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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This was the year all Corvette enthusiasts were anxiously waiting for, and it appears the C7 Stingray has exceeded everyone's expectations! The 2014 Stingray will no doubt mark a turning point in Corvette history.

It was also a turning point for CCA, unless some of the old timers want to correct me. I don't think we have ever had a Corvette join us at the Awards Banquet? Sheryl and Nancy were not to be outdone by Chevy. They too exceeded our expectations. Our banquet was as new and exciting as the Stingray in the room.

Congratulations go to Garry Mion, our Outstanding Member of the Year! Your championing and appreciation for the Corvette marquee is contagious. We appreciate your Chairing Thorobred Thunder, serving as Crosstalk Editor, hosting several Super Bowl Parties and the many other ways in which you support our members individually and contribute to the entire club.

With this year's themed Christmas Party by the Hitzel newlyweds, Joe and Jen successfully inspired our members to adopt dozens of ugly sweaters from Arizona's Goodwill stores and no doubt many others have had a stay of dumpstercution.

As always, enough thanks cannot be given to our event hosts. Without you, we simply would not have a club.

This is my final President's Message. I am honored with the confidence you have placed in me over the last two years and have enjoyed this opportunity to serve as President. I would like to congratulate our board members and volunteers for their excellent work and dedication to the club.

I look forward to all the great CCA events we will enjoy together in 2014.

Happy Trails,

Scott

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Forget about the past, you
can't change it.
Forget about the future, you
can't predict it.

Forget
about the
present, I
didn't get
you one.

February

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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

January	February	March	April
<p>1- New Years Day</p> <p>9- Membership meeting Floridino's 7:00PM</p> <p>20- Sweet Basil Cooking Class Bassett</p> <p>23- Board meeting Lott 7:30PM</p> <p>29-PFH Packing Party Dave Lott</p> 	<p>1 - PFH Packing Party Dave Lott</p> <p>2 - Super Bowl Party Mions</p> <p>6- Membership meeting Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p>20- Board meeting Enriquez 7:30PM</p> 	<p>1 - Ostrich Festival Parade Bill Rhode</p> <p>6- Membership meeting 7:00PM</p> <p>20 - Board meeting Kerber 7:30PM</p> <p>29 - Corvettes In The Park Dave Lott</p> 	<p>3- Membership meeting Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p>? - Highway Cleanup Sample</p> <p>17- Board meeting Hitzel 7:30PM</p> <p>20 - Easter Sunday</p> <p>? - CCA Founder's Day</p> 

ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

2014 Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

Last Update: November 28, 2013

RR-303-001/002	Desert Corvette Association	February 16	Sweetheart Car Show
	1st Quarter Governor's Meeting	February 16	Location TBD
	NCCC National Meeting	February 21-23	St. Louis
RR-303-00x	Corvette Club of Arizona	March 29	Corvettes In The Park
	TVS	April 12-13	Autocrosses in Sierra Vista
	NACC National Meeting	May 25	St. Louis
RR-426-001	Verde Valley Vettes	May 15	All Chevy Show
RR-426-002/003	Verde Valley Vettes	October 14	Monopoly Run/Poker Run 1
RR-426-004/005	Verde Valley Vettes	October 15	Poker Run 2/Poker Run 3
RR-303-00x	Corvette Club or Arizona	November 8th	Thorobred Thunder

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

HOSTED BY THE SAMPLES

This year we were a little light on participants, although initially there were many people interested. My hard working group consisting of Jim and Ester Enriquez, Rich and Angie Kosina, Kathy Berryman, Bill Hayden, Mark Godina, John Veirs and Sandy and myself. When I asked for volunteers I got so many I called and canceled some of the extra people. Well... I learned you never have too many. In April I will take all I can get and break the groups up into smaller numbers.

I want to thank all of you that showed up for it would have been a problem if you weren't such good workers. Jim and Ester won the gift card this time. Bill Hayden found a dollar bill, far from the \$100.00 that was found in the past. And someone found a Canadian dollar coin.

STREET OF DREAMS

HOSTED BY MARGE RHODE

It was a picture-perfect fall morning as 21 Corvettes turned onto the Street of Dreams in Whitewing at Germann Estates in Gilbert. We were there for two reasons - to show our beautiful Corvettes and to tour the five fantastic model homes. When the show opened at 10:00, the cars had been parked and everyone was free to start their self-guided tour.



The five houses each offered a different architectural style and were completely furnished and decorated by five different interior designers. There were so many design ideas that you couldn't possibly notice all of them in just one visit - but we tried! Amenities included such things as interior courtyards, retractable glass walls, an indoor shooting range, a tequila room, hidden vaults, a life size chess set, outdoor living rooms and a variety of custom tile work and ceiling details.

Club members gathered in the concession tent as they finished touring the homes to socialize and complete their ballots for the Best Of Show awards (winners to be announced on December 2nd).



At 1:00, we started our engines and left the Street of Dreams, with many of us adjourning to Cantina Laredo for lunch.

Thanks to all of you who participated - it was a great turnout!

AWARDS BANQUET

HOSTED BY NANCY HAGEN & SHERYL KATZ

This year's CCA Awards Banquet was held at the Phoenix Airport Plaza Hotel (now the Crowne Plaza Hotel) on Saturday, December 7th. The big surprise was the C7 theme, including the Hagan's shiny new "RRKTSHP" displayed in the center of the Ballroom! Forty-nine CCA members attended the gala affair to celebrate the membership and usher in the Christmas Season. The theme colors were black, white, and gold plus of course, lots of red and green for Christmas.

For those who were unable to attend, to keep the surprise under wraps, doors were closed until the grand opening at 6:00pm. Everyone entered down a custom highway carpet, bordered by red velvet ropes and chrome stanchions and greeted by the hosts on each side, flanked by lovely red poinsettias. WOW, CCA members were dressed to the nines and looked fantastic in their evening attire!



The festivities began with Cocktail Hour where everyone was encouraged to visit, mingle and enjoy the décor. Specialty drinks were created for the evening and included a Corvettini, a C7, and a Stingray. After settling in and using place cards to reserve a seat, picking up this year's ornament and Program booklet, members roamed about enjoying each other and the wonderful ambiance in the room. There was plenty to enjoy – the CCA Ornaments Tree showcasing most of the CCA ornaments from past years (Thank You Sandy Duhaime!); a 2013 slideshow featuring the membership, BOD and highlighting events throughout the year; Table Talk Trivia; and of course, the new C7 and Christmas. To set the tone throughout the evening, we were serenaded by the lovely and talented Vocalist/Pianist, Theresa Coe. About ½ way through Cocktail Hour, Barb Bassett and Denise Lott took photos of everyone by the C7 and Christmas tree.

Next up was dinner. The Hotel's Banquet Staff served us our delectable entrees (Filet Mignon, Salmon, and Cornish Hen). After dinner, the evening's program kicked off with a special treat, Comedian Mark Cordes, the "Spouse Whisperer". He certainly got us laughing, especially with his description of the "Four Phases of Marriage". Dessert was then served at the high top bar tables.



The highlight of the evening was the Awards segment. The program commenced with recognition of various members, profiling 'WHO' we are, (e.g., Welcome new members, applause for Vintage members, membership seniority, snow birds, special occasion celebrations, etc.) followed by Thanks - to Thorobred, our 2013 Event Hosts, and also, to everyone who helped



make this year's Banquet so wonderful. The outgoing 2013 Board of Directors was recognized as well as the incoming 2014 Board of Directors and of course, our Web Mistress, our Online Newsletter Editor, and our Vette Set Dining Chair. We THANK YOU all for your Service; it takes a lot of effort and time and on behalf of the membership, we appreciate all you do.

To wrap things up, in Jim Enriquez's absence, Marge Rhode, then presented the most honored award of the evening to Garry Mion, our CCA Member of the Year. A huge round of applause ensued - CONGRATULATIONS Garry; well deserved!!

AWARDS BANQUET

CONTINUED

Keeping with CCA's tradition, the "You Neak" awards, secretly submitted by various CCA members, were presented - gag gifts were given to those special individuals who stood out in their unique way this past year:

- George Ray and Joe Hitzel: CCA's 2013 "Proud Packers". Nested bags, packing material, and duct tape for the used car parts to stow in the airplane overhead on your next trip to Carlisle or, wherever!
- Denise Lott, Janet Ray, and Jim Kerber: CCA's 2013 "Poster Pinups". Who can possibly top Jim's St. Patrick's Day look, Denise's pose with the Fire Truck Hose, and Janet's cheesecake at the Mob Museum lineup?
- Frank Hagan: For those important "Butt Calls".
- Karen Mion: CCA's Favorite "SHUSHER". Who else could "Shhh!!" unnecessary chatter with such a polite manner and a smile on her face?
- Darlene Heavlin: Our 'Miss Bubbly & Cutsie", forever the fun, happy organizer and welcoming personality - CCA's 2013 "Betty Boop".
- Sandy Duhaime and Patty Friesz: Carry the heaviest purses because... they're filled with lots of change. Well, it's time to "Lighten the Load"... A nested Styrofoam banking system for small change, that fits nicely into the Corvette.
- Norma Marsh: Cupid's Capable Assistant, angel wings to our 2013 "Match Maker"!
- Gail Baldacchino: CCA's 2013... Best Bad Ass Temper Tantrum!
- Garry Mion: AKA... "Mister Pro with White Space" for his professional manner, managing the unmanageable, ensuring smooth operations, and great attitude.
- Scott Feck: CCA's 2013 "Common Sense" Pundit - ready and willing to give his two cents worth on any subject.
- Marshes, Frieszes, and Lotts: CCA's 2013 "Little Stinkers" - who else would run over skunk in the middle of the road?!?
- Sheryl Katz: "Little Miss Sunshine" for the smiles she brings to CCA members and her fun and novel gifts for special occasions and CCA activities.



Then, the giveaways and Raffles! The C7 Centerpieces were bestowed upon winners who found a CCA Awards Banquet medallion concealed in their chair bow (John Veirs, Dave Lott, John Marsh, Karen Mion, Darlene Heavlin, Joyce Riffle, and Phil Duhaime). Then of course, thanks to Jim Kerber, the 50-50: George Ray walked away with \$100!! This year, we had numerous donations so we had a 'grab bag' Raffle where 19 members picked a surprise gift. Donors included: certificates for Dragon Wok, Tito's Auto Detail; Thorobred Chevrolet free Lube/Oil/Filter; 24-hr Fitness 30-day All-club pass; Cantina Laredo; Floridino's; Rosati's; a Hotel stay; the Welcome Table centerpiece; car detailing kit; Corvette racing mouse pad; and a boxed C7 car model. Also, the high top bar table centerpieces were take-aways, first come, first served.

After the Awards Program, dance time! We all enjoyed the music while lots of folks were out on the dance floor for the rest of the evening. At one point, there was a cluster of about eight, where was the camera?!? Many members also stayed overnight so after the Ballroom was emptied of our belongings and CCA 'stuff', a champagne toast was made and the party continued in the Hotel Bar.

It was our pleasure to host this year's Banquet! We made a great team because we had the same vision from day one: we wanted to focus on the membership and were thrilled that the C7 was introduced this year. The Corvette is the bond between all of us in CCA so the two themes resulted in endless ideas - we inspired each other and ideas kept flowing; our biggest challenge was reigning ourselves in. The individual members in this Club are what make CCA the best.

We thank you all for coming and hope you enjoyed this year's Awards Banquet!

HOLIDAY PARTY

BY NEWLYWEDS JENNIFER AND JOE HITZEL

It was wonderful weather for an Ugly Sweater. Ugly is truly in the eye of the beholder. Our guests were very creative with lights and bows and garland and patches and sequins. We donned sweaters and sweatshirts and vests and even a tree skirt (Rob Deacon). Some sweaters were ugly on their own, no help from embellishments (Marge Rhode, Pat Jenkins, Nancy Hagan, Jennifer Hitzel, Bill Berryman, and Bruce Mundy). Several couples had coordinated sweaters (Marshes, Swansons, Yarussos). We even had a set of conjoined twins sporting a red-striped sweater with a bird on their shoulder (Howard and Sheryl). We were impressed at how festively tacky the sweater embellishments were.

There were 57 CCA party-goers in attendance at the merrily decorated Hitzel home. Before dinner we all voted on our "favorite" sweater category. Frank Hagan "used to live in Mr. Rogers' neighborhood." Gail Baldacchino actually did "wear her sweater with stirrup pants in the 90s." With his strategically placed front and back embellishments along with wearing an antlers headband, Garry Mion knew "kids in elementary school love his sweater." Norma Marsh and Rob Deacon tied for wearing a sweater "made by Great Aunt Bessie." Bob Davenport "borrowed his sweater from Cliff Huxtable." Wearing a moth-eaten, faded, striped sweater, Nancy Hagan "knew there was a reason she kept her sweater." And our final category, the "couple with the best matching/coordinated sweaters," was a landslide victory for Howard and Sheryl Katz.

We feasted on salad and lasagna from RigaTony's, with some folks even braving the cold to dine on the back patio near the fire. Then it was time for the white elephant gift grab. Alcohol, Corvette tumblers, a Corvette wallet, and gift cards were popular and frequently snatched. And, of course, there are always a few people in the group (Howard Katz, Bill Berryman, Barb Bassett) whose gifts kept getting stolen.

We shared lots of laughter and Christmas cheer! It was a fabulous evening!

November 30th, 2014



Congratulations and Best Wishes From CCA!



2ND ANNUAL CORVETTES @ BONDURANT

BY JIM ENRIQUEZ

The 2nd Annual Corvettes@Bondurant event took place on October 26 & 27, 2013. The event was not a NCCC sanctioned event, but well over 100 Corvettes and their owners participated in the two day program.



From CCA, Mike Terrey and I were the only ones to attend. The event was especially fun for Mike and me since we were joined by several of our autocrossing Corvette buddies. It was a great weekend to really experience the high speed aspects of our Corvettes – No comparison to driving on the street or even a lone country road where “some” drivers may have a tendency to push the speedometer. Hitting the century mark on a long straight road is child’s play compared to running a course with turns and curves while pushing to reach 100+ as you come roaring into the braking zone for that ugly turn ahead.

We all know our cars can generate speed, but if you’ve never run a track or autocross event, you don’t have much of an appreciation for the rapid combination of powerful acceleration, high speeds, hard braking plus multiple turns and maneuvers coming at you each and every lap. I was certainly ready for a break at the end of each track session as I needed a pit stop dry my palms, rest my fatigued arms and shoulders and to calm my racing heart.

I personally am not really into running track events like we did over the weekend. However, the event is well controlled by the experts at Bondurant to insure safety and a fun driving experience. On both tracks that we ran, no passing was allowed for safety purposes. To accommodate the faster drivers, each group of drivers would rotate off the track and you could reposition yourself within your group based on skill level. Since we had no miss-haps during the weekend, coupled with the huge grin on everyone’s face, it must have meant we had a fantastic weekend playing with our tremendously well engineered cars.

In addition to running on two separate high speed tracks, we participated in autocrossing and go-carting each day. On the first day our group finished the day driving the go-carts. The handling of the carts was excellent since the surface and tires were nice and warm. However, on the second day we ran first thing in the morning when the surface and the tires were cold. Boy, what a difference the temperature made in handling responsiveness – just like it would for any vehicle, including Corvettes.



Lunch was provided by Bondurant on both days. In addition, we had a banquet on Saturday night with lots of race stories by Bob Bondurant and the nationally and internationally known, race car drivers on his staff. Sunday afternoon was wrapped up with award presentations and prize drawings. Mike Terrey was super lucky in that he won the drawing for a two-day C7 Corvette experience at Bondurant.

However, luck is no match for skill as I walked away with the title for fastest time on the autocross course. Fortunately, there were no times recorded for the track events so Mike has no proof as to how badly he beat me on the high speed courses.

Plans are in the works for the 3rd Annual Corvettes @ Bondurant. Hopefully we’ll have more of our club members attending next year’s event.





NCCC GOVERNER'S REPORT

BY MIKE TERREY



As we close out 2013 a brief recap of our club's NCCC activities; Gimmick Rallye, Corvettes in the Park Car Show, 7 Autocross events and wrapped up the year with Thorobred Thunder Car Show. overall we were one of the most active clubs in the Region using all 10 of our NCCC sanctions.

Corvette Club of Arizona ranked 2nd for overall participation in Roadrunner regional events in 2013 attending 36 of 39 events. CCA was the Champion Club in 2012. We can get back to #1 if we just get out and attend events that other clubs host in our region, if we support other clubs events they will be more supportive of events we host.

So far we only have Corvettes in the Park 3/29/14 and Thorobred Thunder XV planned, so if anyone wants to host an event we have 8 open sanctions.

For the complete NCCC region schedule go to www.ncccroadrunner.com

CCA has grown to 87 NCC memberships.

Congratulations to Pat Jenkins who won the Roadrunner Region Ladies Championship for 2013. She completed 32 of the 39 region's events.

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.

February 22 for Vol8Iss1 April 25 for Vol8Iss2 June 26 for Vol8Iss3

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

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