



# CROSSTALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Denise and I joined Corvette Club of Arizona in the fall of 2010. During that relatively short period of time, I have had the pleasure of holding the office of At-Large Board Member, Vice-President and now President. There was a time when all of these activities would have been outside of my comfort level. I credit Denise with changing those ideas, but I also credit the welcoming, friendly nature of CCA. In CCA I have found a wonderful group of friends.

That said, I would like to use my tenure as President to encourage more new members to take on the challenge of being involved in the activities of the club. We are an all things Corvette Club. We enjoy cars shows, autocross racing, rallies, dinners, parties, charity activities, and more, but beyond that we enjoy the company and

friendship of other members.

This club has been in existence for many years, and most of the longer term members have held offices numerous times, sponsored or promoted hundreds of activities and continue to do so. To keep the club viable we need newer members to take on some of the

activities and input new ideas. As I have found there is a willingness and wealth of knowledge in our members to assist other members. So, if your answer to planning an activity is that you are not comfortable doing so or are too new, look to the members for guidance. You might be surprised, as I was, at how much others are willing to invest in helping. I look forward to hearing all of your ideas.

I guess it's obvious that I get a great deal of enjoyment being involved in CCA activities. I encourage all of you to join me in a year of fun and exceptional friendship.

*Dave*

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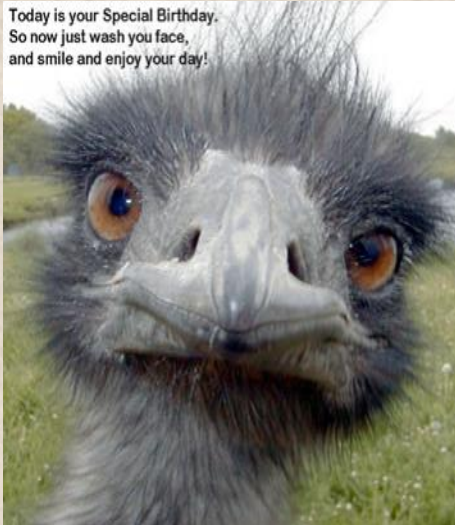


## UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### March

Maureen Barbee  
Beverly Davenport  
Jennifer Hitzel  
Angie Kosina  
Karen Mion  
Dale Pavlicek

Today is your Special Birthday.  
So now just wash you face,  
and smile and enjoy your day!



### April

Joe Hitzel  
Sheryl Katz  
Linda McCarty  
George Ray  
Mike Terrey  
Cory Wendland

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## UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

### March

- 1 - **Ostrich Festival Parade**  
Bill Rhode
- 6- Membership meeting  
Thorobred 7:00PM
- 15 - **St. Patty's Day Party**  
Heavlin/Rhode
- 20 - Board meeting  
Kerber 7:30PM
- 29 - **Corvettes In The Park**  
Dave Lott

### April

- 3 - Membership meeting  
Thorobred 7:00PM
- 12 - **Founder's Day**  
Lott
- 17- Board meeting  
Hitzel 7:30PM
- 20 - **Easter Sunday**
- 26 - **Highway Cleanup**  
Sample

### May

- 1 - Membership meeting  
Thorobred 7:00PM
- 3 - **Progressive Dinner**  
Appetizers—Mundy  
Main Course—Berryman  
Dessert—Lott
- 11 - **Mother's Day**
- 15 - Board Meeting  
Rhode 7:30pm
- 16-19 - **Plastic Fantastic**  
Mion
- 26 - **Memorial Day**

### June

- 5 - Membership meeting  
Thorobred 7:00PM
- 15 - **Father's Day**
- No Scheduled Board Meeting
- 30 - 61st Birthday for the first  
Production Corvette

## Save the Date

MMT: October 10-12

Thorobred Thunder: Nov 8th

Awards Banquet: Jan 10, 2015



## ROADRUNNER **EVENTS** CALENDAR

### 2014 Schedule of Upcoming Events

Regional Competition Director (RCD) - Paul Hamersly—lt4ce@yahoo.com

**Last Update: February 10, 2014**

	Roadrunner 1st QTR Governor's Mtg	March 15	Corvette Performance AZ Scottsdale, AZ 12:30pm
RR-332-001	Corvette Club of Arizona	March 29	Corvettes In The Park
Tentative	Thunder Vette Set	April 12-13	Autocrosses in Sierra Vista
	NDCC 2nd QTR Meeting	April 25-27	St. Louis, MO
RR-426-001	Verde Valley Vettes	May 17	All Chevy Show Cottonwood, AZ
	Roadrunner 2nd QTR Governor's Mtg	May 25	Tucson, AZ
RR-331-001/002	Tucson Corvette Club	May 24	Superbash—LS Autocross Marana Airport, AZ
RR-331-003	Tucson Corvette Club	May 24	Superbash—Matching Time AX Marana Airport, AZ
RR-331-004	Tucson Corvette Club	May 25	Superbash—PC Show Tucson, AZ
RR-331-005/006	Tucson Corvette Club	May 25	Superbash—Gimmick Rally/Chance Rally Tucson, AZ



## VETTE SETTE DINNER

HOSTED BY NORM & JOYCE RIFFEL

Joyce and I had the privilege to host a delicious dinner and a wonderful CCA night out at the "Salt Cellar Restaurant" on Friday evening, January 17th. It truly was a splendid evening offering an opportunity to become more acquainted with members that you often only spend time with in passing. In addition to Joyce and I, those in attendance were Bruce & Sharon Lund, Frank & Nancy Hagan, Jim & Ester Enriquez and Bob & Barb Bassett. It was Barb's birthday, therefore it was a wonderful occasion for a celebration. The food was exceptional (as usual) and delightful. Hopefully, all members will have the opportunity to enjoy a CCA Vette Night Dining out in 2014.

## PACKAGES FROM HOME

HOSTED BY DAVE LOTT

I would like to thank the 25 club members who signed up and assisted in our Packages from Home event on Wednesday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 1. We met at Whole Foods, Ray and the 101, and caravanned to the packing facility at 1201 South 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Phoenix. We arrived at 10:30AM each day and packed until 12:30PM. We were guided in our efforts by staff members who had very precise packing instructions. We used flat rate postal boxes and the manner in which they were packed could probably be described by the comment "we don't ship air". Some of our members also separated and bagged personal hygiene items.



We packed in excess of a hundred boxes. I forgot my camera to record the events; however Bill Berryman had his, so we got a few shots.

Most of the packers then headed to La Canasta, a historic Mexican restaurant only a short distance from the packing facility. From my prospective, the food was excellent as usual, and I heard no complaints.

Thanks again,

Dave



All in all I think everyone enjoyed the experience. Personally, as a combat veteran, I remember the excitement of receiving items from home and it gives me satisfaction to prepare these boxes.





## SWEET BASIL COOKING CLASS

HOSTED BY BARB & BOB BASSETT



Theme: I chose French Cuisine this year because of my love of cheese, fresh ingredients, liquors and fine herbs and spices. So dream on with me.....

PICTURE YOURSELVES.....walking through a fine sun lit French garden abundant with magnificent fragrances of the earth & bountiful vegetables showing off many different hues of green & earthen colours. There I am, in the garden with my big yellow sun hat & wicker basket, collecting fresh ingredients just for you. Surrounding the garden is a floral masterpiece with bright oranges, blues, pinks and yellows. As you sip a fine Cabernet Sauvignon or Sauvignon Blanc your mind trips on the dinner that awaits in the outdoor pergola covered dining room with the bright blue sky & sun shining through the grapes & leaves covering the pergola. As you walk back to the beautiful French White home with French Ultramarine Blue shutters, you take in the fragrances of the dinner being prepared, just for you. We all sit at the white linen covered table and cheer one another.....Bon Appetite!

The menu for this years cooking class consisted of the following:

- Tomato Leek Tart
- Butter Lettuce, Apples & Almonds with Brie Croutons in Champagne Vinaigrette
- Popovers with Gruyère
- Pan-Seared Chicken Breast with Brandy Cream Sauce
- Potato Gratin with Thyme and Gruyère Cheese
- Tarte Tatin





## SUPER BOWL PARTY

HOSTED BY KAREN & GARRY MION

OK... not exactly the best played Super Bowl game we have seen in recent years, but of course that depends on which team you were rooting for. At the least it would have been more interesting if the score were closer. There is only so much we can control with respect to the play of the game, but what we could control was how much fun we can have eating, drinking, and enjoying the company of forty-two CCA club members.



This year provided a couple of unique twists related to the game. It was being played in an open stadium in the Northeast, and it was being played on Groundhog's day. Now, all the hype around freezing temperatures and snow being a major impact on the play of the game never really materialized. Seems like the biggest impact was the disappearance of the hi-power Bronco offense. On the other hand, what did appear on Feb 2nd was the shadow of the groundhog, and along with that a forecast of six more weeks of Winter. For those in states other than the Southwest that was a bad sign, and to date it has been nothing but cold and snow.



We were privileged to have a visit from the groundhog thanks to Sheryl and Howard Katz, along with a multi-page document compiled by Howard regarding the ritual that is Groundhog's Day. Prior to the start of the game, the 1993 movie Groundhog Day was showing on multiple screens.



As in years past, a big highlight of the party was the consumption of appetizers provided by the members. Karen and I want to thank all of the CCA members who attended, as without you it really isn't much of a party.





## NCCC GOVERNER'S REPORT

BY MIKE TERREY



The Roadrunner Regional Awards for 2013 are out.

Corvette Club of Arizona is the Championship Club for the "Roadrunner Region Racing Series" (2nd year in a row) and 2nd Overall Club in the Region.

Pat Jenkins won the Overall and Racing Series for the ladies and came in 3rd for Rallye & Car Show Series.

In the month of January the Roadrunner region had no scheduled events.

February started Car Show season and our members came out in force for the 1st show of the season.

Corvette Club of Arizona had 11 members enter the "Sweetheart Car Show", with many winning awards in their classes. Details available soon.

The next Car Show is "Corvettes in the Park" in downtown Chandler March 29th.

For the those Corvette drivers who want to see what their cars are capable of the Autocross Season starts in April with Sierra Vista Airport April 12 and Superbash at Marana Airport May 24th.

"Superbash" is Tucson Corvette Club's big event and is held over Memorial Day Weekend. They have Shows, Races, Rallyes, Golfing, Dinners, Dancing and more....

For a the latest information of Roadrunner Regional events go [here](#).

## LOOKING FOR MEMBER ARTICLES

BY GARRY MION

Everyone has a good story to tell about their Corvette (s). It could be about when you rode or purchased your first car and the experience that went with it. It could be about modification or enhancements you have made to your car and other members could benefit from how you did it or where it was done. It could be about where you have traveled with your car and would like share the experience. Whatever it is—it is something you are excited or passionate about and worth sharing with other members.

Writing an article is simple. You don't need to have any word processing skills, and you don't have to be the best speller or have a PHD in creative writing. If you can write an email—you can write an article. About the only technical skill you need would be to take digital photos—and that is only if you have pictures you would like to add to the article (they are a nice addition—and if you have trouble attaching them to an email I can help you out).

So how about it? Here are the latest dates by which I would need your article in order to make it into an upcoming newsletter.

April 25 for Vol8Iss2

June 26 for Vol8Iss3

August 25 for Vol8Iss4

**I look forward to reading your article and including it in a future newsletter!**



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