



# Crosstalk July & August 2011

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## President's Message

Okay, it's hot! But unlike the days of old, today's Corvettes can handle the heat. As evidenced by our latest overnight driver to ghostly, Jerome, AZ. Thanks to the planning efforts of our hosts, Joe and Bernice Grassel, all the cars and all the people had a "cool" time. I am sure you will read more about the trip in this issue of Crosstalk.

### Car Show Committee:

There's a lot of activity going on behind the scenes in support of club activities. The Car Show Committee is in full swing planning and preparing for Thorobred Thunder and also our 2012 Corvettes in the Park Show. Every year it seems we have to start planning and gaining commitments earlier and earlier. Needless to say, the efforts of our car show hosts and the car show committee not only sets the stage for successful shows, but makes sure our club avoids running in the red from a budget perspective. At the next Business Meeting you will begin to see sign up sheets for club members to head up all areas of responsibility for the October 29<sup>th</sup> Thorobred Thunder show. So take a step forward and let George Ray know if you want to head up the registration desk, organize the parking crew, run the raffle booth, tabulate the vote totals or take responsibility for any of the other functions necessary for the show.

### Thorobred Thunder All Chevy Car Show Charities:

This year's Thorobred Thunder All Chevy Car Show will be in memory of Ed Golightly. Ed was a long time Thorobred Chevy employee who was also a car enthusiast and former winner of Thorobred Thunder's "Best of Show" award. Ed's former car club, the Over the Hill Car Gang, will be supporting this year's Thorobred Thunder Car show in his honor. With the additional cars being entered from both the Phoenix and Scottsdale chapters of the Over the Hill Gang, we can expect a record number of cars entered in this year's show and record number of spectators as well. In Ed's memory, and based on his family's wishes, we'll be making a donation to Hospice of the Valley. We also have our previous commitment to Packages From Home which we will honor as well. The ten dollars we collect from each entrant in this year's show will be split evenly between the two charitable organizations. It's great to see the club and its members stepping up to support organizations that help so many people.

### Activities:

Unless you still live in the 1980's, you've probably seen one or two of Scott's emails about club activities. Scott's been very active this year recruiting volunteers and event hosts. In looking at the club calendar of events, you can see just what is going on. In addition, there's the dinner group which is off to a flying and fun start. If you are interested in signing up to participate in monthly dinner outings with a small group of your fellow club members, be sure and contact Bob Caccamo, AKA "The Organizer". Based on member demand, a second dinner group can easily be formed. In the past we've also had a dine-around group that met at each other's homes on a rotating basis. That was a lot of fun as well.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming events and be sure and look for possible events you feel you or your fellow club members would enjoy. That's easier than it sounds since getting a group of club members' together just about any where or any time ends up being fun in itself.

So enjoy the heat and continue to seek out "Cool" club activities.

Take care,

Jim



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## 2011 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change

**Last Update: 06-15-2011**

July	August	September	October
7-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	4-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	1- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	6-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM
<b>2- Ladies Day Out!</b> Esther Enriquez/Marge Rhode	<b>13- August Altitude Adjustment</b> Kerbers/Swansons	<b>5-Labor Day</b>	<b>Nominations of 2012 Officers</b>
		<b>9,10,11-MMT Hagans</b>	<b>Your Event goes here</b>
21-Board meeting 7:30PM at Wilson's	18-Board meeting 7:30PM At Jenkins	15-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swansons	20-Board meeting 7:30PM at Feck's
<b>Your Event goes here</b>	<b>Your Event goes here</b>		<b>29-Thorobred Thunder</b> Bill Rhode/Gary Mion
			<b>31-Halloween</b>

## Last update: June 14, 2011 ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Regional Competition Director (RCD) - Paul Hamersly - [lt4ce@yahoo.com](mailto:lt4ce@yahoo.com)

Sanction #	Club	Type	Date	Location/Description	Info/Results
RR-241-037	EPCC	PC	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-038	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-039	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-040	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-041	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-042	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/23/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-241-043	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/24/11	Ruidoso NM	<a href="#">Info</a>
	TVS	TBD	9/3/11	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	TBD	9/4/11	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	TBD	9/5/11	Sierra Vista AZ	
			<a href="#">9/10-11/11</a>	<a href="#">Q3 NCCC Governor's Mtg St. Louis</a>	
RR-303-002-NS	DCA	Caravan	9/19-23/11	Trip to Durango CO (open to all)	
RR- 543:026-030	ACC	LS Autocross	9/24/11	Taylor AZ	



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## LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

Send your **RSVPs** for these upcoming events...

### **August Altitude Adjustment Driver, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Escape the heat of the Valley and join hosts, Jim & Patti Kerber and Bob & Pam Swanson on a driver to the High Country. The driver will take the scenic route to Flagstaff with stops in Payson and Happy Jack. The final leg of the drive will take us on the Lake Mary Road. We will stop for lunch (on your own) at Bun Huggers. After lunch you can chose to: travel to Williams and enjoy the Cool Country Cruise In Car Show. **OR** you can join another driver to the Snow Bowl and have the opportunity to take the ski lift from 9,500 feet to 12,000 feet. Remember to bring a jacket. **OR** you can leave the group and venture out on your own. **Contact Bob & Pam Swanson to join this driver.**

### **Magical Mystery Tour "36", September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

Frank & Nancy Hagan are the hosts. They have traveled on approximately 25 MMTs. They hosted the first MMT where the destination of this three-day driver was kept a secret ("Magical Mystery Tour"). There is only room for 6 more cars. Make your reservation for a fun weekend of driving, good food, lodging as well as a commemorative event shirt(s). The total cost is \$750- per couple or \$620- for a single driver. Payments are due as follows: \$100- was due 06/01, \$300- was due by 07/01. **The final payment of \$350- or \$220- (single) is due 08/01. Send Frank & Nancy your deposit to reserve your place on the 2011 MMT "36". Make checks payable to C.C.A.**

Previous MMT destinations include: Temecula, CA (So. CA wine country); Las Vegas; The Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA; Catalina Island, CA; Canyon De Chelly National Park (Navajo Indian Reservation); Silverton Rail Road, Durango, CO; The Grand Canyon National Park; The Grand Canyon Rail Road, Williams, AZ to the Grand Canyon National Park; Newport and Laguna Beaches; Sea World, San Diego, CA; Pinetop, AZ; Lake Powell; Tombstone and Kartchner Caverns, Arizona State Park.



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## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

May 21, 2011

Article by Pam Swanson

Photos by Bob Swanson



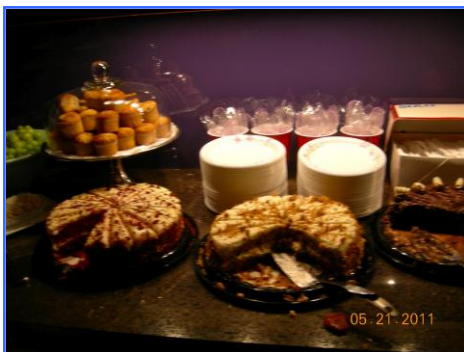
CCA's annual Progressive Dinner began with 19 couples enjoying appetizers and drinks at Bob & Pam Swanson's home in Sun Lakes.



After some goodies and refreshments, at about 6:30 pm, most of the group headed to Sam & Becky Magee's home in Chandler for dinner. Mexican food was the fare – delicious enchilada's, carne asada, and salad, along with sangria and ice tea. The evening was cool and the setting in the back yard was perfect.

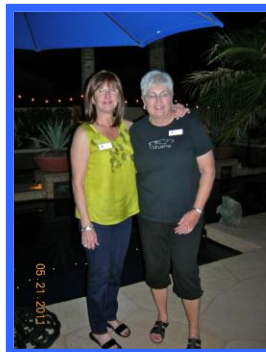


Once everyone had their fill, and evening turned into nighttime, it was off to Frank and Nancy Hagan's house in Mesa where delicious desserts awaited us –red velvet, decadent chocolate, and carrot cake! Again, the backyard was the setting where most guests enjoyed dessert and visiting with other CCA members.



We hope everyone had a great time. We enjoyed hosting everyone.

Becky, Nancy & Pam



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## Desert Belle at Saguaro Lake

Saturday June 11, 2011  
Article & photos Sharon Lund



It was a beautiful evening with good friends on a 90 minute boat ride. We made a trip to the lake on the afternoon before our boat ride to make sure everything was in order. We discovered the Marina had never heard of us and they would not reserve parking for us. We were disappointed but expected it. It turns out there are three separate companies to deal with. Who knew?

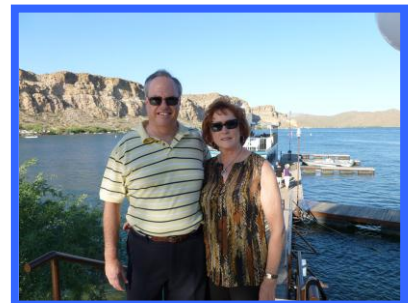
We met at Denny's on Shea in Fountain Hills before 5:00 and left there at 5:15. We arrived at the Marina at 5:30. We were pleasantly surprised that the lot attendant did reserve as many parking spots as possible so when we got there he directed us to the spot. Some of our friends did not drive their corvette and met us at the lake. We had 30 guests for the narrated cruise on the lake.

We saw wild life of many types, some 4 legged and some not. We even were mooned by some of the not 4 legged types. Just doesn't get more special. The cruise boat provided a bar and snacks for purchase. There was enough consumed to allow Gail and Bruce to dance to the music. They also had snacks but I didn't see anyone eat any. The captain was quite the character as he narrated the cruise with a great sense of humor and quick wit.

After the cruise we met at the Marina restaurant for dinner. They had the patio reserved for us. It was such a beautiful night no one wanted to be indoors. The prime rib was great. We had a nice meal with great friends. Thank you all for joining us for the evening. We really enjoyed it.

*Bruce and Sharon*

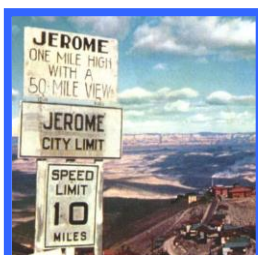
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The sign reads, "JEROME - One Mile High with a 50 Mile View"

**JEROME DRIVER**  
June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
Article by Joe Grassel  
Photos by Joe Grassel,  
Al Yarusso and  
from a Jerome website



When I started planning this in February I thought we would all be leaving the heat behind and have a nice cool weekend in Jerome. When we headed out at 07:00 it was already in the 90's in the Valley. We thought it wouldn't be long until we were in the cool mountain air. Nine beautiful Corvettes headed north. After a short detour due to construction we hit the Carefree Highway towards Wickenburg. We had our first (and only) pit stop at, where else, McDonalds. The cars sure drew a lot of attention as we filed into the parking lot. Once we were all refreshed, the group headed north on 89. Fortunately there wasn't much traffic at that time of the morning so we were able to stay together through Yarnell where we picked up our first set of curves. Unfortunately, however, we were stuck behind a couple on a motorcycle for about half the grade. Once we passed, we were able to open the Vettes and enjoy the road.



We made it through Prescott and continued north to 89A. This time we had 12 miles of "S" curves, hair-pin curves and steep inclines. What a blast. A few miles before we hit Jerome we stopped for a photo-op. In Jerome we all had lunch at the Haunted Hamburger. Our reputation must have preceded us because we were give our own room, upstairs. The food and conversation was great. After lunch

we explored the many shops and galleries. It was unseasonably hot in Jerome, about 90. That, along with the altitude (5000 feet), made most of us ready for a nap after a few hours of walking the town. We checked into the Jerome Grand Hotel and rested up until our 6:00 happy hour. Those who stayed the night met for drinks and dinner at the Asylum Restaurant in the hotel. The food was excellent and with a wine list of over 300 wines, there was something for everyone's tastes.

Sunday brought us all back to reality and commitments in the Valley so we headed home. All in all it was a great time. I'm not sure what was better, driving our Vettes up the hills or spending time with our CCA friends. AND, now that I have my first driver under my belt, there will be more to come.

Bernice and I would like to thank all who attended, and especially Jim Enriquez, Scott Feck, Bob Swanson and Bob Caccamo for all their help and guidance.

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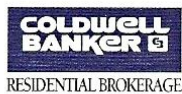
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