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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well we wrapped up the first quarter of 2014. We enjoyed great membership participation in a number of club events. From dining activities to cooking classes, packing boxes for troops to parties for Super bowl and St Paddy's Day, from the Ostrich Festival to Founder's Day to autocross events, we have had the pleasure of each other's company. The Spring Car show was a great success (more later) and we have promoted the Corvette brand while having a great deal of fun and camaraderie.

I have seen a significant increase in new member applicants and willingness on their part to participate in and work in our various activities. I joined the club in 2010, and do not remember another time in that period during which we had more people interested in joining the club. As a board member it is gratifying to see this participation and I look forward to the second quarter's activities.

Dave

VETTE SET DINNING

HOSTED BY SHERYL AND HOWARD KATZ

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On Wednesday, March 19th, we hosted the March Vette Set Dining event at Seasons 52 restaurant, located at the Biltmore Shopping Center in Phoenix. (at 24th Street & Camelback). It was an exciting dining experience because the other four couples (Scott & Diane Feck; Bruce & Sharon Lund; Norm & Joyce Riffle; and Dean & Sandy Sample) were 'first timers'.



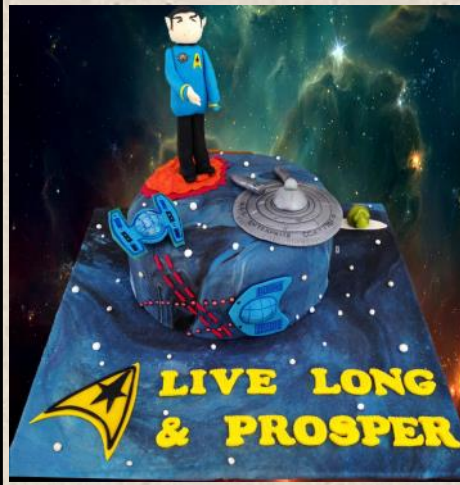
"Seasons 52" is a fresh grill and wine bar offering a seasonally-inspired menu; they change the menu on a weekly basis throughout the year, taking advantage of fresh, seasonal items. Although it is a chain restaurant with only a few locations scattered about the U.S. we are fortunate to have this store in Phoenix and, it's the only one in Arizona. They opened about three years ago in the former "Steamers" location. The restaurant also features an award-winning international wine list and boasts that all dinner entrees contain 475 calories or less. The restaurant has several dining areas and a cozy bar with nightly entertainment too. For more information, check out their [website](http://www.seasons52.com).



UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

May

Janice Byers
Dave Friesz
Ray Jenkins



June

Scott Feck
Tom Landingham
Marge Rhode
John Veirs

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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

May

1 - Membership meeting
Thorobred 7:00PM

3 - Progressive Dinner
Appetizers—Mundy
Main Course—Berryman
Dessert—Lott

11 - Mother's Day

13 - Board Meeting
Terrey 7:30pm

16-19 - San Diego Driver/
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

July

4 - Independence Day

10 - Membership meeting
Floridino's 7:00PM

23 - Board Meeting
Hagan 7:30pm

25-27 Driver to Ruidosos
Kerber & Rhode

August

7 - Membership meeting
Thorobred 7:00PM

No Scheduled Board Meeting

Save the Date

MMT: October 10-12
Thorobred Thunder: Nov 1st
Awards Banquet: Jan 3, 2015



ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR 2014 Schedule of Upcoming Events

RR-426-001	Verde Valley Vettes	May 17	All Chevy Show Cottonwood, AZ
	Roadrunner 2nd QTR Governor's Mtg	May 24	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
RR-303-003/004	Desert Corvette Association	June 1	Gimmick Rallye/Poker Rallye Scottsdale, AZ
RR-328-004/005	Thunder Vette Sette	June 14	Father's Day Low-Speed Autocross
RR-587-002/005/006	Phantom Corvette Club, INC.	June 28	Ken Gabby Great Summer Escape
RR-587-007/008	Phantom Corvette Club, INC.	June 29	Ken Gabby Great Summer Escape
RR-426-002/003/004/005	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 12	Monopoly Run/Poker Rally 1/2/3

OSTRICH FESTIVAL PARADE

HOSTED BY BILL RHODE

On what could have been a cold and rainy day (but wasn't), several CCA members got their cars shined up and participated in the 26th Annual Ostrich Festival Parade. As in years past, Bill Rhode has organized this event for the club, providing the coordination between Thorobred Chevrolet and the participating club members. The group starts out the morning getting their dignitary assignments from Bill and affixing a poster to the sides of the car. Thorobred Chevrolet does provide donuts for us, and I'm guessing that if you look closely at the posters on the cars you can probably find a chocolate smudge on it somewhere.



This year, there was a new twist to the parade vehicles: Trucks. Several of them were provided by Thorobred Chevrolet and used to carry a few of the dignitaries that were looking for a little more visibility than just sitting in an open-air Corvette. I was selected to be one such truck driver, and Miss Arizona 2013, Jennifer Smestad, was my dignitary. Of course, driving in a truck with the dignitary standing in the back bed means you can take on a passenger, and for me it was Jennifer's mom.



After the parade Bill arranged for lunch at Ore-gano's Pizza Bistro. Thanks again Bill for your efforts to organize this fun event!

Cheers! Garry

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

HOSTED BY THE HEAVLINS AND THE RHODES

This was the fourth year we've hosted this celebration and we had the best turnout yet! Fifty CCA members and guests joined the four of us for Irish food and some shenanigans in a very **GREEN** environment!

Everyone seems to enjoy the games, so this year we brought back Cabbage Bowling (I'm sure this was by request), along with a Potato Toss and a game we called In The Sack. (If you have to ask, you missed a fun one!)



After dinner there was also an Irish Crossword Puzzle that was a timed event. Winners were Beth Godina, George Ray, Esther & Jim Enriquez, and Patti & Jim Kerber respectively.

As mentioned, **GREEN** was everywhere - food, drinks, decorations, and definitely clothes! Winners of the "Best Dressed" for the evening were Karen Mion, Mike Clark (guest of the Deacons), and Jim & Patti Kerber for the most fashionable couple.

These award decisions were harder than ever this year since everyone was in the spirit of the holiday, so next time we'll make these people's choice awards!



Thanks to all who partied with us - you made it a very fun evening! And until next year, we'll leave you with this Irish Blessing:

**As you slide down the banister of life,
May the splinters never point the wrong way.**



CORVETTES IN THE PARK 2014

CHAired BY DAVE LOTT

As the Chairman of the 2014 Spring Show, I would like to thank all of the members who came out to participate. I believe the event was a definite success. This year's show involved 91 registered cars with 88 ultimately participating. Our previous record for this venue was last year at 75 entries. We can attribute our success to a number of things: great weather, creative ideas from members, and a tremendous participation by club members and those wishing to become club members. Workers were ready and willing to do any and everything to help in our endeavor.



I relied on former Chairperson, Jim Enriquez, for guidance and he came through with whatever assistance I needed. Esther Enriquez jumped in on the day of show and took over registrations, a job she has performed repeatedly in the past, and proceeded to accurately handle the task.

Marge Rhode took control of the job of tabulation (as she has done in the past shows, both Thorobred Thunder and Corvettes in the Park), allowing two people to handle what required several in the past.

Howard Katz, as in the past provided all of the sound equipment and the expertise to operate it, giving us some great music and announcing capabilities. Garry Mion agreed to Co-Chair the event and handle parking. His organizational and engineering capabilities were beyond value in staging 88 easily-damaged vehicles in an array appreciated by entrants and pedestrian traffic. His computer skills with regard to our car show spreadsheets have made it possible for me to easily enter all pre-registration info, add day of show info, and make two-person tabulation possible.



The five listed above were part of the more than 30 members and possible future members who jumped in, offering to help in any way possible. This is what makes CCA a great club. Another huge factor in the presentation of the show was the assistance of our corporate sponsor, Thorobred Chevrolet, in delivering all of our show supplies at a very early hour.

Since this was an "all net proceeds to charity" show, it is gratifying to be able to give a substantial donation to our designated charity 'Packages from

Home.' A final figure is not currently available, but it appears our expenses were a little less than last year and our income was significantly more.

Thanks to all of you,

Dave

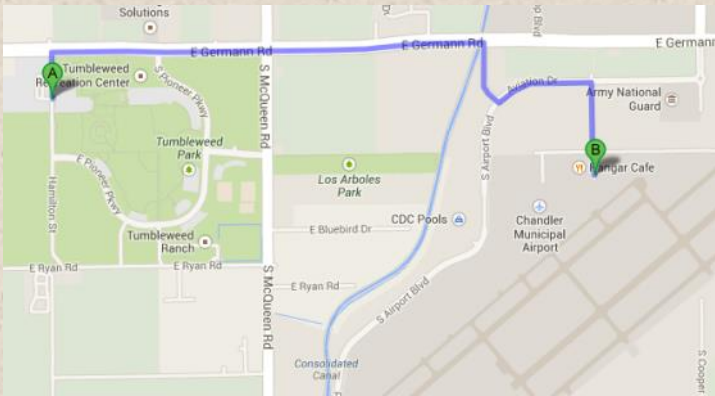


VETTES & BOMBERS

CHAired BY BILL RHODE

The 7th annual Chandler Airport Dayz was held on April 6th. It was another sunny and warm day, but the slight breeze did make it more enjoyable (as did the shade of an airplane wing).

Members met at the Tumbleweed Recreation Center parking lot, before embarking on the 1.7mi drive to the airport. Thus—Bill likes to refer to this as the “World’s Shortest Driver.”



At specific times during the day members were allowed to drive their cars by the planes to take pictures. Of course this is done when no planes are expected to land or take off.



During the event, which is open to the public, you could walk around the planes, take a helicopter ride, and check out other activities that were set up. There was even a live band playing.

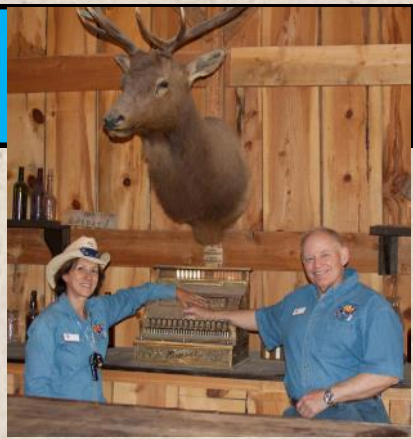
Our thanks to Bill for organizing the event...



CCA FOUNDERS DAY

HOSTED BY DENISE & DAVE LOTT

The morning of April 12 started with 17 cars heading south on I-10 to a destination that no one had previously visited. We were off to Gammons Gulch, north of Benson. Gammons Gulch, the old Western town, is one man's dream and passion, and the setting for many movies that seek authenticity. A brief description from their website describes:



An 1890's town and mining camp recreated like the Wild West really was, along with antique cars and movie memorabilia. Everything in Gammon's Gulch is authentic, from the working telegraph to the shingle nails. Even the outhouses were originally used by Old West cowboys.



After entering the town and being able to park our Corvettes in front of those old buildings, Jay Gammons, the owner and creator of this site, began taking the group on a tour of each building. Jay was described as a comedian, a great storyteller, and a man who loves his work.



As lunch was being set up, Jay brought the group to the Saloon, showing many photos from early movie days and event that took place at Gammons Gulch. Then Jay started playing the old-time piano as we began to gather our lunch items.



After lunch Jay headed out again with the group, continuing to entertain with his tales and perspectives until our Founders Day cake was brought into the Saloon in celebration of the 39th anniversary of the Corvette Club of Arizona. This time Jay switched to the harmonica as we sang Happy Birthday to CCA.



It was a novel trip for everyone, with good weather (although those old towns can be windy and dusty), fun entertainment, new historical experiences, and, as always, great camaraderie.



HIGHWAY CLEANUP

HOSTED BY SANDY AND DEAN SAMPLE

We had a good turn out for the clean up on Saturday. There were 12 for breakfast at Hoosiers. There were another 6 who met us at McDonalds. Although it looked like it might rain at any-time, we lucked out and it didn't (OK... there were a few drops a couple of times). We did have a little wind though.

The highway was in pretty good shape so it took only about an hour to finish up. The Rays won the gift card at the end of the day. Nobody found anything of value. Bob McDougall did pick over 1,000 cigarette butts though. That must be a record.

Thanks to everyone who showed up.

Lets do it again the fall.

Dean



NCCC GOVERNER'S REPORT

BY MIKE TERREY



The Roadrunner Region is losing two members who have been the driving force in the region for more than 10 years.

Debi and Paul Hamersly have served as the Regional Executive and Competition Director, representing our region at the National NCC level. They have sold their Corvettes and joined the "Dark Side", Porsche. Since they no longer own a Corvette they have resigned from their regional positions effective in July. Ever since I joined the Corvette community in 2002 I have benefited from their inspiration and leadership, always there to provide assistance and direction.

This is a great loss for the Region and they will be missed.

There has been a decline in NCCC membership in the Roadrunner Region. In 2010 there were 1,200 members in 2014 we are down to 791 members. The NCCC membership in our club has actually increased to 92 members. With the popularity of the new Stingray I think this trend in the region will be reversed.

For those Corvette drivers who feel the need for speed the Autocross Season continues with 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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