



### *President's Message* **Jim Enriquez**

2009? What happened to 2008? Well, if we look back at the CCA Activities calendar for 2008, we can say a lot of fun events and memorable times filled the better part of the year. The driving force behind each event was the efforts of devoted club members. This has always been the strength of the Corvette Club of Arizona. I look forward to the events of 2009 and to our 2009 Board to continue to direct the efforts of our club. Our club officers for 2009 are:

Bill Rhode – Vice President  
Janet Ray – Secretary  
Patti Kerber – Treasurer  
Rhonda Deacon – Activities Chair  
Marge Rhode – Membership Chair  
Jim Kerber – Webmaster  
Bruce Mundy – NCCC Governor  
Mike Terrey – Member-at-Large  
Patty Friesz – Crosstalk Editor

In addition to our new Board Members, we've already had members step up to sponsor some of our major events for the year. However, we still need volunteers and organizers for events throughout the coming year. If you have an idea or have decided you need to help out, Rhonda Deacon is awaiting your call.

I want to extend a special thanks to our 2008 Board Members for their excellent help and guidance during the past year. It was a fun group and fortunately several members have also been elected to this year's Board as well.

Mike Terrey – Vice President  
Esther Enriquez – Secretary  
Patti Kerber – Treasurer  
Dave Friesz – Activities Chair  
Laura Halladay – Membership  
Jim Kerber – Webmaster  
Alison Stover – Crosstalk Editor  
Bruce Mundy – NCCC Governor  
Ed Addison – Member-at-Large  
Al Huizer – Member-at-Large

Esther, Laura, Dave and Alison all served the club as board members for a number of consecutive years and proved to be assets to our group. I know they will continue to be active in our club and volunteer their services and talents.

We can all look back at 2008 and feel very positive for our club's accomplishments. In addition to successful car shows at Julio G's and Thorobred Thunder, we were able to make significant cash donations to Packages-From-Home and the local food bank. Hopefully our club's efforts in 2009 will allow us to continue to support non-profit organizations.

Here's looking for a fun, active and enjoyable club for 2009!



### ***Thorobred Thunder IX***

**George Ray, Event Chairman**

I want to thank my Co-Chairman, Bill Rhode, and the committee, Bob Caccamo, Mike Terrey, Jim Enriquez, Jim Kerber and Patty Friesz for helping put together another great show. I have mentioned to some of you that Thorobred Thunder II or III is how I first heard about the club. My daughter and I attended the show as spectators and had a lot of fun.

Now I found myself chairing the event. For the first time, we had a raffle for charity. Our charity was Packages from Home. Bob even got Jim 1 and Jim 2 on TV to do a promotion. I heard it was especially difficult to do as Bill was making faces in the background the whole time.

Bill did a great job on the car show layout. The Friday night volunteers (especially Jim Wilson and Joe Hitzel) really came through when things got tough marking the lot. We needed to improvise when the chalk lines were not working out. So we used Bill's sidewalk chalk and Jim's 200 foot tape measure to finish the job just before dark on Halloween.

The morning of the show, Janet and I were the first ones there, just ahead of Mike. Shortly thereafter, the volunteers and vendors started arriving. Participants started lining up for the 8am opening of the gates. Things quickly became quite hectic as it only can with this much going on. Special thanks to Alison Stover and Esther Enriquez at the registration desk. We got all of the cars parked and the show began. In all we had 144 cars! This was a record number for Thorobred Thunder. Also, thanks to Bill, every Corvair in the country showed up (under their power too).

Packages from Home had their trailer there and sold t-shirts and received donations. Bob tirelessly acquired many contributions for our raffle. Along with other club member donations, we were able to once again have our raffle going all afternoon long. The result was over \$1,700 raised for Packages from Home.

The weather was beautiful. W. Steve Martin was DJ'ing and we had many vendors offering food and drinks and all kinds of stuff. It was a fun afternoon for everyone.

Thanks again to the committee leaders and members, and most importantly, all of the volunteers. See you next year.

George and Janet Ray

