thank you everyone! Kevin

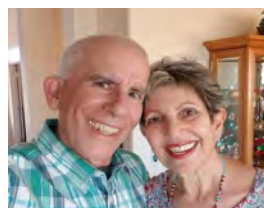
Lake Pleasant II Driver - CANCELLED

By the numbers... Unfortunately, the minimum number of participants for the Lake Pleasant II Driver was not reached by the April 9th RSVP deadline so we had to cancel the event. A total of 38 signed up which included eight prospective members and a few days before 4/9, four members dropped out. We appreciate the enthusiasm and prompt response from those that signed up and we regret that this activity had to be cancelled.

PV and Hall of Flame Driver—June 2021

For our other spring event, the June 7th PV and Hall of Flame Driver, so far there's been a great response and it is a definite 'GO'! As of mid April, 25 participants have signed up and there's plenty of time remaining for the May 21 RSVP deadline.

Howard and Sheryl Katz



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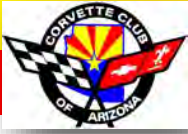
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CCA Governor's Report

Ray Jenkins

**March - April 2021**

The second Quarter of the year is starting to see some NCCC Sanctioned events scheduled in our Roadrunner Region. The number of Corvette participants is down, but I think this will improve as this year goes on. Pat and I had a great time in Sierra Vista at the TVS Clubs Autocross on March 23rd.

The Club Governors had their 2nd Quarter meeting via "TEAMS" and the internet on April 15th. There were 8 of 11 Club Governor's online for the meeting.

Topics discussed were NCCC Life Time membership requirements for new members.

NCCC Bylaws are being reviewed about competition points

to make them more equitable for the different types of

events. The next NCCC National meeting is April 30 - May 1.



Bob Johnson, RCD for the Region, announced scheduled

Sanctioned Club events.

- Verde Valley Vettes - Rallies and Corvette Show - Cottonwood, AZ-May 22nd & 23rd. Please check the Roadrunner Region calendar for the flyer on the CCA website for more information.
- Phantom Vettes - Great Summer Escape - Corvette Show and Rallies - July 16th and 17th in Ruidoso, NM
- Verde Valley Vettes - All Chevy Show - October 23rd

The Special Roadrunner Region Quilt with all Clubs represented Raffle ends May 1 to purchase tickets. Drawing will be on May 15th.

Roadrunner Region Officers (R.E., R.C.D., R.M.D.) are up for election this year. Nominations will be accepted from June 1st - August 31st,

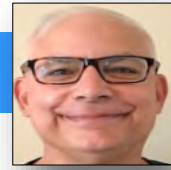
Let us be pro-active and support other Clubs in the Region by attending their events. Pat and I attend them all and have a great time interacting with other Corvette enthusiasts. If you have questions on how to register for these events please contact me and I will show you how easy it is to register. We can travel together to the event.

Ray Jenkins

CCA Governor



Membership Update Guy Lombardo



Please join me in welcoming our newest CCA Members, Dennis and Charlotte Hughes, who were approved by the Board on April 15, 2021.

Dennis and Charlotte own a 2015 Metallic Red Convertible. Dennis is retired from the FBI and Charlotte is a retired Social Worker. Dennis originally hails from Tulsa, OK. Charlotte originally hails from St. Louis, MO.



Dennis' hobbies are photography, shooting, backgammon, and swimming. Charlotte's hobbies are tennis, swimming, pickleball and book club.

This brings our CCA membership up to 121. We also have 6 prospective CCA Members who have expressed interest in the Club and have yet to attend their first meeting.

Corvette Forum News Bob Bassett



GM has announced the 3 new colors available starting in 2022. Click on this link to see what's coming up!

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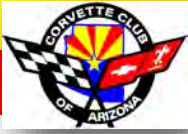
Here is a video on the development of the design of the new C8 Corvette. Click on the link to watch how the Corvette grew from the roots of previous models.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjj-QcfJEvM

Still not ready to venture out but you are ready to purchase a new Chevrolet? Here's one option for shopping for vehicles virtually!

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Bush Highway & Desert Dog

Gordon Leitz

Police K9 Trials Driver



Welcome to my first attempt at organizing a Driver for the club. I've been wanting to organize one for a while but wasn't sure where to begin. When the Desert Dog Police K9 Trials announced that they were going to run this year, I decided this might be a good event to start hosting a driver. I was one of the founders of the trials, 18 years ago, and this was the first year that I wasn't involved, so it was the perfect opportunity to host this driver.



I started planning the driver by choosing a route that would allow us about an hour drive through beautiful AZ scenery. I looked at several different routes and drove each one to determine road conditions, traffic, time, and scenery before deciding on starting in Mesa for breakfast and driving Bush Highway.

It was a beautiful sunny, clear mid 70's Saturday morning, April 17, 2021 when the Bush Highway & Desert Dog Police K9 Trials Driver started at 7:30am with a great breakfast at Nando's Mexican Café at Power & McDowell in Mesa, AZ. In total, there were 16 corvettes, including 2 guests that are potential new members.

After breakfast the group took off heading north on Bush Highway, south on Beeline, through Fountain Hills and ending up at West World in Scottsdale. The scenery on this route was truly beautiful. The one thing I didn't plan was how bad the parking would be at Westworld since the Good Guy Car show was the same weekend as the K9 trials. Parking was challenging, but eventually we were able to get in to attend the K9 trials.



At West World we were able to watch the Desert Dog Police K9 Trials. Every year the trial invites Federal, Military and Police K9's from all over the state and country to come and test their skills in a spirited two-day competition. K9 teams compete in various exercises and events to simulate real-life scenarios that include handler protection, apprehension, narcotic and explosives detection, tactical obedience and agility. The participants were able to sit inside the horse arena at Westworld and observe the action.

I would like to Thank all the participants who attended this driver. Hope everybody enjoyed it. — Gordon



Founder's Day Driver — April 2021

Bob Logan

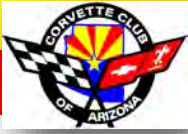


Founder's Day 2021 Driver began at the Target in Fountain Hills with seventeen Vettes and thirty souls. Following a drivers briefing, we took off at 8AM for the almost three hour drive to Winslow, just a little over one hundred and fifty miles, with a potty break at Basha's in Payson.



Arriving at La Posada, we sat down to a two hour gourmet lunch followed by a surprise dessert produced exclusively for the Corvette Club of Arizona to Honor Founder's Day; a scoop of Vanilla ice cream saturated with Kahlua Liqueur. The staff mentioned they had never seen so many adults licking bowls!





Founder’s Day Driver — April 2021

Bob Logan



Following a breathalyzer test, we drove thirty minutes towards Flagstaff and Meteor Crater where we took our second group photograph. After taking the elevator to the observation deck, we were told our outside tour had been canceled due to High Winds. At times the gusts were approaching 90 miles per hour. A movie and a great museum told the story.



Twenty two of us returned to La Posada for a fabulous evening and overnight stay. I thoroughly enjoyed a super weekend with our club.



A real note for future Drivers — we used a GROUP TEXT system to keep the “parade” advised as to traffic situations “up front,” quick one liners on the halfway point, last gas station for next 40 miles, and “nudist camp on the right, no stopping.” Strictly for use by the leader and tail end Charlie, no needless chatter except for an emergency within the pack. The host of the driver loads his cell phone with participant numbers prior to takeoff.

I started the driver two hours prior to rendezvous with a quick text “five hours to LaPosada.” A great system, not perfect but a way to keep everyone up to speed. Navigators or shot gunners monitor. Use it on your next driver, it works.





WHAT IS FOUNDER'S DAY?

Bob Logan



During the initial stages of bringing the 2021 Founder's Day driver to reality, I contacted Dick Hedahl for help with Mail Chimp. During our conversation Dick asked "What is Founder's Day?"

The answer is not readily known except for the fact that CCA was founded in 1976. Most of those "old timers" are all over the horizon. I decided to do a thorough investigation and found some very interesting facts.

Surprisingly our club had it's beginnings back East in Boston where a Middle Aged Catholic priest was having some difficulties with the direction of his life. One of his parishioners was a sweet young lady with a '75 Red Vette Convertible. The father prayed for guidance.....left the priesthood, married the lady and went on his first Driver to sunny Arizona where he and his bride started the CCA in April 1975.

Our patriarch, Father M.O. Shenanigan must have been an Irishman and it sure is a great story.

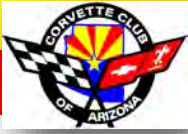
This is a True Story.

Bob Logan April 2021



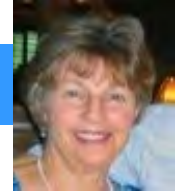
La Posada—Founders Day Driver 2021





CCA Chicks Lunch

Elly Palmer



CCA Chicks Honor Mother Hen



After a year's hiatus in the wake of COVID, the CCA Chicks gathered for their first luncheon in the private dining room of the Stone and Barrel Restaurant at the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. There was a wonderful turnout of 18 ladies to honor Norma March, who was the first "Mother Hen" for the group. The luncheons were and are a delightful way for CCA ladies who love their corvettes, and the ladies who love corvette enthusiasts to get to know each other better.



In addition to coordinating the luncheons for several years, Norma introduced many of us to the enjoyment and history of a fine cup of tea. Her kindness and gentle manner created an atmosphere where friendships could grow. So, it was only fitting to have a "tea" to celebrate her accomplishments.

The luncheon was themed around St. Patrick's Day right down to the Irish tea. Everybody brought their cherished tea cup from home and several gals brought their china tea pots to serve. One and all raised their cups in a toast to our Norma. After not seeing each other for a year the room was buzzing with conversation and laughter for a solid 2 hours.

The next Chick's Luncheon was held on Friday April 9 at 11:00 AM at Stone and Barrel. If you are interested in attending, contact Sue Lovino, our Baby Chick, at rebandmom@hotmail.com to reserve your seat. We're back!

Respectfully submitted by Elly Palmer (Mama Hen)

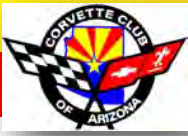




April Fool's Day Slideshow

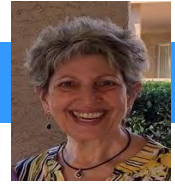
Sheryl Katz

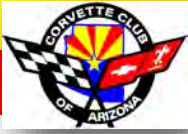




April Fool's Day Slideshow

Sheryl Katz





In Memoriam

Celebrating Jim Eberst

James David Eberst

March 21, 1944 ~ March 28, 2021

On the 5th of April, funeral services were held for Jim Eberst at the Messinger Mortuary in Scottsdale with interment immediately following at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

Full Military Honors were given by a United States Marine Corps unit including a Rifle Salute.

A number of CCA members were present and included a luncheon following the ceremonies.



Jim celebrated his 77th Birthday on the 21st of March and received 26 cards from the Corvette Club of Arizona. WOW! Cis read the cards to him at his bedside which he thoroughly enjoyed. Operation Birthday Card was a complete success!

Thank you all for bringing joy to Jim! CCA wants to thank him for his service to our country and he will be in our hearts forever.





Cooper Crossing Car Show

Kevin Deihl



May 1, 2021, a car show benefitting Hospice of the Valley, was held at Cooper Crossing near Ray Rd. and Cooper in Chandler. CCA had 19 cars represented out of the 110 cars that showed up.



Our very own Activities Director Lylla Alendro, took home “Best of Show” for her shining 2003 50th Anniversary C5! Congratulations Lylla!



Dick Hedahl, Activities Coordinator, took home 2nd place overall for his 1968 Big Block Red Convertible!

The car collector crowd was well represented by a huge variety of muscle cars, VW vans, and exotics, hence both of our members were very happy to be chosen as some of the best cars there! Congratulations Lylla and Dick!





Cars and Coffee Queen Creek

Dick Hedahl



Members of Corvette Club of Arizona like to participate in activities with our cars. We initiated a new feature to point out local Cars & Coffees that can be good venues for each of us to participate in our Corvette Hobby. While these are not sponsored by CCA, they are still a fun place to take our Corvettes.

CCA Member Larry Maiorano started a Cars & Coffee in 2015 at the Queen Creek Dunkin' Donuts parking lot. You will find a wide variety of cars attending every Saturday morning, from 7 am to 9 am. We used the first Saturday of April to go to this Cars & Coffee. We want to point out others as we go forward.



The April 03 Cars & Coffee was a wonderful outing for all who participated. A really beautiful day in our Arizona paradise. These are pictures of some of the CCA Member Corvettes that were there on that Saturday. Dick Hedahl

New members Dennis and Charlotte Hughes' 2019 Grand Sport



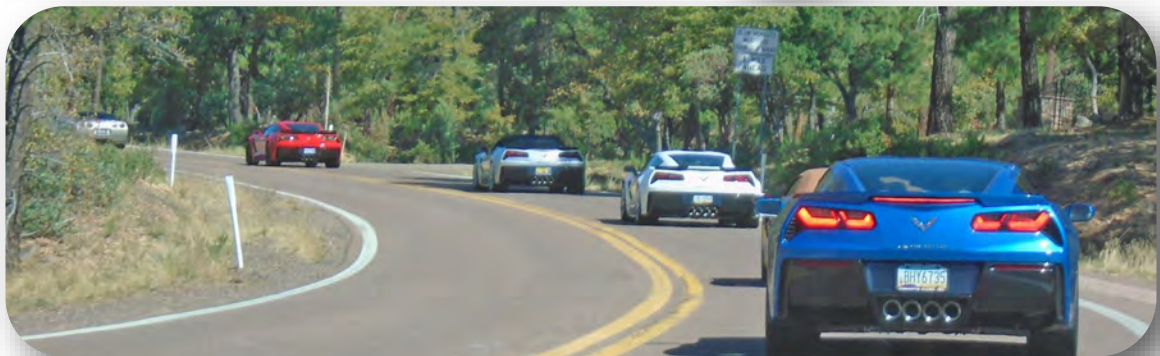


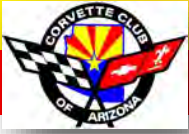
More Cars and Coffee

Dick Hedahl



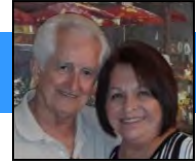
On the road to Winslow...





Track Laps for Charity — Feb 2021

Roc and Diana Campise



It is February 27th and the CCA Corvette drivers are at a fever pitch to get onto the Phoenix International Raceway track to see what their Corvettes will do!



We participated in “Track Laps for Charity”, a NASCAR CHARITY, 5 laps.



Our Drivers and Passengers

The surprise that day was the littlest participant, John and Cecile O’Boyle’s grandson. We understand he eats and sleeps NASCAR—what a delight he was. Very talkative.

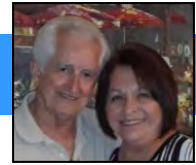
But first, Lunch! We met at Claim Jumper’s as a staging point for all participants to partake in a meal and a short drivers meeting.



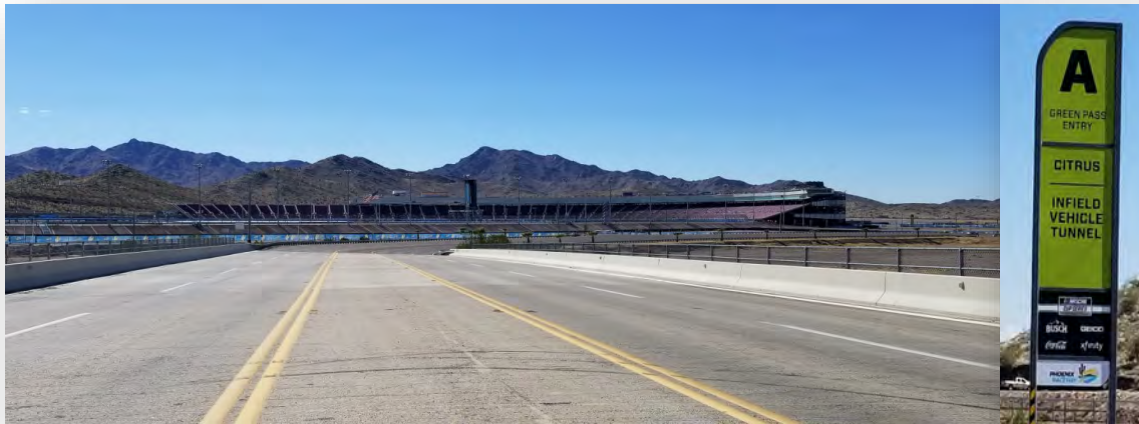


Track Laps for Charity — Feb 2021

Roc and Diana Campise



After lunch we headed to PIR. As we rounded the curve, there it was, spread over the foothills with what seemed to be no mans land.



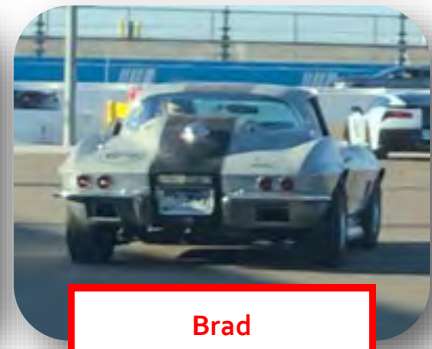
Let's get ready. We have gone through the gauntlet. Check your Insurance, registration and drivers license, check your entry ticket at another stop and finally being able to stage the CCA Corvettes.



Frank and Nancy



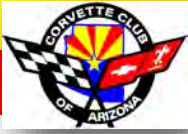
Marc and Kathy



Brad

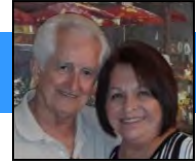


We are staged and ready to go!



Track Laps for Charity — Feb 2021

Roc and Diana Campise



Making a final check to see if everyone is in place. We took great pains to be sure CCA contingency was on the track together.

Now notice the main rule, 40 MPH, 5 laps.

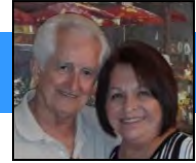
That was a joke. As we went on our way, the Corvettes began to string out putting distance behind the driver in front. With enough room, they dropped the Hammer. I know. I was chasing Scott in his Z06 at 90+ MPH





Track Laps for Charity — Feb 2021

Roc and Diana Campise



On our way home, we stopped at the QT ranch corral for a rendezvous to discuss the days events.



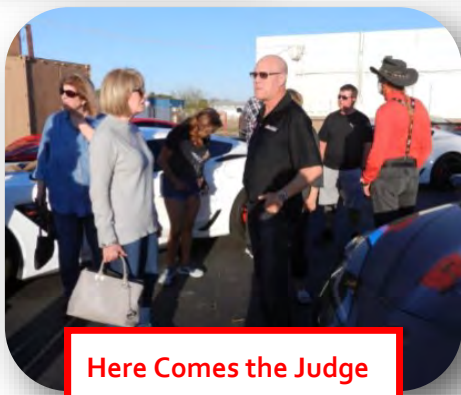
Gone in 60 seconds



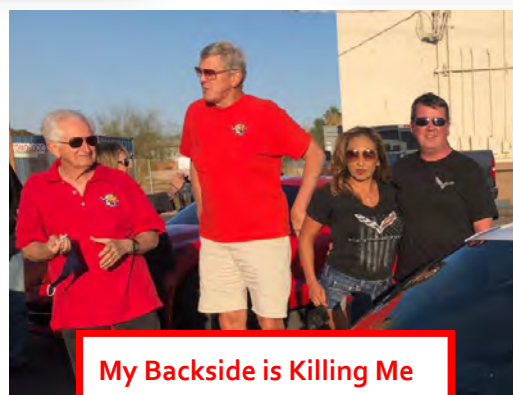
New Sherriff in Town



Rounding Them



Here Comes the Judge



My Backside is Killing Me

What a delightful day, heading for home.



Upcoming Birthdays



May

- 2-Ray Jenkins
- 7-Dick Bond
- 11-Cis Eberst
- 16-Kim Kemper
- 27-David Friesz
- 30-Rita Mattivi



June

- 15-Dom Lovino
- 17-Marge Rhode
- 20-Mary Rock
- 21-Carol Smith
- 22-Russ VanAllburg
- 24-Scott Feck
- 27-Roc Campise

CCA Themed Apparel - Proud Owner Design



If you would like to purchase shirts, hats and jackets please visit our website (www.proudownerdesign.com) and click on the "Sanmar" tab located on the upper left hand side of the page.

Once you do that you can browse from thousands of items that we can put the club logo on. Simply call us or e-mail us with the product number, color and sizes that you need and we will get back to you with a price for those items.

