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President's Report Tom Palmer

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Summer is here, monsoon season is about to begin, and we have several events for your participation. The North Rim Driver went someplace cool (8000' elevation), as do the tours and Vette set dinners, in addition to the Chicks/Roosters lunches. At the Roosters lunch we're up to 6 or 7 rooster shirts, ahhh.....fun for all.

The National Corvette Museum Caravan is coming up at the end of August. We have 11 Corvettes from our club being joined by 8 or 9 Corvettes from San Diego, all headed to Bowling Green, KY. Best wishes for a great trip! The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on a nice celebration for Founders Day next year, when our club celebrates 50 years since being founded in 1975, so put April 11 the on your calendar and be there or be square!

Safe travels for all of you that are travelling this summer.

Yours in vetting,

Tom



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From the Editor

Kevin Deihl

Hello from the Editor's desk! Did someone leave the furnace on by accident? Yesterday, 7/9. we broke a record for heat in the Valley. Everyone seems to be sweltering so far this summer. On a cooler note, we have our Chevy's in the Park car show coming up on November 3rd. This show is our largest attended show, and fundraiser, since we get more than Corvettes to compete. Have you got something special planned for your ride? I'll probably have new tires on mine after making the trek to Bowling Green for the NCM's 30th Party!

I have accepted the challenge to host CCA's car shows for the near future. I'm counting on everyone to pitch in and do their part, as best they can, to help make it the best one yet! We do have a little celebration coming up next year, the **50th anniversary of CCA!** We're going to need some extra funds to properly enjoy our celebration. We are still planning on doing the raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle as part of our fundraising efforts. Please reach out to friends, family, business owners for ideas for gift cards, services, etc. for fund raising ideas. I know I can count on CCA to make it Great! Love, Kevin

Membership

Howard Katz



Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Anne Nelson. She is joining with Mike Bartell, her significant other.

Our current membership total is at 109. Howard





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Activities Report

Dom Lovino



It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2024. The beautiful spring weather has fled. Summer has brought the heat to the valley of the Sun with the 100+ degree days. It's time to find cool places and indoor activities to carry us through this summer weather. The Bennetts and Lovinos hosted a vette set dinner at TBones on June 5th. It started with a happy hour at the Bennetts. About 30 attended this event. The Niemans hosted a driver to Show Low on June 7th. Three vettes and 6 CCA members plus the lead car (Jeff Nieman) headed to Show Low to enjoy some cooler weather. There was about a 20-degree difference between Phoenix and Show Low. The Campises hosted a several day trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon on June 26th through 29th. July brings us another vette set dinner hosted by Lovinos to Pesto's in Chandler where 24 have signed up to attend. A trip to Chateau de Vie in Chandler is being hosted by the Hughes for a taste of France right in our backyard. In August, the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY is the main event for some of our members as we join approximately 5000 Corvette enthusiasts from all over the country. It should be an exciting trip. Then in September, there is the Prescott Car Show, where 300 Corvettes are shown right on the streets in downtown Prescott. The Hughes are hosting a group to drive up and check out the show and enjoy some cooler weather.

There is still plenty of time to host an event this summer. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate. It could a dinner, a trip to DQ for a sundae, or perhaps a game night. The best thing about hosting an event is you control the size of the event, the where and when. If you need help, you can always ask the activities team or a peer in the club to help plan the event. Stay cool this summer and still try to enjoy your Corvette. **Dom**

Vice President's Report

Ron Gliot



The heat is really beginning to set in, but that shouldn't stop any of us "Firebirds" from continuing to enjoy their Corvettes. Remember most all of the modern ones have air conditioning!

As 2024 progresses we continue to host many great outings, so make sure you pick some and get out there and enjoy your car with your friends.

In just a couple of months I will be leading the AZ/NM leg of the 30th Anniversary National Corvette Museum Caravan. Currently our club alone has (11) Corvettes going and we will be joined by almost as many from the San Diego area. From there we will hook up with some New Mexicans, Texans, Okies, and Missourians on into Bowling Green. I have never attended one of these events, but while it will be crowded it should be fun to "rub shoulders" with many Corvette enthusiast. The Museum is expecteing over 5000 Corvettes. It may still not be too late to join in, if you are willing to dig for a hotel room or two!

As we work towards Fall, CCA will be once again hosting Chevys In The Park, on 11/3. I will be easing back a bit and turning over the reins to Kevin Deihl, who will do an excellent job of keeping this great show progressing. We are well into the process of staging this show, and any help you can provide is appreciated.

I have said it once and will say it again.....This is not my club or the Boards, but YOUR club. It takes everyone's help to make CCA the great club it is. Keep the shiny side up......**Ron**





Activities Calendar			
January I-New Year's Day Dinner (Rock) 4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 I2-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel I6-Packages from Home (Pivar) I8-Board Meeting (Lovino) 21-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 27-Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show/Driver (Platten/Lovino)**	8-Lake Pleasant Cruise (Katz) 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 14-Vette set Lunch @ Horny Toad (Campise/Pivar) 15-Board Meeting (Rock?) Singing Panda's Vette Set Dinner (Rock)*** 18-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock)	March 7-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 3-ND Picnic and Car Show (Hedahl) 10-Gaslight Theatre, Tucson (Lombardo/ Campise) 21-Board Meeting (Platten) ?? Roadrunner Region Gala* 24-Corvettes in the Park (Gliot) * 28-Lake Pleasant Driver (Katz)	
April 4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6pm, Meeting at 7 5- East Valley Marine Golf – Oakwood Country Club ** 7-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Ladies Tea Driver (Elly Palmer) 18-Board Meeting (Eberst) 18-20-Laughlin Car Show/Driver (Platten) 24-Founders Day Driver (Campise/Rock)	May 2-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 4-Waggin Vineyard Driver (Campise/Platten) 10-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 11-Lenny's Classic Car Display (Hedahl)** 16-Board Meeting (Deihl)	June 5-T-Bone Vette Set Dinner/Happy Hour (Bennets/Lovinos)**** 6-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting 7- Show Low Driver (Nieman) 14-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 20-Board Meeting (Campise) 26-29-North Rim Grand Canyon (Campise)	
July I I-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 I2-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel No Board Meeting 24-Pestos Vette Set Dinner (Lovino's) 26-Chateau di Vie (Hughes) October 3-Membership Meeting @	August I-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's 6 pm, Meeting at 7 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel I 5-Board Meeting (Hagan) ?? MMT () 22-30 Caravan-Bowling Green, KY November 3-Chevys in the Park (Deihl)	September 2-Taco's & Tequila (Hughes) 5-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 I 3-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel I 9-Board Meeting (Campise) 27-28 Prescott Car Show (Hughes) December 5-Membership Meeting @	
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Waggin' Vineyard

Campise/Platten

This was our first time hosting a driver to a winery in Globe. We originally planned to do it on May 11th, but at the April membership meeting, several members announced that they were hosting activities planned for that same day! So we moved the driver



one week earlier. We gathered at the Basha's in Gold Canyon to start the driver. It was a beautiful, sunny day and five Corvettes took the leisurely, scenic drive to Globe via U.S. 60 to our first stop, Judy's Cookhouse, for lunch. Our waitress, who used to race cars, was excited to see so many Corvettes!



After lunch, we headed for our hotel, Comfort Inn, right across the street from the Waggin' Vineyard. The hotel had plenty of parking and even had a secured parking lot for guests. After checking in, we walked across the street to the winery where everyone enjoyed socializing outside on the shaded patio, admiring the leafy vineyard, visiting the animals and, of course, tasting excellent wine!



Dinner was at Challo's, where we were treated to a modestly-priced meal at an authentic Mexican cuisine in a family-owned restaurant. Stuffed, we headed back to the hotel and sat outside along the tables next to the pool. We had a great time socializing and sharing wine and munchies. The hotel rooms were fantastic!

The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we checked out of the hotel, said our goodbyes and headed our separate ways back home. Eva









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Lenny's Burger Car Show

Dick Hedahl

The Lenny's Car Show for their 40th Anniversary was a smashing success. Over 60 vehicles participated - 11 of them were Corvettes, some from CCA. Heinz and Eva Platten brought their recent acquisition - a Beautiful Red Karmann Ghia. John Marsh had his "2 ENJOY" '59 Fuelly Corvette. I brought my '68 C3. We had several C8's including a C8 Z06. The free food was really popular. Dozens of meals were given away by Lenny's. And the line for food lasted all morning. PepBoys gave away 2 complete oil changes. The DJ played the perfect combination of 50s & 60s music.

Lots of makes and models came out. Here are some of the highlights: A Beautiful Custom Volvo with a 12" firewall setback and a 302 Ford V8. Several Street Rods. A really nice Shelby Mustang. Many Classic '60's Muscle Cars. 57 Chevy Restomods A bunch of custom trucks And a survivor 1964 Studebaker ! **Dick Hedahl** <u>Drone footage here</u>















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T-Bone Steakhouse

Bennets/Lovinos



On June 5th, one of the first hot days this year, the Bennetts and

Lovinos hosted a Vette set dinner at T-Bone Steak House just north of South Mountain in Phoenix. Approximately 30 members attended a happy hour at the home of the Bennetts. The Bennetts were gracious in opening their home which has a spectacular view of downtown Phoenix from their backyard. As the Bennetts welcomed our members to their home, I made sure our members had fresh drinks as we helped bartend. A charcuterie board the size of their kitchen island which included homemade salsa (one of Muffy's favorites to make) and a variety of drinks were provided and plentiful. After socializing and small tours to see some of their cherished toys in their garage, we took a short drive (two blocks) to T-Bone Steakhouse.

The restaurant was ready for us as we found our seats and settled in for a great meal. We sat at tables of four and six. I don't believe anyone ordered the 40oz porterhouse steak, but if you have an appetite, this may be the dinner for you. Although, this meal will set you back a Ben Franklin! Meals include the main entry, a side salad, Texas bread, and cowboy beans. Additional sides are available to complete your dietary desires. From feasting between happy hour and dinner, I don't believe anyone ordered dessert. Cinnamon ice cream is one of my favorites. All I can say is the meals were great! You know it's a good place to eat when the local law enforcement patronizes the establishment to eat. I didn't think seeing our Corvettes was the only draw for them to check out the restaurant. **Dom**







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Show Low Driver

Niemans



On the morning of Friday, June 7 club members met Jeffrey Nieman at 8am at a gas station at Hwy 87 and McDowell Road in Scottsdale. From there, the drivers drove to the Speedway gas station in Payson, Arizona for a stop halfway to Show Low. They stretched their legs and hung out for a few minutes.

From there, they headed to the Pizza Factory in Show Low for lunch. They had a choice of a buffet or ordering off the menu. I was able to catch up with my husband, Jeffrey and the other drivers for lunch. After lunch, we came back to our place for dessert and relaxation. Several of us took a walk around the

neighborhood while others rested on the back deck after dessert.

By mid to late afternoon, the drivers retreated to the Holiday Inn to check in and freshen up before dinner. We had a wonderful meal at Cattlemen's Steakhouse, and then went back to the hotel lobby to play board games and continue the get together. It was a good time to get away from the Valley heat and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! **Joan**















North Rim Driver

Campise

Nine drivers and friends met at the DoubleTree in Flagstaff on Route 66. It is a very nice hotel that was happy to share their conviences with our group. Many of the group drove up on Monday to minimize the stress of a longer drive on Tuesday. Roc Campise had a driver's meeting in the spacious lobby before leaving for the Rim at 10 am. Traffic was heavy as we worked our way to AZ89, but it was easy to reform with the large number of CB radios in the cars. Shortly after leaving

Flagstaff, the group gathered for the leisurely drive to the



fuel stop in Cameron. The Arizona landscape was amazing on the way to the turnoff at Bitter Springs. I did not take pictures while driving, but maybe some of the passengers did. The resolution of the

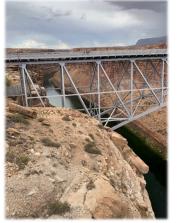


Performance Data Recorder in the C8 is too low to produce pictures suitable for publication. The accessory camera in my '57 produces great pictures, so maybe I should get one for the '22?

Shortly after we turned onto AZ89A, we crossed the Colorado River. Since I have never driven on this road before, I stopped to get some pictures from the pedestrian bridge. Looking east toward Lee's Ferry, there is a plaque indicating the Governor Hunt was in office in 1928 when the bridge was built. Soon after crossing the river, there is a turnoff to get to Lee's Ferry that is on the river where some river trips launch their rafts.







As we left Marble Canyon, we continued at about the same elevation as the Kaibito Plateau where we turned onto AZ89A. We drove past the Vermillion

Cliffs, the south face of the Paria Plateau. Then we started the climb to Jabob Lake, where we turned south onto AZ67. As we left Marble Canyon, we continued at about the same elevation as the Kaibito Plateau where we turned onto AZ89A. We drove past the Vermillion Cliffs, the south face of the Paria Plateau. Then we started the climb to Jabob Lake, where we turned south onto AZ67. We arrived at the Grand Canyon National Park entrance, where they collect \$35 from every vehicle that enters the park. I was pleasantly surprised the find that they waive the fee for veterans. As we waited to regroup, we parked near a meadow with a large herd of buffalo. Like all photos I took in the park, they just do not convey the expanse unless you are there.





North Rim



Just before we arrived at the Lodge, we drove through a short but intense storm. The droplets were very large, and made a crashing sound on the windshield that I thought was hail (but no ice residual that I could find). As we drove onto the parking lot, we



realized that we were on the highest ridge in the area and the slopes were fairly steep. No trouble checking in since all reservations were made on the computer and the first night was prepaid. We found our cabins, and returned to our cars to unpack. By the time I got to my car, I realized that walking up a hill when the elevation is above 8000 feet is no small matter. Since I packed a large suitcase without wheels, I put what I needed that night into a handbag. Time for a nap.

Roc had made reservations for the entire group at 5pm, so we gathered at the entrance to the restaurant. We paired off in groups of 6 and began the evening dinner. The food was good and the portions were large. Lots of pleasant conversation and attempts to share pictures where the Internet was non-existent or at best erratic (no Wi-Fi). We returned to our cabins to go to sleep since there was no TV. The air-conditioning consisted of an open window, a ceiling fan, and a space heater. It reminded me of the motel rooms my parents would rent as we traveled to the Mid-West in the 50's (but smaller).

On Wednesday morning, I woke up really feeling my age. I wandered down to the restaurant, and met some of our group. The discussions were mainly about no soap in the showers. Even the desk did not have any to give us. I should have chosen the buffet but I did not. We talked about what to do, and Roc and Diana offered a lunch at the Cape Royal parking lot.

Some of the group went there in the morning. The rest of us got a lunch to-go from the Deli, and gathered for the 45-minute drive. A downpour

made the turnoff sign to Cape Royal difficult to find, but we eventually found our way to the narrow and winding road. This road is at the top of my list of Arizona roads to drive in a late model Stingray (but the Devil's Highway was more terrifying). We bridged the gap from the Kaibab Plateau to the Walhalla Plateau, the most eastern area of the park available by roads. We stopped at Vista Encantada to "stretch our legs.





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North Rim

We continued the second half of the drive to the parking lot at the Cape Royal trailhead. The group gathered under a large tree at the end of the parking lot for lunch. Lots of discussions during lunch. Many of us took a walk to the "Angel's Window" overlook. You can see the Colorado River (which was brown and edged by green plants) in the far distance. The trail had handrails out to the end of the of the peninsula, but fortunately it was farther than I wanted to walk. As we watched a storm moving our way, we decided to leave after agreeing to have a "pizza night" at the Saloon. Since the pizza oven at the Saloon was broken, we

got pizza from the Deli. They have a homemade sauce that seemed very good to me. The Saloon staff allowed us to push tables together, and as usual discussions were prevalent. Most of the group was leaving for Williams tomorrow.

Roc asked if I would like to lead the group to Williams, and having never had that experience, I said yes. We eventually

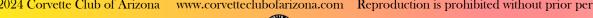
headed back to our cabins. I

took a rest at the observation room before I sat down for breakfast. I ordered from the buffet so I could eat light, with just the items I liked. The group arrival time was a bit later than the day before. We agreed to leave the parking lot around 10. Everyone casually left for the cabins.

When 10am arrived, the Campises' and I were the only ones ready. We waited for a while before deciding the others could catch-up. My Apple CarPlay app could not connect to the server. I knew my way home, so no

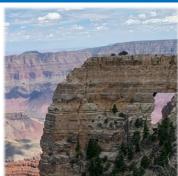
big deal. Another of our group caught-up with us soon, so I set the cruise control at the speed limit plus 5. When we got to the turn at Jacob Lake, I had to hesitate while reading the road signs. Soon after the turn, my navigator was back online. Projected time and distance are a nice convenience.

We stopped at Marble Canyon for a "pit stop". We decided to have lunch at Cameron. We easily rode to Cameron as a group, after picking up another of our group. The Cameron Trading Post is a massive building with many stores and a restaurant. Another of our group joined us for lunch. The selection on the menu extensive. I decided on the blueberry pie a' la mode and coffee. It was really good.















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North Rim

After fueling, we headed for Williams. We took AZ15 to the I-40 east of Flagstaff. Again, it was an easy drive to Williams as another of our group joined us. We checked-in at the Hampton Inn, and I was so happy to have cable TV and a refrigerator in my room. The shower was massive with floor to ceiling glass doors. What a nice way to return to the comforts of home.

> While many of the group went to Roger Craig's home to bring in dinner and watch the debate, I ventured off to a town that I have never been to before. I parked on Route 66, looking for a Mexican restaurant recommended by the guy at the front desk. Nany's Tacos was supposed to be just off Route 66, but when I got there, I saw the signs that they moved. I walked about a half mile and found their

temporary location. It was by the railroad yard (324 E Railroad). The restaurant is owned and operated by a woman from Chihuahua. I would call the location "rustic". Since I had such a good day, I decided to be adventurous. Since they only offered soft drinks, I ordered the Mexican orange soda. Not what I expected, but pretty good. The tacos I ordered were tongue and cheek. I enjoyed them, although the cheek was in a nice sauce that I preferred. I walked back to my car and had a nice ride back to the hotel.

I woke early and watched the F1 practice at Barcelona. I could not wait to go home, so I got ready to travel. I left before dawn, and looked forward to the transition to daylight.

The ride home was easy, but I had a small accident at the area entering the construction zone on I17. The lanes were close with no runoff area. A large speed limit sign was in the right lane. I ran over it and heard a loud noise. I checked the dash and all seemed well. When I got home, I checked the car. I found that the splitter was damaged, but the body paint was not damaged. The bad news was that my carbon fiber splitter was damaged, but the body was not. So, there is no accident report for my car, and I only need to install a new splitter. What a great trip. Ron Brennan

Frack and Frick!



















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Chicks and Roosters



Sorry, no Chicks' pictures provided

In Memoriam

Ray Jenkins

It is with a very heart that I need to report that Ray Jenkins, longtime member of CCA since 2006, has passed away from complications from surgery. Ray was a very active member of CCA, having served on the board as our NCCC Governor for many years. They attended many events with their CCA family and were always quick to volunteer as well. Ray and his wife Pat were avid racers with their Corvettes, and active members of a Jeep club. They enjoyed time with their cars, family and grandkids. Our sincerest condolences go out to Rays' wife Pat and all of their extended family. Godspeed Ray, Rest in Peace







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