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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another couple of months have passed, and we have experienced some of Arizona's more creative weather patterns-- from temperatures up to 117 degrees to monsoon storms containing everything from heavy rains, hail, destructive winds, and lightning. As these activities have been widespread, it has been difficult to find refuge anywhere in the state. Not to be deterred, some volunteer hosts took us to New Mexico and some found indoor events in Arizona to avoid the weather.

Take heart, the next two months should bring better weather and additional fun activities. I am looking forward to a trip to Flagstaff and a long-standing car show there to which I have never been. I think I will also participate in the Triple Auto Cross at the end of the month. Being an old drag racer from the six-ties, I never considered autocross, but with the encouragement of Jim Enriquez and Mike Terrey, I tried it and found it to be not only fun, but challenging. I have participated in several events since.

In October, we will be embarking on the Magical Mystery Tour. No, I don't know where we're going! Still, I'm excited (just look at my face). At the end of the month is Thorobred Thunder, our big all Chevy powered car show. We will need lots of volunteers for this event. The strength of a social club is measured by the willingness of its members to be involved.

Whether it is in helping with our charities or highway cleanups, assisting other members, or participating in drivers and events, being involved is the key. In October we will have the nominations of 2015 Officers at the General Meeting. Don't be afraid to jump in. Surrounded with great participants, I am proud to be a member of THE CORVETTE CLUB OF ARIZONA.

CCA DINNER HOSTED BY BILL & KATHY BERRYMAN

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On Saturday, August 16th, twenty-two members of the club got together for drinks, dinner and great conversation. We met at Charleston's at 6pm and the gorgeous Corvettes in the parking lot caused quite a stir.

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September

Cathy Adams Bob Bassett Steve Barbee **Bill Berryman Rob Deacon** Dawn Dziezynski Art Farascioni **Dave Golec Bernice Grassel** Frank Hagan Nancy Hagan **Bill Maguire** Norma Marsh **Bill Rhode** Sandy Sample Mike Schussman Jane Veirs



October

Kathy Berryman **Diana** Campise **Darlene Heavlin** Tom Hill Pat Jenkins Joyce Mileskiewicz Jan Mundy Lisa Pavlicek Janet Ray Norm Riffle Al Yarusso

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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS



ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR Schedule of Upcoming Events 2014

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RR-332- 003/004/005/006/007	Corvette Club of Arizona	Sept 27	Low Speed Autocross—September Autocross Series
RR-426-006/007	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 11	Gimmick Rallye – Photo / Chance Rallye
RR-246-002	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 12	Chance Rallye–Monopoly Run
RR-426-003	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 12	Chance Rallye–Poker Rally 1
RR-426-004	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 12	Chance Rallye–Poker Rally 2
RR-426-005	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 12	Chance Rallye–Poker Run 3
RR-332-002	Corvette Club of Arizona	Oct 25	Peoples Choice—Thorobred Thunder
RR-328-006	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 1	Peoples Choice Conours—Corvette Thunder
RR-328-007	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 1	Gimmick Rallye—Corvette Thunder
RR-328-008/009	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 2	Low Speed Autocross–Corvette Thunder
RR-328-010	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 2	Matching Times Autocross—Corvette Thunder

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RUIDOSO DRIVER

HOSTED BY THE KERBERS AND RHODES

Where is it cooler than Phoenix in July? Answer: almost anywhere! One place cooler is Ruidoso NM, where the 10 corvettes above travelled on July 25. In the week before our departure Joe Grassel contacted the participants telling us that his left ankle was not sufficiently healed from his surgery a few months back to drive 500 miles with a manual transmission car. So he and Bernice would not be able to go on the driver. Jim and Esther Enriquez jumped in and offered to swap their automatic coupe for Joe and Bernice's manual hardtop so the Grassels could attend. Jim drove Joe's car and Joe drove Jim's car. It worked! Way to go Jim and Esther!!!

We met at the McDonalds at Riggs Road and Arizona Avenue for a 7:00 AM departure. While waiting for departure time we noticed a pickup truck checking out the Corvettes in the parking lot. It turned out that CCA member Rob Deacon was on his way to an early meeting, but had to stop off and admire the Corvettes and wish us a safe and fun trip.

It's a 500 mile drive to Ruidoso, plus NM time is 1 hour ahead, so we really had to keep moving. We had brief pit stops in East Tucson and San Simon AZ, where we enjoyed home cooked cookies baked by Sandy Duhaime. We then stopped in Deming NM for lunch at the newest international restaurant in Deming (an International House of Pancakes, aka-IHOP).

Back on the road again, our next stop was 2 hours away in Alamogordo, NM. We stopped at a Chevron station to drain our bladders and fill up our cars. The manager of this sta-



tion, who was off duty when we arrived, was called by one of his employees. He drove over to see all the Corvettes and show us his red 2004 Z06. It looked show ready. It was great to see a 20-something person as excited about his Corvette as we all are about ours.



For the next hour we travelled from the desert to the mountains, gaining 3,000 feet of elevation. It was a beautiful sight to see all the Corvettes turning off Highway 70 onto Mescalero Road that goes to the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Final elevation was 7,500 feet and cool.

A couple of miles down the road we arrived at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. There is a large colorful Native American sculpture in front of the hotel and we were able to get a picture of all our Corvettes parked around it.





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RUIDOSO DRIVER (CON'T)



After check-in, unpacking, and for some a visit to the casino, many of us went to the golf course restaurant, Apache Tee. We were joined for dinner by CCA members Tom and Nancy Hill, who just arrived at the Inn of the Mountain Gods from El Paso, TX.

After a good night of sleep, we were on our own for Saturday morning. Several members visited downtown Ruidoso, while others set out to explore the hotel and surrounding area. In the afternoon, most of the group went to Ruidoso Downs horse racing track, while a few others visited the annual Ruidoso Art Fair and others drove to Roswell.

For the group who went to Ruidoso Downs - what a leisurely

way to spend an afternoon! The horse races were a lot of fun. We sat at tables in a covered grandstand with a great view of the action on the track. It was just a short trip down the steps to place our bets, and some members were aided by hot tips received from locals. However, only a few of us considered this a profitable visit - well, maybe only one!



Saturday night, most of us went to dinner at the Cattle Baron, a favorite Ruidoso steak house. We were able to all sit together, and nobody left the restaurant hungry. Most of us should have stopped at the salad bar, but did not. The food was excellent.

CATTLE

Another optional activity for Saturday night was a visit to the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts where musical artists Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra were performing. Some folks went to the theater and enjoyed the performance.



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RUIDOSO DRIVER (CON'T)

Sunday morning everyone was on their own for the return trip home. Some headed for US-60 to return home, some backtracked our route to Ruidoso, and some took the Corvette route through Cloudcroft, NM. The latter is a two lane road through the mountains between Ruidoso and Alamogordo NM. It has over 200 curves through agricultural areas. There must have been some cows going for an early morning walk before we drove though because there were big nuggets of reminders on the road of their presence. At times it almost looked like an autocross using cow chips instead of cones! To our knowledge there were no direct cow chip hits by the skilled drivers navigating this route. One couple had their top down, and we noticed they stayed a good distance back from the car ahead.

The Ruidoso temperatures were a great break from the summer valley heat. We had wonderful weather and no rain to interfere with our activities. We all arrived back home safely with a variety of tales to tell.





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CORVETTES AT CARLISLE

ARTICLE BY GARRY MION

Going to Carlisle is something a few of us look forward to the moment the prior year event ends. We do have a set routine laid out in terms of travel, housing, and attendance, but once at the event it is anything but routine. Weather is probably the biggest variable, and this year we saw more rain than the past two years. Fortunately, the rain either came late in the day, or was not heavy enough to chase vendors and car lovers away.

This year at Carlisle there were several CCA members in attendance: Bill & Kathy Berryman, Howard Katz (first timer), Dave Lott, George Ray, and myself. I have to say the event was well attended, but overall numbers were probably down due to the overcast skies and occasional rains. Fortunately, there was little to no rain on Saturday night, which is when they shut down the streets of Downtown Carlisle for the Corvette parade and car show.





Corvettes At Carlisle has it all for

Corvette lovers. You can park and spend time with friends, just like you would at a car show or picnic. You can visit with many automotive aftermarket vendors and perhaps have that new exhaust installed, order new interior or exterior trim pieces, or enhance your Corvette wardrobe. You can check out the Car Corral and see if that next Corvette purchase is just a well played negotiation away. And then there is the swap meet ar-

ea. Acres and acres of Corvette parts, old and new. For the most part you can find it all, but you have to look close and often, especially if one is shopping for the often unique item.

The other prime activity is checking out the C7s. This year it was all about the Z06s,

both coupe and convertible. While I do like the styling of the Stingray, the wide-body stance of the Z06 really adds a touch of "Bad Boy" imagery, and offering it in a convertible really makes it a sweet package. Pricing for base package on the coupe is \$79K and change, while the convertible was coming in the mid \$80s... plus options!





On average I typically walk between six and twelve miles a day. Distance depends on amount of time searching within a given vendor space for that elusive part, and on the weather (tough to walk around when it is raining heavily). I probably walk past the same vendor at least a dozen times. Why you ask? Vendors setup at various times, so you just never know what new treasure of parts may be coming out unless you

My one disappointment, however, was in seeing a sample (as in gas door) of the supposedly new Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic. Too dark for me, especially when placed against Atomic Orange as seen in the picture below. They say it will brighten up in sunlight, like the green and dark blue of 2014 did, but it just gets dark otherwise. Oh well, perhaps there is a yellow or blue car in our future...







CORVETTES AT CARLISLE (CON'T)

continuously walk each aisle over and over. I also get various calls during the three days from friends looking for parts, so that means doing another round looking for a new item. Then there is the possibility the part may be cheaper on Saturday than it was on Thursday, so I occasionally monitor a vendor to make sure the part is still around (this works a majority of the time, but there is the risk the part will sell before I go back).

On Saturday night, after a good meal and a great car show, we get together for a packing party. Rather than pay for UPS or FedEx shipping, one tries to stuff their suitcase with purchases while also keeping a check on the 50lb weight limit. So happened that this year George, Dave, and I all had to band together to get our purchases spread across two checked bags and one carry on bag. Alas-no parts were harmed in this process.

And yes, plans are already in progress for next year.



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THOROBRED THUNDER XV

ARTICLE BY GARRY MION

I want to thank the members who signed up at last month's meeting to help with various activities, but there are still many positions which need your support. The following areas need help:

Raffle Booth Setup-8-9am: Two-three people are needed. You will be involved in setting up the tent & tables, arranging the raffle prizes, putting up the club banner, and setting up other raffle and club related items.

Raffle booth Duty-11-12pm (one person); 12-1pm (two people);1-2pm (two people): You will be selling raffle tickets, handing out raffle prizes to winners, and selling any remaining t-shirts.

Raffle Ticket-50/50 Ticket Sales—Various shifts between 9am-1pm: Need about 3-4 volunteers. You will be walking around promoting and selling tickets.

Spectator Parking—Various shifts between 9am-1:30pm: Need about 6 volunteers. Help to guide spectator vehicles in/out of the two main parking areas near the show entrance.

I am also looking for volunteers to help me in signing up vendors and procuring raffle prizes. This mainly involves working with local businesses. I have started this already, but could really use help.

Now aside from help for the event itself, I am asking each and every member to help promote the event to anyone they know with a Chevy or Chevy powered car-especially if you know of friends in chevy-related car clubs. The event information can be found on our club website, as well as Cruisin' Arizona website. There are also flyers available, which are great to hand out while at car shows. We also have a poster-sized flyer if you know of a business that can help promote the event. You can get each of these flyers by stopping by Mike Terrey's office at Thorobred Chevrolet, and be sure to grab a few at the Membership Meeting in September and October.

If you have any questions, please email me or call me at 480.363.2838.

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2014 CORVETTE FACTS

ARTICLE BY ROCCO CAMPISE

DID YOU KNOW?

- Only two parts were used from previous series Corvettes. Cabin Air Cleaner and Removable Roof Panel Latch. •
- Car is capable of traveling up to 80 mph and producing 125 HP in 4 cylinder mode.
- Use of Shape Memory Alloy Wire in a production motor vehicle. The wire changes shape/length to open air pressure relief • vanes to allow the hatch to close more easily.
- First Corvette built with rear weight bias. .
- NASA developed Arogel used as an insulator in space suites also used as an insulator for heat and tunnel noise.
- Extra gear in manual transmission (7) used in only one other production vehicle. The Porsche 911.

The 2014 Corvette Stingray's Production Stats:

41% Z51 Coupe - 15,431

- 1LT 9% .
- 2LT 29%
- 3LT 61%
- 30% Base Coupe 11,134
 - 1LT 23%
 - 2LT 42%
 - 3LT 35% •
- 15% Z51 Convertible 5,680
 - 1LT 4%
 - 2LT 23%
 - 3LT 73%
- 14% Base Convertible 5,043
 - 1LT 13%
 - 2LT 42%
 - 3LT 45%

Popular RPO Options and Percentage Built:

- CFA Painted Top 52% .
- CC3 Transparent Top 26%
- C2Z Visible Carbon Fiber Top 13% .
- C2Q Body-Color Dual Roof Package 6%
- C2M Carbon Fiber Dual Roof Package 4% •
- FAY Carbon Fiber Instrument Panel Trim 20%
- UY4 Navigation 82%
- MYC 6-speed paddle shift with automatic 65%
- FE1 Suspension 43% .
- Z51 Suspension 21%
- Z51 with Magnetic Ride Control 36%
- NPP Performance Exhaust 84%
- J64 Red Calipers 44% •
- J6E Yellow Calipers 7% •
- QX3 Chrome Non Z51 Wheels 64%
- QG6 Silver Non Z51 Wheels 28%
- RQ1 Machine Non Z51 Wheels 7%
- Q7T Z51 Black Wheels 48%
- Q7E Z51 Chrome Wheels 34% 07S Z51 Silver Wheels - 13%

Exterior colors:

- 19% Torch Red
- 17% Arctic White
- 16% Black
- 11% Cyber Gray
- 9% Laguna Blue
- 8% Crystal Red Metallic
- 6% Velocity Yellow
- 6% Blade Silver
- 5% Night Race Blue
- 4% Lime Rock Green

Interior Colors:

- 39% Jet Black Leather
- 21% Adrenaline Red
- 14% Kalahari
- 8% Jet Black Suede
- 8% Gray Leather
- 4% Brownstone
- 3% Kalahari Suede
- 2% Gray Suede
- 1% Brownstone Suede

Corvette Production* versus the competition:

- Corvette Stingray 20,804 36.6% •
- Porsche 911 6,017 10.6%
- BMW 6 Series 5,717 10.1%
- Maserati 5,056 8.9%
- Mercedes SL 2,860 5.0% .
- Mercedes SLK 2,765 4.9%
- Porsche Boxster 2, 402 4.2%
- F-Type 2,238-2.3%
- Porsche Cayman 2,043-3.%
- BMW Z4-1,333 2.3%

* US 2014 Calendar Year Deliveries January-July



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NCCC GOVERNER'S REPORT

BY MIKE TERREY





With the addition of our newest members, Norma & Guy Lombardo, CCA has 95 NCCC members and 5 non NCCC members for a total club membership of 100. 95% NCCC membership WOW !!!

Cooler weather is coming soon and it's time to start planning for the upcoming fall NCCC regional events.

There is " A Triple Autocross Event" Corvette Club of Arizona is co hosting with the Porsche Club of America September 27th, it is here in the Valley and only \$50.00 for 3 events. Jim Enriquez is the Event Chairperson for this event.

Autocross is a great way to see what your Corvette can do and improve your driving skills with little or no risk! For those who want to Autocross The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has events in the Phoenix area almost every month.

The next SCCA Autocross is Sunday 9/14 and will be held on the Lake Loop Track at Bondurant, this is a fantastic venue in that it combines Track & Autocross. For SCCA event information go to the region web site AZSOLO.com SCCA is also holding a Novice Autocross School 11/3 at Arizona Motorsports Park for those new to the sport, see the web site for details.

Verde Valley Vetts is hosting a Rally Weekend (Photo & Rally \$15 each Oct. 11th) and (Monopoly Rally & 3 Poker Rallies \$10 each) The Rally Weekend is in Cottonwood AZ just a short trip from the Valley

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.

October 27 for Vol8lss5 December 23 for Vol8lss6

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



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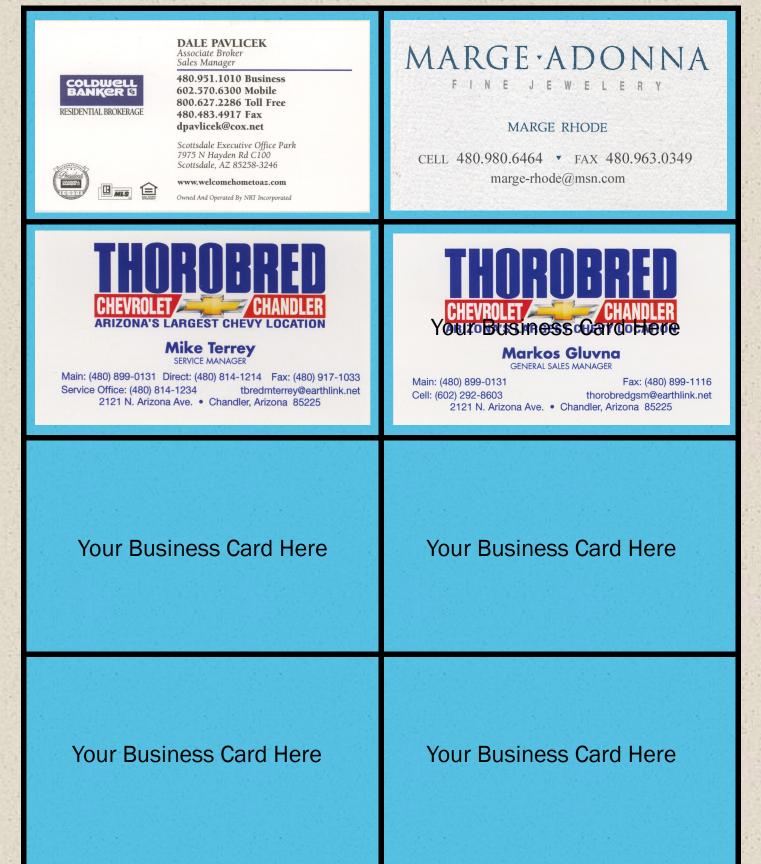
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