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# CROSSTALK

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Celebrating 48 Years 1975-2023

From the Prez

Tom Palmer



Dear Members,

The Chevys in the Park car show at the end of October was very successful and thank you to all of you who volunteered to help. With all that help, it went smoothly and without too much work for any one person. Then all the workers who could went to Floridino's for free pizza and to exchange thoughts on which things went well and which things didn't. Invaluable information....thank you!

The Veterans Day Cruise In at Freeway Chevrolet went well, but unfortunately had a low turnout.....there were a number of competing events the same day, and it was an inaugural event. We were still able to raise and donate \$800 to US Vets, who help homeless veterans. We presented the check to US Vets a couple of weeks later at Freeway Chevrolet. Freeway and US Vets want to do it again next year, but with some changes to make it more successful.

The Hosts Thank You Party was well done at the Lovino house, with a huge thank you to everyone who hosted an event. The board provides guidance and distributes flyers, but the hosts choose and plan the events, in other words, the hosts make this club GO.

The survey is out and the results are coming in, remember, we want a survey from each individual member. Thank you.

The Christmas Party was a huge success, thanks to our hosts, Mark and Beth Godina and Dom and Susan Lovino

Best wishes for you and yours this holiday season. Yours in vetting,

Tom





#### From the Editor

#### Kevin Deihl

Greetings from the Editor's desk! I truly hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and now, a Happy New Year! 2023 was a very good year for me and my wife, Jennifer as we were able to see a lot of new places and experience things new to us. I'm looking forward to the new year to see what tomorrow brings!

I'm grateful for the new friends I have met through CCA and judging by the amount of interested guests we have in the "pipeline", it should be a Great year! As great as it is, it takes effort on all of our parts to make this club the best it can be. Please consider hosting an event or volunteering during the next year and find out how fun it is! The activities team can walk you right through it.

We have a couple of new board members for 2024 that will help us along the way too. There are some new sponsors to check out in the Sponsors section also.

Most of all, I wish Everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year! Love, Kevin

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#### **Activities Report**

#### Dom Lovino

It's hard to believe I'm writing the last article for 2023. As I reflect on 2023, our club provided 55 activities not counting Monthly meetings and BOD meetings. Our main activities included MMT to Durango, CO, Founder's Day, 2 Car shows, the progressive dinner, and the Christmas Party. Our members attended 11 Chicks and Rooster Lunches, 10 car shows, 9 drivers, 7 Vette set dinners, 4 concerts, 2 Sweet Basil Cooking classes, 2 game nights, a picnic, and a packing event at Packages from Home to support our service personnel overseas. Several of our members attended the Road Runner Region Gala in New Mexico. Others went on a cruise to the Panama Canal. We supported our veterans through a Veterans Day car show to raise money for US Vets of Phoenix, the East Valley Marines through their annual golf outing and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We had 7 of our members open their homes for various events to welcome us; Progressive dinner, a game night, Taco's and Teguila, Larry's MMT and the Thank You party.

Thank you to everyone who attended these events. I know you had a good time, bringing friendship and camaraderie to our club and the opportunity to drive our fantastic Corvettes

I want to especially thank our members who hosted or co-hosted these events. You are the essence of what makes this club work and I appreciate your dedication in bringing a variety of events to our membership. I look forward to 2024 and the future events and activities to further define what makes our club the best in the valley. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!









## Activities Calendar



	1	
January	February	March
I-New Year's Day Dinner (Rock)	I-Membership Meeting @	7-Membership Meeting @
4-Membership Meeting @	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7
Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7	8-Lake Pleasant Cruise (Katz)	8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone &
12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @	9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @	Barrel
Stone & Barrel	Stone & Barrel	10-ND Picnic and Car Show
16-Packages from Home (Pivar)	Vette set Lunch @ Horny	10-Gaslight Theatre, Tucson (Lombardo/
18-Board Meeting (Lovino)	Toad (Campise/Pivar)	Campise)
21-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of	I5-Board Meeting (Rock?)	21-Board Meeting (Platten)
the Arts (Rock)  27-Gilbert HS Drumline Car	Singing Panda's Vette Set	??-Sun Lakes Car Show ()**
Show/Driver (Platten/Lovino)**	Dinner (Rock)***	?? Roadrunner Region Gala*
Silow/Driver (Flattell/Lovillo)	18-Show Series at 3pm Chandler	24-Corvettes in the Park (Gliot) *
	Center of the Arts (Rock)	( )
April	May	June
4-Membership Meeting @	2-Membership Meeting @	6-Membership Meeting @
Floridino's at 6pm, Meeting at 7	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7
5- East Valley Marine Golf -	at 7	??-TBones Vette Set Dinner (Lovino)*
Oakwood Country Club **	10-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @	7- Show Low Driver (Nieman) 14-
7-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center	Stone & Barrel	Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone &
of the Arts (Rock)	I 6-Board Meeting (Deihl)	Barrel
12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @		20-Board Meeting (Campise)
Stone & Barrel		26-29-North Rim Grand Canyon (Campise)
?? - Progressive Dinner ()		
??-Founder's Day (Campise/Rock)		
18-Board Meeting (Eberst)		
18-20-Laughlin Car Show/Driver		
(Platten)		
July	August	September
II-Membership Meeting @	??-Fiesta Mexicana Vette Set	2-Taco's & Tequila (Hughes)
Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7	Dinner ()***	5-Membership Meeting @
12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @	I-Membership Meeting @	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7
Stone & Barrel	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting	13-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone
No Board Meeting	at 7 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch	& Barrel
	@ Stone & Barrel	14- Organ Stop Pizza Party (Katz)
	15-Board Meeting (Hagan)	19-Board Meeting (Gliot)
	?? MMT ()	?? Prescott Car Show Driver (Deihl)
	22-30 Caravan-Bowling Green,	
	KY	
October	November	December
3-Membership Meeting @	7-Membership Meeting @	5-Membership Meeting @
Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting	Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7
I I-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @	at 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch	No Chick's & Rooster's Lunch
Stone & Barrel	@ Stone & Barrel	8-Thank you, Party (Lovino/
I 7-Board Meeting (Katz)	09-Marine Ball (Lott) **	Campise)
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\*\* Non CCA event

\*NCCC event

??-Spooktacular Car Show \*\*

??-Chevys in the Park (Gliot) \*

16-Cruise Shine & Show Car

21-Board Meeting (Hughes)

Show (Freeway Chevrolet) \*\*

\*\*\*Vette Set Dinner

15-Christmas Party (Godina)

19-Board Meeting (Palmer)



Vice President's Report

#### Ron Gliot



As the snow begins to fly and our Corvettes are stored away for the winter....oops, strike that.

We are so blessed here in Arizona to be able to use our Corvettes year-round. While I would not take it up Flagstaff way for a few months, there is certainly many great places to take a drive in our fair state. So many other Corvette drivers in this nation lose about 6 months of driving, so we are very lucky.

With that, I am excited to see a growing list of great events on our calendar already and you only have yourself to blame it you don't get out there and enjoy a drive with your CCA friends

On December 17, CCA hosted its annual Christmas Party at the Oakwood Pool house. The event was awe some with approximately (70) members in attendance. That alone speaks to our club's friendliness and fun. Thanks to the Godina's and Lovino's for hosting this event.

In conjunction with the party, we also announced the 2023 Outstanding Member of The Year. This year I was proud to present Mark Godina that award. Mark has had a long history of contributing and making a difference at CCA. I want to thank our membership in this selection as over half the membership voted and nominated (11) different members for this honor. Getting that many members nominated is a sign that many members are working to make a difference at CCA!

Again, as I have stated before this is not my club, or the Board's. It is every member's club, and with that feel free to step up and help plan an event or two. We have plenty of coaches to help you plan a fun/successful event.

See you in 2024!!!!!!

Keep the shiny side up.....Ron







### Membership Report

#### Mark Godina

We welcome 4 new members to CCA this month!



Rick Peterson & Rita Scheiring;

They live in Chandler and drive a 2021 Orange Z51 with gull wing doors.

Rick came to Arizona from Washington State and Rita hails from Iowa.

Both are retired and enjoy driving their Corvette.



#### Dan & Michelle Civalier:

The Civalier's live in Mesa and are the proud owners of a 2017 Silver Grand Sport.

Dan hails from Phoenix and is the owner of a small business and Michelle comes to Arizona from New York and is a manager at Macy's.

We currently have 103 members with 22 guests in the application stage.



Mark

#### NCCC Governor's Report Ray Jenkins



I am submitting the report from the last governor's meeting, held in November in St. Louis, MO. Click here for the full report. Happy Holidays and let's have a Great 2024.







#### Chevys in the Park

#### Ron Gliot

Bright and early on Sunday, October 29, 2023 a group of Corvette Club of Arizona members descended upon A.J. Chandler Park in Chandler to host the 2023 Chevys In The Park car show. With the help of many, the set up went briskly and smoothly and by 8:00am, cars were being registered and were rolling in. Dom's Lot Lizards, got every car parked quickly and efficiently. As the registration peaked, 111 cars were on the field, and officially 120 registered.

At 10am the show kicked off with the National Anthem and Howie K's Hot Hits provided the soundtrack for the day. The crowd began showing up to see a field of great cars, with many Chevys being represented. Folks, wandered about, enjoyed a meal in the local establishments, bought 50/50 and raffle tickets to benefit Packages From Home.

Over the few hours of the show, ballots were counted (after the registration team mustered through a technical "snafu") and by 1:30 the ballots were counted and the results in. Trophies were handed out, the baskets were raffled and the 50/50 awarded.

When the dust settled the car show team again jumped into action and knocked down the show with blazing speed. The motivation must have been the great Floridino's pizza and recap of the day's successes and or any problems!

As the show wrapped up visions of the next event, Corvette In The Park were already under way for the Spring of 2024.

See you there......

Ron Gliot







For more photos, click *here* and it will take you to CCA's NEW Photo Gallery! Thank you to all that have contributed photos and our webmaster for making this possible.





# Chevys in the Park





## Sonoita Wine Tour

#### Campises/Plattens







## **CCA Sonoita Wine Tour 2023**

Sunday November 5th and Monday November 6th, 2023 Hosted by the Plattens & the Campises







The day couldn't have been any better as CCA members traveled to Arizona's original wine country in southern Arizona to relax, unwind and, of course, taste wine! The Campise's started the caravan from Chandler to Casa Grande, where they were joined by others for the drivers' meeting at Cracker Barrel. After Tucson, we took twisty roads to beautiful Sonoita with its rolling hills, lush grasslands, Arizona ash and oak trees. Our first stop was at Dos Cabezas WineWorks in Sonoita, where we lunched on seasonal, wood-fired pizzas with our wine tasting on their newly renovated outdoor patio.











#### Sonoita Wine Tour



We met our van at the Sonoita Inn after lunch. The first stop in the van was at Wilhelm Family Vineyards in Elgin, Karyl and Kevin Wilhelm met in Saudi Arabia while serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Gulf War. Kevin was a fighter pilot and Karyl worked in aeromedical evacuation. In 2008, they opened this winery and have been producing award-winning wines ever since. They graciously prepared the outdoor patio with tables, glasses and wine ready for our group. After the tasting, Karyl led us through the winery to see the barrels and other wine making equipment, accompanied by a very friendly dog and cat.







The next stop was at Autumn Sage Winery, owned by Stephen and Nancy Basila, Arizona natives born in Phoenix who built this winery ten years ago. Their vineyard has 30 acres of 8,300 grape vines and their beautiful patio is a popular venue for weddings, anniversaries and festivals. They have live music every Saturday; too bad we were there on a Sunday!







Our van driver courteously shepherded us along so that we would not be late for the next stop, the "Wine & Dine" at Elgin Winery and Distillery, which was founded in the early 80s and is the most and highest awarded craft distillery in the west. When we arrived, several tables were already set up in the tasting room for our group. Each table was prepared for dinner, 6 mini-courses paired with wines.

Our host was Gary Ellam, winemaker and spirits maker, who regaled us with funny jokes while serving food, describing the wines and the history of the winery. Our servers were family members and the chef, Gary's wife Kathryn, graced us with an appearance after the meal, where she was met with well-deserved applause. In addition to the meal, we each received a delicious marzipan-filled croissant to take home, for breakfast.





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#### Sonoita Wine Tour







Gary serving Butternut squash soup

Gary has some stories to entertain his guests

Gary and our Chef, wife Kathryn

After our special, chef inspired dinner, we headed to the tasting room to pay for our meals and pick up bottles of wine and spirits. The vodka was especially popular! Our driver carefully loaded our purchases into the van and delivered us safely back to the Sonoita Inn (no U-turns!). The inn has a big, two story central gathering place with a cozy fireplace and there was plenty of space for conversation and continuing wine tasting.

The next morning, we had breakfast at the inn and played our games with the "fabulous" prizes. The O'Boyles won the "Who flew the most miles in 2023" game and won a bottle of Vitamin C supplements to compensate for the lack of sun during all those flights. The Jenkins won the "Who drove the most miles in 2023" game and won a jar of Vitamin E skin cream to pamper those road warrior faces.

Our Corvettes were riding a bit lower on the way home. Many bottles were tasted, and many made their way back to our homes.





#### Freeway Chevy Veterans Day Cruise in Ken Rock

On Veterans Day November 11, CCA held its Inaugural Veterans Day Charity Car Cruise at Freeway Chevrolet in Tempe, AZ. The Cruise was held to support US Vets/Phoenix, who help homeless veterans. Their mission statement is "to successfully transition military veterans and their families by providing housing counseling, career development, and comprehensive support for their military service!"

We had an abundance of Corvettes, but also had some other unique vehicles, including Camaros, Chevelles, Malibu, Willys Coupe, and Ford Coupe attending! Awards were given for best interior, best paint, and best engine, as well as the oldest veteran showing their car! This trophy was won by our member Jim Thornel Freeway Chevrolet had arranged for a food truck and everyone enjoyed delicious loaded nachos. Music was provided by our resident DJ, Howard Katz.





Retired Air Force Captain, Veronique Cruikshank attended the Cruise to represent U.S. Vets. She gave background information on the organization as well as provided a table with give-away items from US Vets for the show attendees, and had US Vets T-shirts for sale. CCA was able to raise \$800 which was donated to Captain Cruikshank, US Vets/Phoenix by Tom Palmer, Freeway Salesman Dennis Renko, Veronique and myself at the Freeway Dealership. Tom Palmer also presented



Freeway Chevrolet's General Manager, Tim Mort with a plague in appreciation for them being our Club Sponsor! The CCA Cruise Organizers would like to thank all the members who arrived early to set up the cruise as well as all the members who attended the event! We contacted Dennis Renko and Chuck Myers General Sales Manager, and they would like CCA to return next year for another car cruise in. Ken Rock







# Thank you Party

### Campise/Lovino



On December 10th, CCA Board of Directors showed its appreciation to the member who had hosted events in 2023 by hosting a Happy Hour. The event was held at the Lovino's home and hosted by the Campise's and Lovino's. It was a Mexican themed Happy Hour with nachos and cheese, refried beans, guacamole. There were also taquitos, quesadillas, and mini tacos. In 2023, there were 20 couples that hosted over 40 events. That's a lot of events!! Thank you to everyone that hosted an event in 2023! Keep those events coming in 2024!



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Thank You **Party Hosts** Diana and Roc Campise Sue and



















#### CCA's Christmas Party

#### Lovino/Godino

The CCA Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Poolside Café at Oakwood Country Club. The hosts were the Lovino's and the Godina's. We had 70 members, and 4 guests signed up, but due to illness, there were only 61. The food was buffet style with Yankee Pot Roast and Herb Grilled Chicken as the entrees.





Entertainment was provided by Cheryl Thurston. who always does a magnificent job of providing us

with wonderful Christmas music. After dinner, the cake was cut. It showed Santa driving a Corvette full of packages for delivery.



With the food portion of

the evening complete, Tom Palmer gave a little

speech thanking the 2023 board of directors and announcing the 2024 board of directors. Tom recognized Ray Jenkins for his years of service as NCCC Governor and Mark Godina for his two years as Membership Chair.





Then it was Ron Gliot's turn to announce the Outstanding Member of the Year for 2023. Please congratulate Mark Godina for his contributions to CCA in 2023! Well deserved!



Then the fun really began! It was time for the annual gift exchange. There was a bottle of Bailey's that



made the rounds. Another notable gift was the Bag of S\*\*T that Mark Dahlstrom couldn't get rid of no matter how hard he tried. It was different spices for marinating. All in all, it was another Great time with our CCA "Family"





# Christmas Party









For more photos, click <u>here</u>







Happy Holidays to CCA!







### GM News

Z for Zora?

Jay Leno and the new E-Ray

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C8 ZR1 spy photos

Check out Corvette's 2024 Lineup

What did these 3 sisters find?

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Contact Kevin Deihl @ 303-601-2066 if interested, can send additional pictures if requested.





#### Upcoming CCA Birthdays

#### January

- Kathy Teixeira 10 Lylla Alejandro 18
- Barb Bassett 22
- 23 Sharon White
- 28 Rick Peterson
- 30 Patti Kerber



#### February

- 3 Tom Palmer
- 99 Judy Hoffman
- Oscar McSpadden
- 10 Ron Brennan
- 13 Roger Craig
- 20 John Marsh
- 20 Mike Mileskiewicz
- 21 Joan Nieman
- 24 Norma Lombardo
- 28 Dean Sample

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