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# CROSSTALK

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## President's Message

Brad Ryan



The good news, so far, is that each Membership Meeting has shown an increase in attendance and we expect this to continue into the late summer months and especially the fall. I'm also excited about the renewed interest by many CCA Members that have volunteered to host new and different events. Too often though, the same loyal CCA Members continue to host events while many other Members take that for granted and don't get involved. To that end, we have just reinstated new Member orientation meetings that were originally started by Jim and Esther Enriquez several years ago. This will provide all of our new Members with the vision, procedures, and tools to host new events. Keep in mind that we will be voting in November for the 2022 Board of Directors, so please start thinking of whom you may want to nominate for any of the ten Board positions – maybe even yourself!

### CCA Activities:

We have quite a few events on the schedule from now until the end of the year including our premier event - Chevys in the Park Car Show on October 31<sup>st</sup> which has just been approved by the City of Chandler. We have also learned that the outside seating boxes in the parking areas have been removed which was a concern for parking cars for the show. We continue to welcome any and all suggestions from the CCA Membership for new events that can be put on to keep us way more active than earlier this year. I'm especially delighted to see some of our seasoned Members putting on some nice Drivers, too! So far, so good, I believe that we are on our way to some very nice fall events where even more of our CCA Members will be coming out every month from now on to enjoy our Corvettes and each other's company once again. Not to mention the ability to speak to each other clearly without wearing a mask!

**Brad Ryan**

**President, Corvette Club of Arizona**





# CCA Activities Lylla Alejandro/Dick Hedahl



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| <p align="center"><b>September</b></p> <p>2 – Monthly Membership Meeting @ North Chandler Place 7pm</p> <p>10 – Chick’s Lunch @ Stone &amp; Barrel</p> <p>13-15 – MMT w/ Campise &amp; Lovino<br/><b>CANCELLED</b></p> <p>16 – Board Meeting w/VanAllsburg</p> <p>25 – Prescott Driver w/Gliot</p> | <p align="center"><b>October</b></p> <p>6 – Hay Ride &amp; BBQ w/Pivar</p> <p>7 – Monthly Membership Meeting @ Earnhardt Chevrolet 7pm</p> <p>8 – Chick’s Lunch @ Stone &amp; Barrel</p> <p>16 – Progressive Dinner</p> <p>21 – Board Meeting w/Deihl</p> <p>31 – All Chevy Show in Chandler</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>November</b></p> <p>4 – Monthly Membership Meeting @North Chandler Place 7pm</p> <p>6 – Military Ball @ Oakwood</p> <p>12 – Chick’s Lunch @ Stone &amp; Barrel</p> <p>13 – Cruise in car show @Oakwood</p> <p>18 - Board Meeting w/Lombardo</p>                               | <p align="center"><b>December</b></p> <p>2 - Monthly Membership Meeting @ The Spaghetti Factory 7pm</p> <p>8 – Holiday Party</p> <p><b>16 - Board Meeting w/Ryan</b><br/>No Chick’s Lunch</p>  |



## Segway Off-Road Tour

CCA will have a Segway Off-Road Tour in November. We tried to set it up last spring, but we ran out of time before the hot weather cut off the available time slots. Glo and I have bought two Street Segways just for fun. They are big fun and the Off-Road version will be an equally fun experience! [As a teaser, this is a link to a short video of Glo and Me riding them in our driveway.](#)

Watch your MailChimp email in coming weeks for the Segway Off-Road announcement. - **Dick Hedahl**

## All Chevy Car Show - **Help Needed**

It is with Great pleasure that we get to present our All Chevy Car Show in Downtown Chandler, on October 31, 2021. This is one of 2 shows put on by CCA that helps support our chosen charity, **Packages From Home**. Over \$20,000 has been donated to our charity from our fundraising efforts from our members. **We need volunteers to step up** by volunteering for a 2 hour shift to support our show. If you enjoy meeting people, need activity credits towards your membership, or just like hanging out with car people, **we need your help!** Downtown Chandler is a beautiful location for the show with lots of restaurants to pick from and shaded areas for relaxing conversations, which leads to the event being well attended. We look forward to seeing everyone there! **Contact Brad, Lylla, or Tom Palmer to sign up.** Without you there is no show! - **Kevin Deihl**





## From the Editor Kevin Deihl



Greetings from your editor! The fall line up of activities is filling up with some of our favorite activities and new ones too. This edition of Crosstalk you will find some personal adventures to go along with club news and events. If you have anything you want to share with the club from a personal standpoint, feel free to contact me through the website. I am excited for our fall All Chevy Show to be held in Chandler October 31. It's a lot of fun to interact with car people, but it takes a lot of work. PLEASE volunteer for a shift to help spread the load of work it takes to put on this event. Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!

I want to give some recognition for our members for their efforts in keeping CCA the premier club it is. The activities team has been working hard to orchestrate, coordinate and execute all of our events so that we continue to gather together again after having to cancel so many events in the past. As you know, CCA is considering changing insurance carriers. The group, that is headed by Susan Lovino, putting together the information concerning the decision to stay with NCCC or switch to Hagerty for club insurance has put in a tremendous amount of work. Please cast a vote either in person or by absentee ballot. The vote will happen at the next Membership meeting at North Chandler Place @ 7pm on Sep.2nd. If you are unavailable to attend in person, you may cast your absentee ballot, via email, to Russ VanAllsburg ([russ@azcarpet.com](mailto:russ@azcarpet.com)) AND Marge Rhode ([marge-rhode@msn.com](mailto:marge-rhode@msn.com)). Emails must be received by noon on Sep 1st.

And of course, I must thank my contributing editors for sending articles and pictures to me for Crosstalk. Hopefully, a simple thank you goes a long way to show appreciation for their efforts.

In conclusion, one additional request is to please respect club members' privacy and restrict communication to others for club purposes only.

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## CCA Governor's Report

Ray Jenkins



## CCA Crosstalk Governor's Report

The Roadrunner Regions Governor's meeting was hosted by the Phantom Vettes from El Paso, Texas. The meeting took place in Ruidoso, N.M. on July 17 - 18, 2021.

Friday, 7/16, we left early and took I-10 east to Lordsburg, N.M. where we found a local restaurant called Kranberry's Chatterbox for lunch. We continued on to Ruidoso to arrive there at about 6:30 P.M. The Phantom Vettes had set up a light dinner for all the registered attendees. Saturday there was a Corvette Show and Rally at the Inn of the Mountain Gods which was up the hill and right by a nice view of the lake. That night we had dinner at K-Bobs in Ruidoso with Bob & Barb Johnson. Sunday morning, the Governor's meeting was held.

- R.E. - Barb Johnson's Report: National Meeting - Bylaw change - Committee to review Voting Ballot. Meeting approved item in Bylaws after all items are authenticated and will be presented for a vote on the ballot. NMDs will authenticate both bylaws.
- NMD - NCCC membership was dropping because of COVID in 2020. Now this year it is slowly increasing.
- NCD - 2020 Convention didn't get its deposit back from the Competition Track. Deb Murphy, former president of NCCC, would like to see a process in place in case the NCCC dissolves, including how all factors are addressed. Hopefully the NCCC Finance Committee will take care of it.
- RCD - Bob Johnson Report: Overview of Region events was given. Next years Region Kick Off event will be hosted by the Colorado River Corvette Club on March 18-20, 2022 in Laughlin, Nevada. (Save the date!)
- NCCC National RCD meeting discussed tire age specifications needed for competition events (tires older than six years should be replaced.) This may be added to the Rule Book. NCCC web site lists proposed changes to Rule Book.
- RMD - Ron Scott Report: NCCC membership is "bouncing back". Roadrunner Region has approximately 850 members. Next year's renewals need to be received by Ron Scott by November 15th.
- Treasure Report - Debbie Marple: Discussion about donating to the NCCC Scholarship Fund from the RR General Fund and have Barb Johnson present it at the NCCC Quarterly meeting. A request with the donation that the recipient will be from the Roadrunner Region.

## Old Business:

- Regional Officers, RE, RCD, RMD, nominations are open.
- Next Roadrunner Quarterly meeting will be in Cottonwood on October 23rd. 2021.
- Awards will be given out to Clubs and Individuals at the RR Q4 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 A.M.

**Ray Jenkins - CCA Governor**

**Pat Jenkins - RR Secretary**





# Membership Update

## Guy Lombardo



Please join me in welcoming our newest CCA Members, Tim and Andrea Linder, who were approved by the Board on August 8, 2021. Tim and Andrea own a 2019 Blue Z06 Coupe.

Contact information for Tim and Andrea is:

Tim and Andrea Linder

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Andrea's Cellphone: 480-707-8960

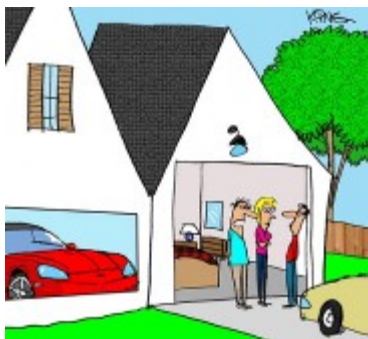
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Tim is a retired VP of Claims for a medical malpractice insurance company and Andrea is retired from Marketing. Tim originally is from Wisconsin and Andrea is originally from Massachusetts. Their hobbies include aviation and golf. This brings our membership up to 125.

Membership and the Activities Team are in the process of putting together a CCA New Member Orientation and Activity Training meeting on September 22, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Oakwood Country Club. The primary emphasis will be training on how to host a CCA event, dinner, driver or combination of all three. Some of our long term members who have hosted dozens of fun and successful activities through the years have graciously volunteered to attend the meeting and offer us the benefit of their experience. We have approximately 50 members who have joined since the last activity training session. We will target the more recent members and offer this to the Guests first. If any Members who have joined prior to 2018 want to attend, please contact me at [gfldesert@gmail.com](mailto:gfldesert@gmail.com). Lunch will follow the meeting. A flyer will be sent out in early September. We currently have 125 members. We have sixteen other Guests in the process of meeting the requirements to submit their applications. Although a few will most likely time out and never meet the requirements, many will join and will benefit from this training session.



"Our Corvette is so nice, we keep it in the house. And we sleep in the garage."





T - Bones Dinner

Campises/Lovinos



We did it again! Our second Vette Set excursion to T - Bone Steakhouse on the side of South Mountain. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, we postponed the driver portion. As it turned out, it never rained...what a pity!

*Arizona Republic says, "one of the best views in the valley paired with good cowboy chow" makes this steakhouse a hit with CCA crowd.*

But don't despair, what do you think happened when 20 CCA members got together in 1 room? You guessed it! A loud chorus of happiness and belly filling. It appeared everyone enjoyed themselves. If you didn't make it, it's worth exploring on your own.





## August Membership Meeting @ Floridino's

Our August Member's meeting was held at Floridino's in Chandler. It was a lively gathering to say the least, as members were excited to be back at the restaurant. Our room had been freshened up since our last gathering there. Approximately 53 members and guests were in attendance. As always the food and service were spot on!





## Corvette Forum News

## Bob Bassett



We've all heard stories about service facility employees and valets "test driving" customer's cars, sometime with dire consequences, but this one has a happy ending, at least for the owner. Corvette Forum recently posted a [story](#) about a 148 MPH test drive in traffic. While his Rapid Blue 2021 C8 coupe was in to diagnose and correct an engine problem that turned out to be a loose spark plug, one of the employees of the dealership took the car on such a test drive. After picking up the car, the owner checked the Data Recorder, which had been set to record as a dash cam whenever the car was started. He was shocked to find evidence that the vehicle had been driven at speeds up to 148 MPH, and apparently playing tag in traffic with a Dodge Charger. Given the setting and the speeds, it was fortunate that there were no incidents. What some owners don't realize is that if you sign a work order authorizing a test drive, in addition to the driver and the service facility, you can be held legally responsible as the registered owner of the vehicle if there is an accident. The owner, understandably upset, posted the resulting video online and complained to the dealership. The good news is that the dealership, Fremont Chevrolet, in California, has apologized profusely and made good by offering the owner a straight exchange for a brand new identically outfitted 2022. [Click here for Rick Conti's interview with the owner.](#) While the owner is now praising the dealership for their great response to the situation, we can probably assume that the employee, who is obviously not the sharpest tool in the shed, could be looking for a new job.



### 148 mph in 5th gear!



Corvette production marches on, despite shortages. [https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/despite-shortages-gm-on-pace-to-produce-26k-c8-corvettes-this-model-year/?utm\\_source=2021716&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=content](https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/despite-shortages-gm-on-pace-to-produce-26k-c8-corvettes-this-model-year/?utm_source=2021716&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=content)

2023 Corvette ZO6 to be unveiled October 26th. <https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/confirmed-chevy-to-unveil-2023-corvette-z06-in-october/>

OOPS! <https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/c8-corvette-owner-wrecks-car-one-day-before-selling-it/>







## 50th Black Hills Corvette Classic Rally Howard and Sheryl Katz



Summer Fun - The Black Hills 50th Corvette Classic

By: Sheryl Katz

In January, while reading one of our Corvette magazines I saw an ad for a huge Corvette event in South Dakota, and it got me drooling. At the time, Covid was keeping us in almost shut down mode so I set it aside. However, just a few weeks later vaccines were announced and once we scheduled ours, we decided to register. Mount Rushmore has been on our bucket list for decades and this five day lollapalooza was right up our alley, especially after being cooped up at home for over a year.

The Sioux Falls Corvette Club was hosting the 50th Anniversary of their Black Hills Corvette Classic. This was our first visit to South Dakota so being there was extra exciting. The kickoff was held on the east side of the state in Sioux Falls, the next day was the big drive west across the entire state to Spearfish, and the next few days were jammed with a variety of driving tours. Each night there was food and wonderful live entertainment. We shared the week with >650 Corvettes and >1250 Corvette enthusiasts. Corvettes were EVERYWHERE on the roads; what a hoot!!

To our delight and surprise, South Dakota is a BEAUTIFUL state - lots of sites and scenes, terrific landscapes, incredible history and... most of the roads are made for Corvette cruisin'!

People attended from all over the nation, even as far away as Massachusetts, Florida, Georgia, California. We had some incredible experiences and, a lot of 'six degrees of separation' meetings with friends and coincidental occurrence too, WOW!

Since I have too much energy to sit in one spot for long hours/day for several days on end, we decided to ship the car and fly. It was a TERRIFIC idea and it worked so well, it opened up a whole new fresh approach about travelling for us.

We had an absolute blast on this adventure and made lots of new friends. Generally speaking, Corvette owners are a special breed of fun loving folks. We took advantage of every event option - rising about 5:00am for early Meet-Ups and going strong until late in the evening. We can usually run at a fast pace but this was mach speed for several days... we figured we could sleep when we got home. Yes, it took us several weeks to recover!





### 50th Black Hills Corvette Classic Rally Howard and Sheryl Katz

Some of the highlights included: on the first day kickoff at Jerry's Chevrolet, Governor Kristi Noem provided Opening Remarks, welcoming everyone to the great state of South Dakota; and watching Quick 60 races. The next few days of the Classic: driving I-90 across the state; seeing Mount Rushmore, driving Needles Highway and through Custer State Park, a Mark MacKay concert; seeing Devil's Tower and hiking around the base, bumping into CCA snowbirds Jim and Cory Wendland at lunch in Sundance, WY; the Awards Breakfast, and the grand finale, a Home Free Concert!

It was indeed, the highlight of our year! We covered so much within a short period to remember the many terrific experiences, I made a slideshow and it includes a few videos (e.g., the Governor's speech and a time lapse of the Needles Highway drive). Let me know if you'd like to see it.

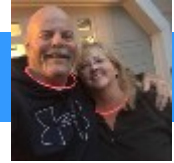
If you have ever thought about seeing the Black Hills, we highly recommend this event!





## Road Trip!

## Kevin Deihl and Jennifer Schmitt



A fun little road trip.... I recently set off on what was supposed to be a fun little road trip to Denver, CO in our C6. While Jennifer continued to work and hold down the fort here, I started out alone in our Vette while listening to books, music, and just enjoying driving a sports car. Jennifer flew in to Denver a week later so that we could see our favorite band (Tedeschi Trucks Band) at our favorite venue (Red Rocks Amphitheater.) Great weather and scenery added to the enjoyment of the trip! I stayed with family while there, so that gave me a base to visit friends I still have in the area. My sister recently purchased a new Tesla Y model, black in color. She asked me, prior to me leaving AZ, for advice on how best to take care of the paint. I suggested ceramic coating. Since I was going to be staying there for 10 days or so, I offered to apply the coating. Approximately 12 hours later, the car is shining brilliantly! If you have not ceramic coated your car, you should definitely consider the benefits of it.

Some of the activities I/we were able to squeeze in during the visit included:

- ◆ Attended Denver Broncos training camp 2X (never been)
- ◆ Went to an outdoor shooting range (never been)
- ◆ Golfed with a friend of mine at our favorite course in Loveland (been friends for over 40 years)
- ◆ Did a walking wine tour of Parker, CO
- ◆ Attended a Tedeschi Trucks Band concert at Red Rocks Amphitheater, Denver, CO
- ◆ Enjoyed a Hot Spring pool outside of Pueblo, CO (clothing optional!)

After we spent the night in Pueblo, we were ready to head home. The plan was to drive straight through for the remaining 11 hours of our trip. Everything was going fine until...POW! Yep, got a flat tire on run flat tires (never happened before), at 80 mph, 12 miles outside of Holbrook, AZ. I was able to safely pull to the side of the road to see if there was damage. To my surprise, there was no damage to the rim or body...whew! Not wanting to risk damaging my chrome rims and the expense of replacing them, I decided to use my roadside assistance and tow "Ruby" into Future Tire and Auto in Holbrook. We were able to call them while they were open. They ordered a tire for us to be installed in the morning. We rode with the towing company to the tire shop and then we walked 2 blocks to our motel room. This is where it gets good

...to be continued.





Road Trip cont.

Kevin Deihl and Jennifer Schmitt

Now is when the story gets good. As we are walking, with minimal luggage for our overnight stay, we came upon, what I took as a sign from up above....



**That’s right, 18 BRAND NEW CORVETTES!** Now I don’t know about you, but I BELIEVE that everything happens for a reason. What the reason is here...I’m not sure yet. But I truly believe there was a reason that:

- 1) We had a flat tire outside of Holbrook on that day.
- 2) Our Vette was disabled as we came upon the transporters.
- 3) 18 New Corvettes parked in the parking lot of the motel we chose to stay at without knowing the Vettes were parked there.



The next day, we woke up and I go to take another look at the Vettes, and they are GONE! NOOOOO! Fortunately for us, the tire shop called around 11:15 am and “Ruby” was finally ready to take us home. Moral of this story? To be continued I guess!





# Chicks Lunch July/August Luncheons



A few pictures from the July and August Chicks lunch. They meet every 2nd Friday of each month, except in December. As you can see, some of our "Roosters" enjoyed lunch together as well! Contact Susan Lovino or Elly Palmer for more info.





Hay Ride and BBQ Dinner

Neil and Tina Pivar

**An equestrian evening coming to you!**  
**October 6th at 4PM with Hosts**  
**Koli Equestrian Center**  
**6940 West Broken Ear Road, Chandler, 85226**



**Enjoy The Hay Ride Under the Stars, Includes**  
**BBQ at the Property**

**Indulge in a Burger & Hotdog, Potato Salad with**  
**Cowboy Beans, Tea, Punch & Lemonade provided.**  
**Wine and Beer available for sale.**

**\$53.10 per person includes ride, food, tax & gratuity**

**Limited Availability**



**Guess Who May Be Coming To The Hay**  
**Ride With Her Guitar, Travel Permitting?**

**Contact Tina for Reservations**  
**480-620-2870 or**  
**tinamalko@q.com**



**Your Hosts**  
**Neil & Tina**



**Mail your check to Tina Malko no later than**  
**September 27, 2021**





## Corvettes For Sale

Three Corvettes will be offered :

1. 2014 Stingray conv, Arctic White/Kalahari leather, 3LT, automatic loaded, only 5k miles, showroom condition.
2. 2019 Grand Sport coupe, Long Beach Red/ Kalahari leather, 2LT, automatic, loaded with only **180 miles** (not a misprint), showroom condition.
3. 2020 Stingray coupe, Torch Red/ Natural Leather, 3LT, really loaded, wrapped, only 5k miles, showroom condition.

All three of these cars are exceptional, priced according to the market, all manuals, factory window stickers, 2 sets of master keys/remotes, NO dints, dings, paint chips, underbelly front cowl damage.

Clear AZ titles. **No sales tax or dealer fees.**

Call or email me to arrange for a showing. Thanks.

Gary B. Smith

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## Corvettes News and Articles

Want to see and hear what the 2023 C8 ZO6/ZO7 looks and sounds like? Click below, enter full screen and turn it up! Check out the blue flame coming out of the back of it starting around the 1:30 minute mark. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO11g98Fm5w>

Watch a 1000hp Hennessy prepared Dodge Durango take on a C8 Corvette in a drag race <https://youtu.be/Z85655gg61o>

Here's an article concerning the loss or profitability of the C8 Vettes. Click below for your reading pleasure. <https://www.motortrend.com/news/source-chevrolet-corvette-c8-stingray-loss-leader/?aps=XXXX>

No more Dealer "premiums" for C8's. <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2021/08/why-c8-corvette-markups-should-begin-to-go-away-now/>





# Cool Vanity Plates







# Upcoming Birthdays



## September

- 7 – Nancy Hagan
- 12 – Norma Marsh
- 13 – Rob Deacon
- 14 – Bill Rhode
- 17 – Jan Logan
- 17 – Sandy Sample
- 18 – Frank Hagan
- 19 – Kenneth Alejandro
- 19 – Jerry Jordan
- 19 – Heinz Platten
- 25 – Nancy Van Allsburg
- 27 – Jim Bartels
- 28 – Bob Bassett



## October

- 4 – Norm Riffel
- 10 – Larry Maiorano
- 12 – Al Mattivi
- 12 – Diana Campise
- 14 – Pat Jenkins
- 16 – Janet Ray
- 16 – Judy Schmidt
- 20 – Don Smith
- 22 – Jan Mundy
- 23 – Tom Hill
- 23 – Joyce Mileskiewicz
- 29 – Marc Texeira
- 30 – Darlene Heavlin

# CCA Themed Apparel - Proud Owner Design



If you would like to purchase shirts, hats and jackets please visit our website ([www.proudownerdesign.com](http://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. You may also purchase your own items and have us put the club logos on for you.

