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President's Message

Hard to believe, but another year is reaching its end. It's also hard to believe I'm another year older -- and it went by so fast! Oh well, it's a pretty good reason why everyone should make it a point to enjoy each and every day rather than wondering where the time went.

As you take stock of your accomplishments for the year and set goals for the coming year, be sure and make it a point to participate in another CCA event or two. Our club has an excellent reputation in the community and we also seem to have some fun along the way. Just think, what other group would you have so much fun with while picking up trash other people carelessly have tossed along our stretch of Arizona highway 87?

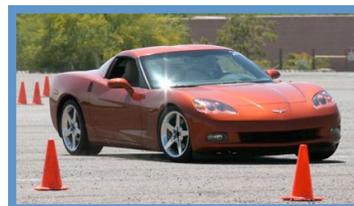
This year's Thorobred Thunder show was a major success. A number of club members worked for months planning and orchestrating the event and making sure all the details had been addressed. Based on the feedback we've received, the show clearly represented a great job by all. In addition, CCA members should be very proud of the \$1,000 donation CCA made to both Hospice of the Valley and Packages From Home as our designated charities. I know we also made the Golightly family very proud by naming the show in honor of their late husband and father, Pete Golightly. A special thanks goes to the Over The Hill Gang for their support and participation in staging the event. And of course, without our sponsor, Thorobred Chevrolet, the event would not be possible.

This is my final President's message as my term is nearing its end. I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve as President and compliment the members of the board for their commitment and excellent work throughout the year. I will not be president in the coming year, but I definitely look forward to supporting and serving the club in other capacities.

We still have more activities planned to close out 2011 so be sure and take advantage of your membership opportunities. To close out my final message, please click on the link: jenriquez@cox.net and let me know that you've taken the time to read this issue of Crosstalk. Everyone responding will be entered in a drawing for a \$30.00 Visa Gift Card.

It's been a pleasure serving as your president.

Sincerely,
Jim





2011 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

November	December
3-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM Election of 2012 Officers	1-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM
11-Veterans Day	3rd Year End Awards Banquet Sharon Lund Nancy Hagan
12th CCA Highway Cleanup, Meyers	
17-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swanson's	15-Board meeting 7:30PM at Enriquez's
19th Chandler Block Party, Kerbers	17th Christmas Party Hills
24-Thanksgiving Day	25-Christmas

ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

Last update: September 28, 2011

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

			2011		
Sanction #	Club	Type	Date	Location/Description	Info/Results
			11/11-12/11	Q4 NCCC Governor's Mtg St. Louis	
RR-416-034	CRCC	LS Autocross	11/19/11	Tempe Diablo Stadium, Tempe, A Z	Info



LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

Saturday, November 12, 2011 - CCA Adopt A Highway Cleanup Project

7:30 am - meet for Breakfast (optional) at Hoosiers Café, 393 W. Warner Road, Chandler

9:00 am - meet at McDonalds, SW Corner of Arizona Avenue & Riggs Road. The project should be finished by noon. Remember to bring a hat, gloves and a pick-up/reaching tool. Water and leaf bags will be provided.

RSVP by 11/07 - Questions, contact Mike and Nancy Meyers

Saturday, November 19, 2011 - Downtown Chandler Block Party

CCA members will be displaying a few Corvettes and manning an information booth at this annual event. This will be the second year we have participated, in an effort to promote the second-annual Corvettes in the Park, our spring Car Show. Members will answer questions about the car show as well as the Corvette Club of Arizona.

Any questions, please contact Jim Kerber.

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - CCA 2011 Year-end Awards Banquet

Location - Crown Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort, One San Marcos Place, Chandler, AZ.

6 pm - Cocktails

7 pm - Dinner

Awards and dancing will follow.

RSVP to Sharon Lund or Nancy Hagan no later than December 3rd.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 - CCA Christmas Party

\$20.00 per couple

5:30 pm - let the fun begin

6:00 pm - Mexican dinner will be catered with Margaritas, beer, wine & soda

6:30 pm - Christmas-decorated boat parade on the lake

White Elephant gift exchange - \$20.00 value.

Hosts: Tom and Nancy Hill - please send your RSVP & payment by December 10th.

CCA Members can access the event flyers on the CCA Website, in the Members Only section.



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Article by Frank & Nancy Hagan

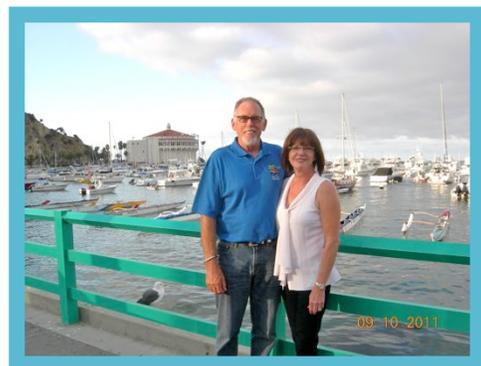
This year, there were 15 beautiful Corvettes and one Corvetter with a beer truck making the trip. We started at Litchfield Road and I-10, approximately 363 miles from the mystery location, and left right on schedule. Up in front, we were cruising 5 mph over, but the rear was at least 15 mph over the speed limit, trying to keep up. Ran into a couple of Highway Patrolmen, but they just gave us a passing wink. Along the way, we passed out a trivia quiz to keep the navigators and drivers entertained. We made it to lunch right on time at Coco's in Palm Desert. At our last pit stop, everyone got a CD with two songs on it, which said what we were doing and where we were going - The Beatles, "Magical Mystery Tour", and The Four Lads, "26 Miles Across The Sea", (Santa Catalina Waits For Me). There was quite a bit of traffic to navigate through getting to The Queen Mary, but we arrived in Long Beach around 4:15 p.m.

We had dinner arranged for Friday night at “The Reefs Restaurant”, about three quarters of a mile up the water walk way. We had our own private dining room with a view that faced the Harbor. The dining room also had access to the patio, where everyone enjoyed cocktails before dinner was served. The food and service was very good.

The rooms on The Queen Mary were not the usual rooms you would expect in a hotel, but lets say they were an experience, as was walking around the ship, taking in the sights. We lucked out on Saturday, as it rained early in the morning but cleared up by 1 o'clock. Cabs pulled up to the entrance of The Queen to take us over to the Catalina terminal. A buffet breakfast for CCA members was served at the terminal before the boat left. That food was also good. The trip out on the Jet Cat boat was fast and comfortable. After arriving on Catalina Island, everyone but Joe Hitzel (he rented a bike) rented golf carts and toured around for two plus hours, seeing the sights. Some ate a lite lunch and had some brews and others just checked out all the little shops. We had pizza and wine/beer at 5 pm that night at “Antonio’s” on the island. We all caught the last boat out at 7:30 p.m. Cabs pick us up at the terminal and transported us back to the Queen Mary. Then some went to the bars and some, like Nancy and I, were too pooped to pop and called it a night. Sunday morning breakfast on The Queen was from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Most got up early and were gone by 9. We left at 10:30 and the Feck’s were the only couple still there. Even though we did all the planning, we had a great time ourselves. Our thanks to everyone who came along on the trip.

P.S. We know a great location for MMT #37, and if someone hosts it, we’ll help them plan it!

Our hosts:
Frank and Nancy
(The Hagans)



To view a slide show of MMT #36 click the following link:
<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/wC2lr5es>



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The Bridges of Navajo County

Hosts: Ray and Pat Jenkins

October 15, 2011

The day began by meeting at the Village Inn Restaurant on Signal Butte Rd. Some came for breakfast and some slept in a little and met for the driver's meeting. We had a total of nine Corvettes for the day's trip. The morning air was just right for some to put down their convertible tops.



Heading east on Highway 60 towards Globe, we slowed down for Superior and then sped up for the great curvy road to Globe. Did anyone see the Elvis Presley Rock in the canyon? Slowed down again coming into Miami and Claypool. Made our first rest stop at the east end of Globe at the "Golden Arches". Continuing on Highway 60 towards the Salt River Canyon, there were a lot of rolling hills and sweeping turns to keep the drive interesting. The scenery was open and panoramic. Then came the descent into the Salt River Canyon. The view was awesome!



We made a stop at an overlook near the bottom of the canyon for pictures of the river and the new and old bridges. From there we went a few miles to the second overlook in the canyon to get a different view. Our Corvettes, lined up at the overlooks, got great reviews from the people driving by. We took a group picture here to remember all the good friends and great Corvettes on this trip.

We continued on out of the Salt River Canyon and made the turn on Highway 73 towards Whiteriver where the foliage changed and we started to see aspen trees with their leaves changing to fall colors. Whiteriver is open range, which also included stray dogs, so we had to make some driving adjustments to get through.

We took our second break in Whiteriver at BK. Then we continued on to Pinetop seeing many more trees with their fall colors along the way. We arrived at Woodland Park Lake and gathered under a ramada to set out our lunch. Here is where our first bridge was to be seen, just 100 yards from our ramada. Pat Jenkins, Deb Wallace and Jan Mundy walked around the lake to the bridge, while the others walked directly to it. Pat Jenkins' birthday was October 14th, so she was surprised when a birthday cake appeared. Our next bridge stop was a short drive from bridge #1, but this bridge #2 was large enough to drive through. This bridge was across a small stream and provided access to a housing development. A great spot for pictures! Bridge #3 is the only bridge in Arizona that is on a paved road into any town. This was the town of Pinedale. There is an informative kiosk and dedication plate to commemorate this bridge. Another great spot for pictures! From Pinedale some of the group opted to leave and drive home. Four of us stayed together and stopped in Payson for dinner at the El Rancho restaurant. It was a great trip, but we just needed more time to see it all.



Ray and Pat Jenkins

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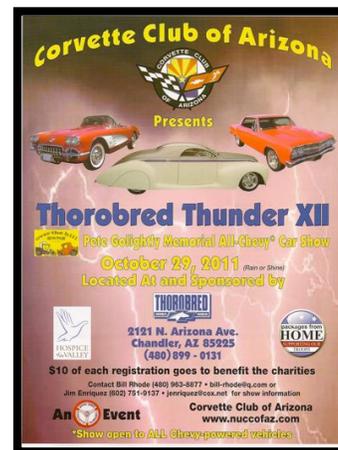
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Thorobred Thunder XII October 29, 2011

By George Ray and Garry Mion
Photos by the: Lund's, Katz's & Swanson's

This was the 12th annual installment of the CCA car show and fund raiser, Thorobred Thunder. This year's show was also dubbed the Pete Golightly Memorial All-Chevy[®] Car Show. Pete was a long time employee of Thorobred Chevrolet, who passed away earlier this year due to illness. No surprise that Pete was a long time Car Guy who also participated in previous Thorobred Thunder Shows. In fact his car, a Chevy powered 1939 Lincoln Zephyr, had won best interior and the Custom Class in 2007. The Zephyr was on display at center stage of this year's show with some of its previous awards.

Pete was also a member of a Scottsdale car club, "The Over the Hill Gang". Members of that club contacted Mike Terrey, and the planning of a memorial car show began. Pete's widow, Mary Golightly, was presented with a wall hanging that displays the show flyer and details commemorating the event. Thanks to Jim Enriquez, Mike Terrey, and Steve Marley for organizing this part of the show.



Thorobred Thunder XII

over the hill gang
Pete Golightly Memorial All-Chevy* Car Show
October 29, 2011 (Rain or Shine)

We had a great turnout again this year, even with competing events at other venues. We had an article in Friday's Car Section of the Arizona Republic, which we know makes a huge impact to the number of spectators. 34 members of the "Over the Hill Gang" entered cars in the show. The 'Gang' had its own classification and trophy. This brought our total entries to a new record of 164 cars.

Because of the great turnout last year, it prompted us to re-think the Parking, Registration and spectator traffic flow. We did not want a repeat of last years 'challenges'. Thorobred offered up additional parking and additional vehicle access via the service entrance. This worked perfectly as we had two driveway access points and three parking lots. We had more show cars and more spectators with no problem. We want to thank Mike Terry for helping make this happen.

The show is a fund-raiser for the club, as well as charities that we designate. Again this year we are donating a portion of our proceeds to Packages from Home. We also decided to split our charitable donation this year with Hospice of the Valley, who helped the Golightly family earlier this year. This year's donation is \$2,000 split evenly between Packages from Home and Hospice of the Valley. Our club is going to net a nice enhancement to our operating fund.

The feedback we heard during the show that it was very well run. We want to thank all of the volunteers and team leaders. You are a critical part of the event. We should all be looking forward to next year.



BEST OF SHOW: [Left to right]

Chevy Powered, '35 Chevy 2-door, Fred Elston
All Corvette Classes, '06 Z06, Fred Mapp
All Chevy Classes, '39 Chevy Coupe,
Manfred & Connie Wagner

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