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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we wind down the year, well into the 4th quarter, our minds draw to some of CCA biggest and best events. I would like to thank the Hills and Lotts for hosting our MMT, and with our record setting Thoroughbred Thunder just a week ago, all can attest to the great job of Garry Mion and his cast of dozens.

Mike Terrey and the Lunds also stepped up with an Auto Cross and driver respectively. I did not make the Auto Cross, but I suspect those who went to both will agree, keeping up with Sharon on the driver was no less of a driving challenge than the autocross! Sheryl Katz hosted a group to an enjoyable evening with the Scottsdale Chorus at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Thanks to all of you.

Congratulations to our 2014 Board of Directors:

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Our activities for the year are far from over - we have our Highway Clean-Up, Street of Dreams participation opportunity, the Christmas Party and Awards Banquet still to come. Nancy & Sheryl have spent the better part of the year planning every detail of our annual Awards Banquet. Although they are keeping many details a surprise, those they have shared, along with personally seeing the newly remodeled banquet room at a facility we have not used in the past, makes this an even more anticipated Awards Banquet for me and a not to be missed event for any club member. Have you sent in your RSVP?

Scott



UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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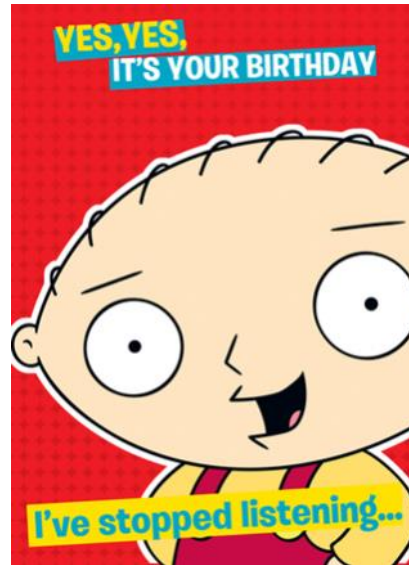
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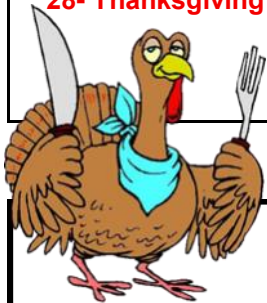
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UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

November	December	January	February
<p>2- Thorobred Thunder Mion</p> <p>7- Membership meeting Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p>Election of 2014 Officers</p> <p>9- Highway Cleanup Sample</p> <p>11- Veterans Day</p> <p>17- Show your Vette at Street of Dreams Rhode</p> <p>21- Board meeting 7:30PM Godina Residence</p> <p>28- Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>5- Membership meeting Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p>7- Awards Banquet Hagan & Katz</p> <p>19- Board meeting 7:30PM Feck Residence</p> <p>21- Christmas Party Hitzel</p> <p>25- Christmas</p>	<p></p> <p>1- New Years Day</p> <p>2- Membership meeting 7:00PM</p> <p>23- Board meeting 7:30PM</p> <p></p>	<p>2 - Super Bowl</p> <p>6- Membership meeting 7:00PM</p> <p>20- Board meeting 7:30PM</p> <p></p>



ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

2013 Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

Last Update: October 30th, 2013

RR-426-007	VVV	Gimmick Rallye	11/16/2013	Photo Rallye" Cottonwood AZ
RR-426-008	VVV	Chance Rallye	11/16/2013	Cottonwood AZ
RR-587-006	PV	Gimmick Rallye	11/16/2013	El Paso – Fabens TX
RR-587-007	PV	Chance Rallye	11/16/2013	El Paso – Fabens TX

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR 2013

HOSTED BY TOM & NANCY HILL AND DAVE & DENISE LOTT

CCA's annual Magical Mystery Trip is over but the memories continue. This event is CCA's signature driver each year as members gather to follow their hosts, with no inkling of where they are headed for the next three days. We met up in Carefree and headed west. Our first activity was in Kingman for a guided tour of the Mohave Museum. The Hall of Presidents was informative and yielded some of the answers to the quiz that members tried to answer along the way. A buffet lunch at the Calico Restaurant followed the museum visit.



Then it was time for the Corvettes to head out again. Which way now? Next stop was the Callahan Tillman Memorial Bridge overlooking Hoover Dam outside Las Vegas. It was pretty windy up there, and some of our group didn't handle being close to the railing as we surveyed the spectacular view. Back down in the parking lot, more of the mystery was revealed. Gifts of champagne were handed out, and the souvenir shirts—eye-catching purple—were distributed.



The packets revealed that the destination for this evening was the Golden Nugget Casino on Fremont Street in Las Vegas. At the hotel we had time for a short rest, a gambling interlude, or a relaxing drink before the buffet dinner. Then it was out for the Fremont Street Experience, with its renowned overhead laser show, three bands playing, and dressed up characters of every ilk—Cupid was a highlight!



Heading out the next morning, our first stop was at the Mob Museum. Lots of interactive exhibits were good fits for our group—the line-ups asking “How Did It Come to This?” or the electric chair, the Tommy guns, and most of all the history of activities in the U.S., leading to their establishment in Las Vegas. Triple

Georges served a great lunch, and then a shuttle picked us up for a ride to visit the Automobile Collection at The Quad. From the Auto exhibit it was a short walk over to Harrah's for the Mac King Comedy/Magic show. His tricks and patter entertained us all. After a ride back to the Casino, we were on our own for the evening. However most of us chose to dine at the hotel's buffet again and then attend the Gordie Brown show. His ability to mimic such a wide repertoire of famous people, both with speech and facial characteristics, was amazing.



Sunday morning had our car enthusiasts heading to the NASCAR track at the Las Vegas Speedway. Following a buffet meal in the Race Day Café, we boarded a shuttle for a tour of the facility. Yes, we could definitely be comfortable in those VIP suites!

And so another Magical Mystery Trip wrapped up and the group headed home. Special thanks go to our main photographer, Patty Friesz, who put together the slide show of our adventures.

Can't wait till next year's Mystery event!

FALL DRIVER

HOSTED BY THE BRUCE & SHARON LUND

We ordered beautiful weather for the day and it arrived as planned.

Several of the CCA participants arrived early at Denny's for breakfast. After breakfast we all congregated around the Rhode's 2014 Corvette. It is a beauty. Everyone was required to draw 2 cards for their poker hand at this time as there were not enough stops left for single draws. We had water, soda and snacks in our car for everyone to enjoy and enjoy they did.



We left at 10:00 and headed north to Payson. In Payson we stopped at the Walmart parking lot, found a spot where we could all park together (again the Rhode's Corvette was the center of attention). It was suggested that everyone use the restroom because the next stop was in Camp Verde. Everyone drew a 3rd card for their poker hand and several people paid to buy a different card to improve their hand.

We left Payson and headed North to W 260. It is a very beautiful drive to Camp Verde. This is one of our favorite drives in Arizona. We planned to stop at the McDonalds so everyone could use the restroom if needed and get a drink if needed. While at McDonalds the mayor of Camp Verde saw us and came to talk to us. He suggested that it would be fun if we would drive in their parade for Camp Verde Days. We told him to let us know when.

We left Camp Verde and headed South on I-17 to the Rock Springs Café (best pie in the country) where we had reservations for 38 people at 2:30. As it turned out drove too fast and got there early so we were directed to an outside patio for drinks until the room was ready. We decided that was a good time to give out the prizes.



Dave and Kathy Golec won first prize of \$35.00 for best hand with an all hearts flush. (Can't tell you how much that cost them).



John and Jane Veirs won second prize of \$15.00 with 2 pair Jack's and 9's.

Other fabulous prizes were given to Dean and Sandy Sample, Jim and Esther Enriquez, Jim and Patti Kerber, Bill and Kathy Berryman and Phil and Sandy Duhaime.

Our dining room was finally ready. We ate, drank, had lots of conversation and fun with our CCA friends.

We invited everyone to our home after supper for more fun and drinks if wanted. Bob and Barb Bassett, Dean and Sandy Sample, Scott and Diane Feck and Frank and Nancy Hagan followed us home where we had drinks and more food. It was a very fun driver, beautiful weather, and great friends. It was all a person could ask for.



Bruce and Sharon

THOROBRED THUNDER XIV

BY GARRY MION

It was a bit of test to see if moving the show out into November would yield more cars, and for this year the test went well. 170 cars officially registered for the show, with 40 of them doing so on the day of the show. All this resulted in ~160 cars actually being parked on the field. We handed out 57 trophies and collected ~\$2000 (registrations and vendor donations) for Packages From Home.



This year we saw a larger than normal turnout of Camaros (20), Chevelles (10), and full-size Chevys (16) along with a very strong Corvette showing (93). We even had two Vegas show up. The parking team, headed by Bill Berryman and Mark Godina, did a great job getting all those cars parked in a smooth and orderly fashion. Given we had so many cars, this kept Dave Lott's check-in and registration teams pretty busy as well—and they managed to keep the lines flowing and avoided any significant backup of cars waiting to get in. I have received several emails from participants saying that the overall experience of entering and getting parked went extremely well, and I can't thank all of you enough. I do hope you will all volunteer again next year.

Throughout the day there were various members out selling raffle tickets, managing traffic flow, handing out prizes, cleaning up, and just being there to help out where needed. Thank you for all of your support.

So what's up for next year? The exact date is not confirmed, but I will be looking at either Nov 1st or 8th, sticking with our overall desire to not move back into October. Based on some early show feedback, I will be implementing a few changes to help clarify work schedules and simplify the sign-up process to ensure everyone who volunteers (or wants to volunteer) doesn't get lost. I'll be starting much earlier on the show flyer so that we have them available throughout the year to promote our show while members are at other shows/events. If you have other suggestions—just send me an email.



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 a specific newsletter.

September 28th for Vol7Iss5 December 28 for Vol7Iss6

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



NCCC GOVERNER'S REPORT

BY MIKE TERREY



The time has come to renew our NCCC membership, so I would like to review a few of the benefits of National Corvette Council membership.

1. NCCC promotes and enhances the Corvette ownership experience by promoting events and activities that bring Corvette owners together.
2. Provides a 5 million dollar liability insurance policy to cover events that are available to NCCC members at no additional charge.

The Roadrunner Region RCD Paul Hamersly reported that only 37 of the 825 Roadrunner Region members have participated in events by other Corvette Clubs in the region more than 15 miles away from home.. The Corvette Club of Arizona has used all 10 of our sanctions but we still find our club in 2nd place, behind DCA, due to a lack of participation by our club members in events put on by other clubs in the region. Let us all get more active in our region, there are activities for all, Car Shows, Rallies, Autocross just to name a few. For the complete schedule go to www.ncccroadrunner.com

On a final note I would like to give a shout out to one of our club members who is representing our club in the region.

The Tortoise and the Hare: Pat, aka "Speed," Jenkins is not always the fastest of the ladies who race in Autocross events, but by entering 15 of 18 of the region's autocross events she has overtaken the other women and is in line to win the Region Championship. GO Pat Go..

AWARDS BAQUET UPDATE

BY NANCY HAGAN & SHERYL KATZ



CCA Awards Banquet

The seeds have been sown and we're ready to celebrate the harvest... this year's Awards Banquet, On Saturday, **December 7th**, it's time to party - celebrating the membership and recognizing member achievements and contributions this past year, including a big THANK YOU to our 2013 Board, a WELCOME to the 2014 Board, and presentation of those fun YOU-NEAK awards. In keeping with the Club's tradition, there'll also be a dash of Christmas to kickoff the Holiday season.

The annual Awards Banquet is one of CCA's two biggest events of the year (the other is the MMT). It's our ONE and ONLY formal affair – dress up, cocktails, sit down dinner, and entertainment too. And, you'll have an option to make this a *second honeymoon*... there'll be a special offer to stay at the hotel that night.

This year, the membership was asked for input so, we're stirring it up a bit - something new and exciting; a little *twist* to spice things up from previous years. It's a full membership event so many of you will be helping - we're recruiting lots of folks to help put their signature on this grand event. And, there will be a big SURPRISE!! Maybe a contest too, to guess what it is...stay tuned!

So WHERE will it be held? In our quest to find a new venue that is affordable and classy, we evaluated 17 places and the one that fit our needs the best is.... *drum roll* please.... Frank and Darlene Heavlin's Hotel by the Airport, currently named the "Phoenix Airport Plaza Hotel". It's located at 44th Street and Washington, on the northwest corner – you may remember it when it was the Holiday Inn or Crowne Plaza. The name will be changed one more time shortly. Adding to the excitement, the hotel is currently being FULLY renovated which means the Awards Banquet will be one of the first premier events in their newly updated Ballroom!

Invitations were mailed at the end of October, so if you have not received yours by now please contact us.

So, what are your next steps?

- R.S.V.P. – fill out your invitation response cards and send them on to Nancy.
- Submit "YOU-NEAK" ideas; the zanier, the better. ALL are welcome.

Be there! Our goal for this year is to increase participation and have close to 100%.

We're looking forward to a fun time at this year's gala affair celebrating the CCA membership!

NCM '09 CARAVAN

BY JIM & PATTI KERBER

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green Kentucky officially opened in September, 1994. It is a treasure trove of Corvette history. Ever since then, in five year intervals, NCM has sponsored a national caravan of Corvettes from all across North America to the museum. The event is orchestrated so that individual caravans from a variety of locations all arrive at the NCM at a designated date and time before Labor Day weekend. This is quite a feat, similar to herding cats. Caravan leaders are really challenged to meet the arrival time and keep a tight time schedule. After arriving at the NCM, there are activities in the first part of Labor Day weekend to celebrate the anniversary of the museum opening.



We participated in the Arizona/New Mexico caravan in 2009 (the 15th anniversary) with our 2004 medium spiral gray metallic convertible. There were several very early departure days as well as long days driving, not to mention the challenge of keeping an ever growing number of Corvettes together. Our caravan started from Courtesy Chevrolet in Phoenix on a Monday morning with about 60 Corvettes. By Monday evening we arrived at Galles Chevrolet in Albuquerque where we were treated to a great barbecue dinner hosted by Galles. Another 15 Corvettes from New Mexico joined us in Albuquerque, bringing us to 75 Corvettes. Tuesday we drove to Oklahoma City where we picked up another 5 Corvettes. David Stanley Chevrolet hosted us with

pizza for dinner. Wednesday we drove to Jackson, TN where road construction threw us a curve. We had to take a back roads route to avoid construction on I-65. Worse, we had to leave before

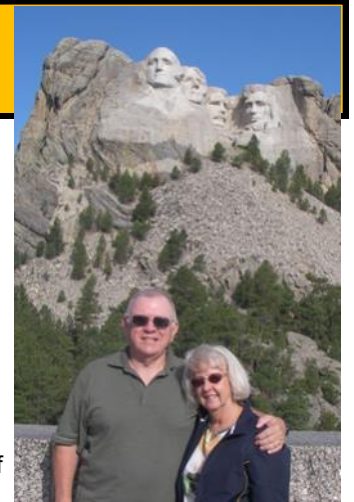
6:00 AM to meet our arrival time at the NCM in Bowling Green, KY. While one of us was grumbling about the early hour, and the other swore he heard banjo music, this became one of the more memorable segments of the trip. The country side was beautiful, and the roads had enough curves to make it fun to drive in a Corvette. It was a pleasant change from the four lane divided interstate highways we had been driving.

We arrived at the NCM at the designated time on Thursday morning, and the sight was incredible. The parking lot was filled with over 5,000 Corvettes, including many with rare options and/or rare colors. The NCM was crowded with fellow Corvette enthusiasts from all over the country. A caravan from Michigan was staying at the same hotel we were staying at. Their contingent included a blue 1954 Corvette driven to Bowling Green. Part of their drive included a stop at the Indianapolis 500 track where all participants did a lap on the track. The 1954 burned some valves on the way down and had to stay in Bowling Green for repairs.

The NCM is a great place for Corvette enthusiasts to visit. There are many historically significant Corvettes and artifacts in the museum. The displays are done very well and much attention has been paid to period correctness. The NCM also has an honor role of many people who have made significant contributions to Corvette History. There are some really neat Corvettes in there, such as a V-12 C-4 and several Corvettes with significant racing history. The NCM store had so much great merchandise that we had to visit a UPS store in Bowling Green to mail goodies home.

The NCM is close to the Bowling Green Assembly Plant where all Corvettes have been assembled since June, 1981. The Assembly Plant tour was incredible. We were able to see some of the frame manufacturing, the installation of running gear on the frame, assembly of interiors, installation of body panels, engine installation, systems checkout, and first start of a new Corvette. The workers on the assembly line took time to do their job correctly, and each one has the ability to stop the assembly line if they run into any difficulties. We remember one person who aligns doors asking us if our doors fit well. He has worked there for 20 years and probably installed the doors on most of our Corvettes. In addition, a few lucky members of our group were selected to drive newly assembled Corvettes off the assembly line - unfortunately we were not among those lucky ones.

Bowling Green is a very friendly and hospitable city. Every restaurant we went to commented on our Corvette shirts. It seems everyone in Bowling Green knows someone working at the plant. The people were helpful to us strangers and made us feel welcome. Although events at the NCM continued into Sunday, we left a day early on Saturday to head to Indianapolis to attend the NHRA Nationals. Sunday's NHRA qualification session was rained out, but we saw the eliminations on Monday. Then we drove to Effingham,



Entering Bowling Green



Two Rare Copper C4s Together



1969 Manta Ray Show Car

NCM '09 CARAVAN (CON'T)

IL to visit Mid America Motorworks. They have a neat Corvette museum with several rare cars. One of the cars there looked like a C-4, but was actually a C-5 under the skin. It was used by GM to test the C-5 on the road before the C-5 went into production. We bought a few Corvette goodies there with assurance from the sales staff that they would not send us more catalogs.

Our journey continued to northern Wisconsin to visit relatives, followed by a 2 day stay in Minneapolis a mile away from the Mall of America. Patti was in shopping heaven. Our journey continued to Mount Rushmore, a most impressive sight. From South Dakota we drove through Wyoming to Colorado and visited some friends in Denver. Our next stop was Santa Fe NM for a quick overnight stay. We then drove from Santa Fe back home to Chandler.

A few lessons learned on this trip:

Caravan driving can be stressful even though speed limits are being observed.

Rotating driving duties helps.

When driving in a caravan follow the route directions, not the car ahead of you.

On I-40 somewhere in Oklahoma a non caravan Corvette slipped in between a couple of caravan Corvettes. When the non caravan Corvette exited he was followed by 15 other caravan Corvettes who didn't follow the route directions-including us.

Be very wary of lower priced non brand name hotels. The Oklahoma City hotel had a serious insect problem, and the Bowling Green hotel was in terrible disrepair.

A change in plans can be good. The drive on back roads to Bowling Green was the most scenic and memorable part of the trip.

Take a different route home and see something new.



C-4 Outside, C-5 underneath

Since the NCM caravan occurs every 5 years, there will be one next year in 2014. There will be a different route to the museum and it sounds interesting. We are considering participating again. The caravan will start in Southern California, link up with Arizona participants in Williams, gather some more participants in Albuquerque, and add some more in Amarillo and Tulsa. It starts in Williams on Friday August 22, 2014 and arrives in Bowling Green on August 27, 2014. The caravan organizers have slowed the pace from the 2009 event, are taking a more scenic route, and are encouraging participants to take some side trips. The 2014 caravan will have less emphasis on keeping all participant cars together, making for an easier, more comfortable trip. These are all positive changes. We highly recommend all Corvette owners attend a NCM event at least once. For more information on the 2014 Caravan, click here [20th Anniversary Celebration](#)

SEMA 2013

BY GARRYMION

So what is SEMA you ask... it is the Specialty Equipment Market Association. Basically, if it goes on, in, or around your car and likely isn't provided by the dealer, it's at SEMA. And if they don't make it there's probably somebody there who will make it for you.

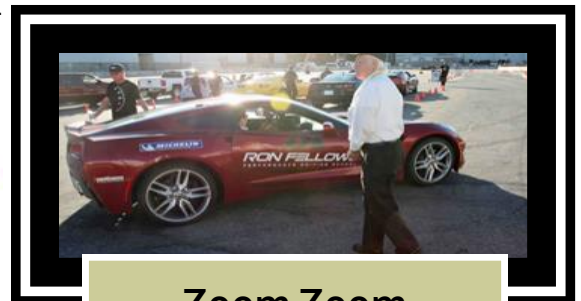
Scott Feck, Howard Katz, and I descended on Las Vegas the morning of November 5th, with big grins and multiple agendas. Ill prepared for two days of intense walking (somewhere between 5-7 miles each day), we embarked on row after row of car, truck, jeep, and trailer accessories and parts. Want to paint your car—no problem. Want to cover it in vinyl—no problem. Want to add lights—no problem. Need a new set of wheels or tires—no problem. Are you prepared to buy 10,000 units—Houston, we have a problem. Fortunately, SEMA is not necessarily all about getting orders, so I found SEMA a great place to see some new technology, talk to vendors about their products, and generally get informed from an end-user perspective. I could not possibly tell you about all the products I saw there in this newsletter, but if you're buying I'm talking. Now—it wouldn't be Las Vegas and a car-related show if there weren't a few lovely ladies to "highlight" vendor products... but let's just say that part "Stays in Vegas."

Sometimes the name just says it all



Of course, you couldn't go to something car related and not expect to run into a C7 Stingray. They were pretty much all over the place. The highlight, however, was taking hot laps in one at the GM/Ron Fellows pavilion between Central Hall and South Hall. They set up a small track there, with three C7s doing hot laps. Each of us took a lap, so check out [Scott's](#), [Howard's](#) (actually a re-creation of his lap since I couldn't find him... See if you can figure out "Where's Howard" by searching [here](#)), and [my](#) laps.

So enjoy the various pictures, and many thanks to Frank Hagen for providing us the opportunity to attend the show this year.



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SEMA 2013 (CON'T)



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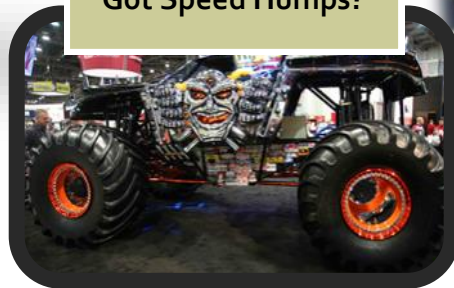
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CORVETTE WEEKEND

BY HOWARD & SHERYL KATZ



In early October, we flew to Ocean City, Maryland to participate in the 27th annual Corvette Weekend extravaganza. The Free State Corvette Club of Clarksville, Maryland hosts this event as a fundraiser for Spina Bifida patients and their families. Corvette enthusiasts from up and down the east coast attend and many travel great distances. Due to unexpected excellent weather, this year's event was an attendance record setter! Just shy of **700** Corvettes registered, plus many more drove into town as spectators.



Corvette Weekend commences Friday, with registration, vehicle tech inspection, and a welcome dinner dance with a seven piece band. Saturday is the big day with four rallies, car shows, a procession of registered cars on the two mile boardwalk, and wraps up with an awards dinner.

Having attended Plastic Fantastic in a Hertz "rent-a-Vette" this past May, we booked our trip arrangements with the expectation of again renting a Corvette at BWI for this activity. You can imagine our dismay when we discovered that no one in the metro Baltimore-Washington area rents Corvettes! Howard called all of the local clubs, Chevrolet dealers, and scoured Craigslist for a hungry Corvette owner who might rent us their personal vehicle. Consider this: would **you** loan Howard your Corvette?

Every rental lead failed to pan out, until we remembered that the owner of the Crystal Beach Hotel in Ocean City (where we have stayed many times in past summers) had a red 2001 convertible in the hotel garage. Howard contacted him, and to our delight, he said "Sure - I'd be happy to let you use my car!!" Can you imagine? The weekend was saved by one man's kindness. If you ever find yourself in Ocean City, MD, please try to stay at his fine hotel, and please say hi from us! Of course I promised to do a full detail on his car, so we packed a car cleaning kit with all kinds of nasty chemicals into our baggage.

After landing at BWI, we drove on to Ocean City. When we registered, word had spread quickly within the hosting club that a couple from Phoenix was coming. Every single one of the Free State Corvette Club's 180 members that we met was so warm and welcoming. The members who worked the event were impressive and dedicated – each doing their jobs competently and everyone was having FUN contributing.



At the Friday night welcome dinner, we received an award for coming the furthest distance! Other long distance (driving) couples came from south Florida and northern Minnesota. Several Clubs participated and the largest Club representation was a group of folks who drove down from Syracuse, NY. Many Free State Corvette members invited us back and truly want CCA to have a group participate next year. Let's see... how do we get everyone a Corvette to drive in the parade?

On Saturday morning we entered the Car Show. At about noon, morning activities were wrapped up and staging for the boardwalk parade commenced. Lining up 700 cars was quite an undertaking – it was exciting being in the midst of a sea of beautiful Corvettes, even a few C7s! We installed the flags we brought, and the CCA flag proudly flew for all to see in the Ocean City breeze.

Shortly after 4:00pm, after what seemed like a very short wait, it was our time to roll. The ride up the boardwalk was a hoot – crowds lined both sides and they cheered us on. People cheered from hotel balconies above, with local club banners unfurled high above us! Howard attempted to keeping the borrowed Vette (with a really FAST idle) going at an acceptably slow speed while grinning from ear-to-ear. Sheryl proudly waved her yellow CCA logo shirt which drew great applause and loud A-RI-ZO-NA cheers from the huddled masses along the route.

At the end of the parade route, we parked the car and were able to watch most of the remaining cars going by. Boy did we pick up some great ideas for the next Ostrich Festival Parade!!

The event was capped off by a wonderful Awards Dinner. There were some incredible prizes, starting with 8th place for the Car Show. We sadly bid our many new friends farewell, but we have already made plans to attend next year.

Needless to say, this was the Katzes big Corvette event of the year so far. But wait... the CCA Awards Banquet is coming!



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