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# CROSSTALK

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## President's Message

Marge Rhode

CCA Friends,

At the Membership Meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>, I will announce the three people making up this year's Nominating Committee. Their goal will be to provide names of two or more people (who have agreed to run) for each Board position. There are nine Board members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activity Director, two Activity Coordinators, Membership Chair and NCCC Governor. With over 120 members now, they should have no trouble finding 18 people who are willing to run for a Board position. That is if each of you are willing to consider spending a little time next year to support your club.



Board meetings are usually held the third Thursday of the month, although there's no scheduled Board meetings in June or August. Check the SRPs for more information about each position and plan to contact someone on the Nominating Committee to offer your name as a candidate during September. The Nominating Committee will report to the club at the October meeting and nominations will remain open right up to the election in November.

Turning now to the Chevys in the Park show on October 27<sup>th</sup>, I want to let you know about some additional publicity Ken Rock and I are working on now. We will be coordinating with Packages From Home (PFH) and the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership (DCCP) in a coordinated effort to blast out car show information on social media. Janet Ray has agreed to be our Facebook (FB) Manager and she's already created the event on the FB page for Corvette Club of Arizona. The event has been shared with PFH and DCCP, and all three organizations will continue to post on FB during the next two months to encourage people to participate and attend.

Hope you stayed somewhat cool and dry during the August Monsoons!

*Marge*



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From the Editor Sheryl Katz



Fall is around the corner, and that usually means a bunch of Drivers will be on the calendar, WAHOO! It's also the season of CCA elections, so if you're considering being the next Crosstalk Editor, please let Marge, CCA President know. The position is on a Volunteer basis and the incoming President will make the appointment.

Beyond the basics (see SRPs on Members Only Page), as Editor, you have autonomy to publish what you'd like. For example, keep the current newsletter format or create a new one; pick and choose content elements you like from previous issues or add your own features. My goals were to focus on the membership. The incoming Crosstalk Editor may make whatever changes they wish to add their own flair. Skills include computer adeptness; good communication and editing abilities; and commitment to the membership.

One thing I highly recommend is to line up an editor for your work. In my career, I've written and published many technical publications and newsletters. One of my biggest successes has been designating talented individuals to serve as my editors. When I write, especially on a topic I am passionate about, it's easy to make simple mistakes. Although I edit my own work, I always have at least one person check everything before publishing.

And on that note... I've continued my tradition with Crosstalk. A big THANK YOU to Bob Bassett who has graciously pored over every aspect of each issue, and provided feedback to help ensure that the publication is a quality product. And, each time, he turned things around lickety-splitto. I truly appreciate EVERYTHING he has done. Also, Thanks to our Webmaster for his reviews. Both deserve resounding kudos so please join me in a big round of applause for their efforts and time; Bob and Howard, you are TERRIFIC!

Remaining Publication Dates for 2018

Issue #5: November 10
Issue #6: December 31



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### Upcoming Member Birthdays

#### SEPTEMBER

- 7 Nancy Hagan
- 12 Norma Marsh
- 13 Rob Deacon
- 14 Dave Golec
- 14 Bill Rhode
- 17 Jan Logan
- 17 Sandy Sample
- 18 Frank Hagan
- 19 Heinz Platten
- 28 Bob Bassett



#### OCTOBER

- 4 Norm Riffel
- 12 Diana Campise
- 14 Pat Jenkins
- 14 Lisa Pavlicek
- 16 Janet Ray
- 16 Judy Schmidt
- 17 Garry Eastwood
- 22 Jan Mundy
- 23 Tom Hill
- 23 Joyce Mileskiewicz
- 29 Marc Teixeira

### Monthly Chicks Luncheons



Our hot summer is not deterring the CCA Chicks who remain in town from gathering to share news and fun. This CCA event has been taking place each month for the past three years. The August luncheon was special in that our "Mother Hen," Norma Marsh, is retiring after her three-



year reign and handing over the scepter to new "Mother Hen" MaryEllen Hayden.



All of the attending Chicks over these years appreciate Norma's work as restaurant liaison, communications conduit, gracious hostess, birthday

celebrator, and dessert provider for each of these gatherings. The attendance continues to grow, and we look forward to each month's get-together.

All CCA Chicks, guests, and prospective members are welcome to join the group, which meets on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We get together at the Stone & Barrel Taphouse in Sun Lakes' Oakwood Country Club. If you are not currently on the list to receive a monthly reminder to RSVP and would like to participate, contact MaryEllen Hayden, [mehayden2@centurylink.net](mailto:mehayden2@centurylink.net).



Thank you, Norma, for your efforts and friendship, and Thank you, MaryEllen, for your willingness to take over as Head Chick.



Hosted by Denise Lott & Norma Marsh





# Monthly Game Nights



To join the Game Nights group, contact Rhonda Deacon, Chair

## Summer Potluck & Game Night Hosts: Denise & Dave Lott

A group of 28 stalwart summer CCA-ers responded to an invitation to get together for an evening of food and games, taking part in the Lotts' Fourth Annual Potluck/Game Night. The shared potluck dishes were wonderful, and there was certainly no lack of food. It was a great mix of recipes, and a perfect way to dine on a hot summer night.



Following dinner, the group split into three groups, trying out some new activities. One group played Telestrations, based on the old game of "Telephone" but with an illustrated twist. Some hilarious deviations occurred along the way as each person tried to decipher the meaning of another's drawing. Group two



paired up for Scattergories, matching their quick-thinking skills against the other teams. Meanwhile the third group separated into two teams of four each to test how their knowledge and guesses matched Wikipedia's online audience.

After 30 minute blocks of play, each of the three groups rotated to the



next game station. Then it was time for well-earned dessert treats. The gang enjoyed the sweets, and lingered over conversations for quite some time before wrapping-up the evening.

## Mexican Train Night Hosts: Diana and Roc Campise



Things were really poppin' at the Campise Game Night with two tables of Mexican Train. Our winners were Rob Deacon at Team #1 and Dom Lovino at Team #2.



Understand that one table was in the family room while the other was in the living room. You should have heard the sound effects coming from the other room. I won't mention any names but I don't think everyone was playing by the same rules.

Plenty to eat, drink and make merry? You fill in the blanks. All had a good time. Sir Winston was making the rounds with never ending attention and getting treats.



Plenty of conversation, politics, exploits, some naughty until someone realized we were close to Sunday.

### The rest of Team #1



### The rest of Team #4





# Magical Moab Tour

Hosts: Bruce & Jan Mundy



The Magical Moab Tour (MMT) found all cars gathered at McDonald's at the Carefree Highway. We departed on schedule with an unarranged police escort which departed at New River. Guess the trooper decided we were sane....boy did we fool him.

With 10 cars, we held pit stops to fifteen minutes. I think that may be a record! North of Flagstaff we hit quite a rain storm. So everyone got a free car wash or mess up, depending on how you looked at it. At Kayenta we picked up Cec and John O'Boyle who had driven up to Kayenta the day before. Everyone scattered to various fast food joints at Kayenta so we could be back on the road in 45 minutes. It was enough time for those who wanted to see the Code Talker Museum at the Burger King. With a full line of Corvettes, we turned many heads, and the Kayenta folk got a very quick car show. One gentleman even asked to see the engine compartment and a hood was popped to show a clean engine.



Outside of Mexican Hat we turned off to Utah's Goosenecks State Park. We enjoyed an astonishing view of the Great Goosenecks of the San Juan River spread at our feet at this small but breathtaking park. The river flows 1,000 feet below the lookout.



The caravan of shiny Corvettes kept a steady pace and arrived exactly on schedule at the Red Cliffs Lodge outside Moab. There was time to check in, off- load luggage, freshen up before arriving at dinner with spectacular



river and red rock views on the balcony. The quiet serenity made conversation flow as smoothly as the river.

After a long day's drive and tasty dinner, we snuggled in our swank suites and world class cabins for a great night's rest. We rallied at 7:30 AM the next morning to take advantage of cool temperatures, great picture-taking light, and easy parking at Arches National Monument.





## Magical Moab Tour (continued)



We caravanned for a couple of view points, then dispersed for a *do-it-your-way* visit to the park. Some hiked a bit, some watched the movie at the visitor center and shopped, and all spent as much time as they wanted at points of interest as they selected their individualized tours.

Lunch found us scattered at the brewery, the Thai restaurant, and various eateries about town. This unstructured MMT made getting served at restaurants easy. The rest of the afternoon found some napping at the lodge or swimming in the pool, or hiking, or golfing, or zip lining, or chasing partners around their hotel room.



At dinner time we reassembled the group and caravanned to Canyon Lands by Night and Day jet boat dinner and light show. In order for the boat to avoid running aground, the boat took on only half the usual number of passengers. The river,

according to the old codger narrating the tour, had never in his memory run so low. We sailed out at dusk and soon the moon rose almost full above us going up stream. As we turned and drifted down stream, we learned of the geology and the lore of the canyon and river. Lights were shown on the walls of the canyon, which gave an entirely different look to the scenery we had see in daylight and natural light going up stream. The evening was cool and comfortable, and it was pleasant to be outside, a nice change from high temperatures in the Phoenix area. After the river cruise, some had fun on the winding river road back to the lodge exercising their driving skills.



Saturday was unstructured as some elected to sleep in, hike, swim, golf, drive to Canyon Lands, or fly a drone and take pictures of the lodge. Some gathered next to the moving picture museum in the basement of the lodge in the John Wayne Room to swap stories and pictures before dinner. All were together for the wine tasting by Castle Creek Winery on the porch, which included crackers, cheese, and strawberries and blueberries. For some that was not their first tasting. Many had enjoyed one-dollar three-flight tastings at the Winery on previous days. It was at the lodge, so no need to drive after tasting.



Our catered dinner on the lodge porch included Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken, mixed vegetables, potatoes, chef's salad, rolls, and if you could find room strawberry cheese cake for dessert.



This was the Mundy's third time sponsoring a CCA MMT. It was the first time we used the unstructured format. For us it was much easier to arrange. It was four days instead of the usual three, because we were going further afield. Participants could pay as they went and pick and choose their activities. The Mystery on this Magical Moab Tour was which enticing things to do and see would each person pick.



### CCA CORRAL

#### Life and Cars Coming Full Circle — Tina and John DeCamp —



John and I met as computer dates at Purdue University in December of 1976. I mentioned on my dating application that I loved Corvettes. John doesn't remember mentioning on the application the fact that he owned a 1970 Corvette Stingray

convertible in Marlboro Maroon with a white top and saddle interior. I was in love with him and the car... I think in that order. We decided to get married after graduation in June of 1977 and drove to Michigan in the Vette for our honeymoon.



In 1981 while John was repainting the car, when the car was on jack stands he noticed that both doors would not close. So, he checked the frame and found it was all rusty and full of holes. Because of the rusty frame, our desire to start our family and thinking we needed a station wagon, we decided to sell the car.

In the fall of 2003, the kids were mostly grown and I was working. I loved the C5 and there was talk of a new body style in the works. So, I ordered and got in February my 2004 Magnetic Red II convertible with light oak top and interior which I named Ruby for Dorothy's ruby slippers. It was my way of replacing John's 1970 Vette!



In 2006, I received a phone call from a man in Louisiana inquiring if we had owned a 1970 Corvette. I listened to his story

and we determined that he had John's 1970. He had purchased it from Florida fully restored and had traced its history to us from a picture of the car with an old Indiana license plate on it. He invited us to see the car at a NCRS meet in St. Charles, MO in 2008. John wasn't able to go, but I went and got to ride in the car 29 years after our honeymoon ride. Life and cars coming full circle.

#### A Corvette Love Story — George and Janet Ray —

This story starts when 10-year-old George Ray's Uncle Dave bought a 1966 Corvette convertible. Now Uncle Dave wasn't just a regular uncle, he was a pilot for the Navy and someone George really admired. This made the Corvette even more exciting for George (who normally rode around in the back of a station wagon with his four brothers and sisters). This car was fast and sleek and only had two seats.

One day when George was visiting his Uncle Dave, his uncle taught him how to drive a stick shift IN THE CORVETTE! That day earned his uncle the "Favorite Uncle for Life" title and cemented George's love for the Corvette. It wasn't until 15 years later that George was able to buy his own Corvette. A 1972 Stingray, with a stick of course.



Now you're probably wondering where Janet fits into this story. Even though Janet's dad had owned several Corvettes, she didn't share George's love for the car. However, Janet was very impressed with the handsome man. There's nothing like a nerdy guy who can also fix a car.



Before they knew it, George and Janet were trading the Corvette in for a house and station wagon. I know, I know, it sounds like a tragic story. But it wasn't too long before George was able to

replace his Corvette with another Stingray. Since then there have been many Corvettes, one C1, three C2's, two C4's, and two C6's.

We currently have a 1962 and a 2010 Corvette. We love the Corvette for the joy of driving, but also for the friends. Working on the cars, parties, drivers, and car shows is what makes a Corvette love story.



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# CCA CORRAL (continued)

## In the Beginning a Checkered Pants Boy Was My Idol — Roc & Diana Campise —



In the beginning the checkered pants boy was my idol. In the beginning this was HER idol. In the beginning 85 cents was a complete meal. Brings back great memories sitting in my green Volkswagen hoping she would jump in the back seat of my chick magnet car. But, all I heard was laughter coming from the back seat and a larger meal ticket than was expected.

What she didn't know was the Hillman Californian, NSU Prinz and 1955



Corvette came before her. And a good thing.



Had she known about these cars she may have thought deep pockets. In reality, just dust mites and I could barely make the

\$1.70 for two meals. I was able to keep up the charade until just before we were married.

Year after year more cars, unusual cars until we finally settled on a C7. Sorry, when **SHE** settled on a C7.

It started after I retired, when my son and I attended Auto Shows and we both loved the new Corvettes. One day, when my bride and I were out 'n about, I said, let's take a look at the new



Corvette, so we stopped at a dealership and saw a white with a red interior. My bride exclaimed, "This is the new Corvette? It's gorgeous!" The salesman said look but don't touch; the Corvette belongs to someone else. I asked, when are you going to get another? He grinned and said, someday, don't know when.

Disappointed, we left and went to dealer #2 but, there were none. Tired of looking for that illusive Vette, we headed home.

Then we saw a 3rd dealer and stopped in. The salesman said they just received a new C7 and several people had called who wanted to look at it as well. In a locked garage, there she was... still in Tyvek wrap partially exposed. After it was unwrapped, I got in it, felt like it was made just for me. My wife got in, said it was NICE! NICE! She asked me did I like it, was this a car you would like to have and, more questions. I said, I didn't know, maybe I would think about it; I wasn't looking to buy a car that day. She asked the salesman, can you take the top off? So she sat in the car without the top.

While I'm procrastinating, the garage had filled with a number of other onlookers when she said to the salesman, WE'LL TAKE IT! We drove home in the C7 on December 24th, and, we've been enjoying it ever since with our CCA brothers and sisters.

## Need Fall CCA Logo Items?



Visit the Website:  
[Proud Owner Design](#)

## Swansons Win the Challenge!



A big round of applause to Bob and Pam Swanson, winners of last issue's CHALLENGE: *the first to take a photo of ... the elusive 110 at 1:10*. Their prize was a valuable Dairy Queen gift card! Way to go Swansons; thanks for playing!





# Fall Car Show

by Brad Ryan



Things are moving along at a nice clip for the Fall Car Show; plans are underway, Co-chairs are gathering CCA members to help, flyers are circulating and registrations are starting to trickle in. Also, our marketing plan is beginning to unfold - articles, commercials, and TV spots will be published and aired.

With the Club's enhanced administrative structure to spread the load, there are many new opportunities to support the Show. Many smaller but significant tasks are available and we're hoping that more members will find something to do to support the Show. Variety is the spice of life and there are many areas to choose from to help, so please sign up for something you enjoy doing or, for a change of pace, perhaps you'd like to try something different.

To volunteer, contact anyone from this year's Chevys in the Park Car Show staff:

- Chairman, [Brad Ryan](#)
- Registration Co-chair, [Esther Enriquez](#)
- Parking, Permits & Barricade Co-chair, [Dom Lovino](#)
- Awards, Signage & Raffle Co-chair, [Brian Miller](#)
- Publicity & Vendors Co-chairs, [Ken Rock](#) and [Marge Rhode](#)



[Click on Flyer to Register](#)

We're ready to roll - now's the time to spread the news. Email your friends, keep some flyers handy in your car and pass them along to Chevy owners you see around town and leave them on car windshields. If you have any questions, please contact me at (630) 284-1161 or email to <mailto:ShowChair@corvetteclubofarizona.com>.

## Upcoming Billboard Concert Series Schedule

Listed below are the upcoming shows for Sun Lakes Oakwood's billboard legacy bands. Tickets are available for \$20 per show and can be purchased at [www.OakwoodTickets.com](http://www.OakwoodTickets.com). Based on last year's experience, it is best to go on your own or in small groups of six or less.

- Sept. 13 – Bob Seger
- Sept. 18 – Neil Sedaka
- October 10 - Eric Clapton: Slow Hand
- October 24 - Neon Circus: Brooks & Dunn



A special greeting from our friends traveling around Scandanavia - they texted us this cool picture and we thought you'd enjoy seeing it too!

*Howard and Sheryl Katz*



Webmaster's Corner

Howard Katz



Hello from your CCA Webmaster! Our website is up-to-date and is running well, including the online registration pages for the upcoming "Chevys in the Park" Car Show. Every member is encouraged to save a stamp and register on our CCA website for this fun show! Many paid online early registrations have already been received. For a Show update, see the Show Chair, Brad Ryan's article.

In late August, Sheryl and I left for our east coast adventure, with our first stop at the gigantic Corvettes at Carlisle Show in Carlisle, PA, and we plan to return in late October after attending Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD. While we are gone, CCA website maintenance and support will continue uninterrupted. I am on email daily, so please continue to submit materials for posting.

Recently, a few questions have been received about getting blank pages when attempting to access a particular issue of Crosstalk. The reason is that the members selected an issue that has not been published yet. To minimize confusion and avoid this situation, a new screen has been added .



Links to issues on the Crosstalk web page, are arranged in columns by publication year, with the oldest year displayed at the left. The list is presented using the numbering scheme that was established with the very first issue and remains in effect today. Within each year's column, the issues are arranged in ascending order, with the first issue of the year at the top of each column. Remember, Crosstalk is a bi-monthly publication which is why there are six items per calendar year.

If you click on a link box for an unpublished (future) Crosstalk issue, a new screen will now be displayed.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding our website, please contact your Webmaster at webmaster@corvetteclubofarizona.com.



SAVE the DATE...
CCA's Annual Recognition Dinner and Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Hosts: Howard and Sheryl Katz



Thursday, Jan 10th 2019



## Mystery Members (answers on last page)

### Mystery Member A

1. I have been a CCA member since 2009. I served on the Board for two years. My spouse and I have hosted many dinners and Drivers throughout the nine years as members. Our favorite Driver is Plastic Fantastic. We count many of our CCA friendships as priceless.
2. My spouse and I currently own three Corvettes. Originally, in 1996, we bought a poster of a red '60 Corvette with white coves. We told ourselves that someday we would own that car. What do you know?! Shortly afterwards we found one very similar and bought it! That started our Corvette experience.
3. I am originally from Illinois, but we have called Arizona home for 35 years. In my spare time, I love to read, I'm a "cardio junky", and I enjoy spending time with family and friends.



### Mystery Member B

1. I spent the first 59 winters of my life dealing with the "lake effect" snow coming off from Lake Erie. Our dreams of moving to Arizona finally happened in 2013. Moving to Arizona has given us the opportunity to make great progress in achieving our goal of visiting all of the National Parks in the lower 48 states.
2. I bought my first Corvette in 2004. It was a black 1975 Stingray I found in the previous owner's front yard while visiting Columbus, Ohio. I took a chance and drove a 29 year old car 300 miles to get it home. My current Corvette is a C5 convertible. It was a nine year old car with 11,000 miles on it when I found it on Craigslist.
3. Joining the Corvette Club of AZ in 2014 was the best thing to happen to us since we moved here. The people in the Club really welcomed us and we try to return the favor by welcoming other new members.

### Mystery Member C



1. There are many things that I love about our Club, especially the membership. One of my favorite events I participate in each year is the Ostrich Parade. Although I haven't driven a pretty princess yet, I've had the chance to drive a couple of very cool dignitaries.
2. I had always dreamed of having, owning and driving my own Corvette after sitting in my uncle's black 1978 Corvette and I finally realized my dream in May 2014 when I ordered my very first Corvette, exactly the way I wanted it.
3. I hail from St. Helens, Oregon and moved to Arizona in 2004 and landed in Phoenix in 2009. I am a foodie, and enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, volleyball, riding my motorcycle, going to the movies, and even playing golf (although they call what I do, "Landscaping").

### Mystery Member D

1. Exotic cats rule the roost at my home. In my retirement since 2009, I've been enjoying my volunteer work at a local Food Bank, assembling boxes of basic foods. The two passions in my life now are Corvettes and Harleys. If I'm not driving, I'm riding!!
2. I love driving fast so I'm looking forward to participating in the Autocross events. I want to make my competitive mark. Also, Car Shows are a favorite; I'm all about 15 seconds of fame and I hope to place in our All Chevys Car Show.
3. My Corvette saved my life... literally! After my spouse passed away, long story short... I bought a Corvette and my life took on a new chapter... it totally turned my life around. I've met new people, I have new hobbies, and now I split my time between cars and bikes.



# Corvettes in the Movies



Name the Movie (answers on last page)

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



**F**



**G**



**H**



**I**





Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



Greetings to all. I hope some of you are finding "Cool Places" to go for the hot summer months here in the Valley. A lot of activities are planned for this fall when Arizona cools off. Here's an edited version of the Governor's meeting minutes from the 3rd Roadrunner Region Quarterly in Ruidoso, NM, wherein Paul reminded everyone that our Region is still in need of a Regional Executive. The 4th Quarter Meeting will be in Cottonwood on October 13th.

**Competition Director – Paul Hamersly:** our region has had 10 sanctioned events so far this year, with 15 remaining for 2018. He suggested that as members age we should all think about including more fun activities, as some who were race-oriented are no longer racing.

**Membership Director – Ron Scott:** no dues increase for 2019 and 2019 dues are due the 3rd week of November.

**Treasurer – Debbie Marple:** reported current bank balance for the General fund and the Awards fund.

**Old Business:** Paul reminded everyone of CCA's proposal at the 2nd Quarterly Meeting to cancel the \$100.00 reimbursement to members attending the National Meetings. Since Ray Jenkins was absent, he had requested that the discussion and vote be tabled. The vote will be taken at the 4th Quarterly Meeting.

**New Business:** a club needs to host the 2020 Kickoff Event.

**Announcements:** Bob Johnson reported on the 2019 Kickoff, being hosted by SDCT. Various clubs reported on upcoming events in October.



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**Roadrunner Region  
Upcoming Club Sanctioned Events**

- Oct. 14** Verde Valley Vettes (VVV) in Cottonwood "A Peoples Choice" Car Show and four Rallies
- Oct. 27** CCA's "Chevys in the Park" Car Show 
- Oct. 28** Desert Corvette Association (DCA) 4th "Spooktacular" Peoples Choice Car Show at Scottsdale Pavilions McDonald's
- Nov. 3 & 4** Thunder Vette Set (TVS) Corvette Thunder Weekend — Car Show, Rallies and Autocross in Sierra Vista

**Roadrunner Region Kick Off Event**

The Roadrunner Regional Kickoff Event is scheduled for [January 18 - 21, 2019](#).

- Entry fees deadline: [11-18-18](#)
- Hotel reservations deadline: [12-18-18](#) click on [Desert Diamond Casino](#)
- For additional info and registration click [here](#) or contact Bob Johnson, Sonoran Desert Corvettes, Tucson [520-818-0277](tel:520-818-0277), [bobbarbjo@gmail.com](mailto:bobbarbjo@gmail.com)



Our 2nd Boutique Driver... By Roc Campise



...To Prescott, Arizona  
Haasayampa Inn, Built in 1927

Hosted by  
Diana & Roc Campise



The driver started out from Fountain Hills with a very relaxing drive, also known as the Grand Touring half of our trip. All were warned the second half is mostly all Corvette roads, curves, hill and over the Granite Mountain.

We entered the historic district of Prescott and parked in the covered garage area behind Genovese's Restaurant as the aroma of Italian cooking filled the air. The restaurant was waiting for us, along with Patty and Dave Friesz, who joined us as they had taken a few days relaxing in Prescott.



HAPPY HOUR

The restaurant took our drink and food orders which were served in a timely manner. What a noisy place. The members were laughing (out loud) and commiserating in a well orchestrated chorus.

After lunch, members scattered to the four winds checking out the bars with music and most of the other stores between the restaurant and the Haasayampa Inn. Did I say Happy Hour? Well you guessed it. Most everyone was laying claim to their favorite beverage.



Hotel Patio

laugh, drink, and be merry on the hotel patio.

What a meal. Gourmet food a match to almost any restaurant you could name. At the end of the day, off we went again to

LUNCH at

Genovese's Italian Restaurant



Dinner at the BLUE PEACOCK  
Supper House



NCM's Le Mans Trip, June 9-19 by Marc Teixeira



For several years the National Corvette Museum has sponsored a Museum in Motion trip to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Kathy and I decided 2018 was going to be the year to take our first trip to Europe and signing onto the 24 Hours of Le Mans program would check off a couple of "bucket list" items. Always wanted to go to Paris, Normandy and the Le Mans race and the Museum in Motion tour captured them all. The tour attracted 40 other Corvette enthusiasts from across the USA.



We spent four days in Paris doing all of the touristy things a first time visitor may want to indulge in. With tour guides we saw Paris from the heights of the Montparnesse observation deck as well as enjoying the City of Lights during a

delightful dinner at the Eiffel Tower. We walked along the Champs Elyses and the Arc de Triomphe and toured the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles, Napoleon's Tomb, Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoyed a Seine River cruise. An advantage of being in a tour group is that you are able to bypass the long waiting lines to get into the museums. One evening the group was entertained with an excellent dinner and show at the famous Moulin Rouge. Such a busy schedule means you don't spend a lot of time at these famous places but it does ignite a desire to return someday to spend a full day at the Louvre or Versailles.

After Paris the tour continued onto Normandy and Omaha Beach where we visited several museums and the visitors center at the American grave site. A very solemn place devoted to the many who lost their lives on the Normandy beaches.

Then onto the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The race attracts hundreds of thousands of race fans from across Europe. The tour group stayed in Angers, an ancient city about an hour and a half from Le Mans. With so many fans flooding the area it is difficult to find a four star hotel that can accommodate a large group nearer to Le Mans. Two buses shuttled our group back and forth to the track from Friday to Sunday. Saturday's race day dinner was at the Corvette Corral where a four course dinner was served from 9 to 12 pm. Europeans do enjoy late dinners! Our seats at the grand stand were at the start/finish line - great viewing. Unfortunately the corvettes could do no better than a fifth place finish in their class.



Monday we traveled back to Paris for our final day before departing on Tuesday. A wonderful group lunch in the city of Chartres with a visit of the Chartres Cathedral, its first tower was built around 1100 AD. Amazing!



This was the second Museum in Motion trip that Kathy and I have participated in and both have been well planned and executed. Great places to see, great hotels, great tour guides and well organized. We plan on signing up for future trips sponsored by the Corvette Museum. Oh, if anyone wants to see almost 1,000 photos we took, best bring along a bottle of wine and a block of cheese!





# HonMachi Vette Set Dining

By Dom Lovino



Dom and Susan Lovino hosted this event for those stuck in the Valley with the summer heat early on a Sunday evening. Twenty-five members and three guests (Dick and Gloria Heydahl and Steve Walb with Kat) visited the HonMachi Sushi & Teppenyaki Restaurant in Chandler, for an enjoyable experience. We were seated around three Teppenyaki tables. Upon arrival, we socialized over cocktails, catching up on what we were doing this summer before our chefs started preparing our dinners.



Three chefs provided an entertaining show cooking our dinners on grills right in front of us. The show starts off with a huge flame that almost catches your eyebrows on fire. Even one of the chefs had to step back for this one. With dancing forks, clanking spatulas, crazy sharp knives, and shaking seasoning canisters, the chefs skillfully carved vegetables, seafood, a variety of fresh meats, cooking them to our specifications. Some of us attempted to catch vegetables or small pieces of shrimp tossed by the chefs from spatulas into our mouths. A few caught them, others were not as successful. The food tossed at me, hit me in the face and luckily landed on my plate for me to eat. Everyone laughed. Who knew preparing food could be so much fun!



The food was exquisite and portions large enough for some tasty leftovers. Although, I did see many empty plates as well, telling me everyone enjoyed their dinner. After we said our goodbyes, about 12 of us decided to head down the road to a local DQ to completely put our diets out the window. We socialized some more with those that we didn't sit with at dinner. We had some cones, sundaes and blizzards, to top off our fabulous evening.

Thank You to all that attended, making this another fun event for our Club.



Got ideas?  
Want to join the Vette  
Set Dining Group?  
Contact Diana Campise  
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# Upcoming Events

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change  
Last Update: 8/30/2018

September	October	November
<p><b>4 Labor Day</b>  HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p><b>6 Membership Meeting @ Floridino's - 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>14 CCA Chicks Lunch - Hayden/Lott</b></p>  <p><b>15 Christopher Creek Driver - Ebersts</b></p> <p><b>20 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Mions</b></p> <p><b>22 Autocross - Kemper</b></p> <p><b>TBD Highway Cleanup - TBD</b></p> <p><b>TBD Game Night</b></p>	<p><b>4 Membership Meeting @ Chandler Chamber - 7:00 PM</b> Social Time: TBD <b>* Nomination of 2019 Officers *</b></p> <p><b>6 Autocross - Kemper</b></p> <p><b>7 Tucson Driver - Lombardos &amp; Palmers</b></p> <p><b>12 CCA Chicks Lunch - Hayden/Lott</b></p> <p><b>18 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Dobson's in Mesa</b></p> <p><b>27 Chevys in the Park - Ryan</b></p> <p><b>TBD Game Night</b></p> <p><b>31 Halloween</b> </p>	<p><b>1 Membership Meeting @ Chandler Chamber - 7:00 PM</b> Social Time: TBD <b>* Election of 2019 Officers *</b></p> <p><b>3 Superior Driver - Teixeira</b></p> <p><b>9 CCA Chicks Lunch - Hayden/Lott</b></p> <p><b>10 Military Ball - Lotts</b></p> <p><b>10 Autocross - Kemper</b></p> <p><b>11 Veterans Day</b> </p> <p><b>15 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Logans</b></p> <p><b>22 Thanksgiving</b> </p> <p><b>TBD Game Night</b></p>



Several NCCC activities are coming up for this period. For more info, check out the [Road Runner Regional Events](#) and see the [Governor's article](#) too.

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BY GREG EVANS



# Route 66, Road Trip Celebration by Eva & Heinz Platten



We decided to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a classic road trip, traveling westbound on Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles. Twenty-two years ago, we took the same trip with friends from Germany. We shipped our motorcycles in July to Detroit and, six weeks later, shipped them back to Germany, after we finished the trip. This time, we decided that our old bones would be much more comfortable making the trip in our 2017 Grand Sport Corvette, especially since we were again making the trip in July and welcomed having air conditioning in this record-breaking heat!

After visiting with friends and family in Austin, Nashville and Chicago, we got off on a rocky start. One of the sensors failed and the convertible top did not retract properly. We manually closed it but needed to get it fixed ASAP. We found a Chevy dealer nearby but, unfortunately, it was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all of the technicians had already left for the day. In desperation, we took the car to another Chevy dealer the next morning; the service manager immediately looked at our car and squeezed us into the schedule. Fortunately, they were able to diagnose the problem and get a replacement sensor installed so that we were up and running the very next day.

It was a fantastic 6,300 mile trip that spanned six weeks. We tried to follow the same route that we took 22 years ago but a lot has changed. Many of the attractions have turned into gift shops, some are run down and some are completely shuttered up and falling apart. On the positive side, a lot of new murals grace the route. Some STATS: Length: 6,346 miles; gas mileage average: 26.6 MPG; best: 33.5 MPG; Hottest: 117 degrees; longest dirt stretch: 3 miles.

Whenever possible, we stayed in vintage hotels, like the Boots Court in Carthage, MO; the Wigwam in Holbrook, AZ; the Blue Swallow in Tucumcari, NM; Garrett's Desert Inn in Santa Fe, NM; and the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, NM. Sadly, some of the original owners are no longer alive. However, most of the hotels and attractions are still in business and it's inspiring to see some of them run by young families with the pitter patter of little feet running around and greeting visitors.

We encountered many others who were also traveling on Route 66; it's very popular destination for Europeans. We learned that there is a bill to preserve Route 66 because it is, according to the Smithsonian Magazine, an endangered site. We met a group called the National Trust for Historic Preservation that has a team taking a road trip in an Airstream across the nation. They are visiting attractions and having events to raise support for a National Historic Trail designation for Route 66. This support would provide revenue for struggling attractions, such as the Blue Whale in Catoosa, OK. Visit this website to find out more and sign the petition: <https://savingplaces.org/preserve-route-66/>.





Carved Pumpkin



Halloween Treats

Activities Update — Bob Logan, Roc Campise, and Esther Enriquez —

Like the old song says, “The times they are a-changing,” we have to realize that times change in all areas of our lives. Since I’ve been involved in CCA, I’ve seen many changes and some traditions come and go. As the size and makeup of the membership evolves, changes in interests and activities must follow. There was once a time when a young membership welcomed spontaneous, rowdy, informal activities whose purpose was just to “get together” and have some fun. A typical driver involved hard driving and an inexpensive meal or activity (a “just for the helluvit” Friday night drive to a Sonic drive-in to meet up with whoever was available was not unusual.)

But times do change, and so does our membership. We still have the common interests of wanting to get together with a nice group of people and have a good time. How we accomplish this is where we need your help and input. Bob Logan has worked tirelessly to promote the driving portion of the activity schedule where members can experience the joys of driving the car that brings us together in the first place and the beautiful sights of the state. **Is this why you joined CCA?**

Our calendar lists a variety of social activities – game nights, autocrossing, Vette Set dinners, cultural events. **Is this why you joined CCA?**

Several years ago, we moved the meeting time up to 7:00 instead of 7:30 in order to accommodate

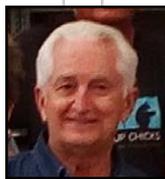
those who didn’t want to stay out or eat so late on a work night. For all the years that I’ve been involved in CCA, every membership meeting was followed by a casual dinner that was just another

opportunity **to socialize**, meet guests, and have a drink or a bite to eat in an informal way. **Is this why you joined CCA?**



The point of this is that we recognize change is inevitable. That’s the reason why we expanded the Activity section of our Board to include two additional members.

Our purpose is to preserve some of the traditional activities and also to incorporate those that meet the changing needs of our membership. To do this we need you to examine why you joined CCA and decide how you can participate in promoting new activities that meet the needs of our growing and changing membership. We need your input if we are going to continue to fill the calendar with well-attended activities.



I’ll close this by thanking all those members who have volunteered to plan and host an activity that has brought our members closer together with their efforts. We (the Activity Team) are waiting to hear from YOU.



Esther Enriquez



# The Finish Line (last page)



## Mystery Members Unmasked

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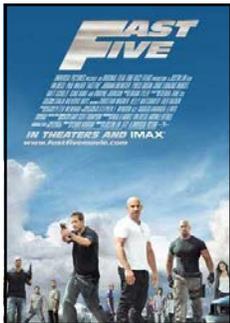
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## Corvettes in the Movies



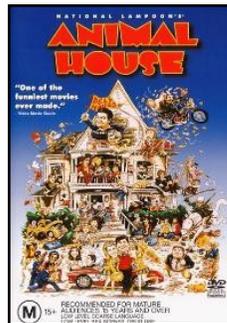
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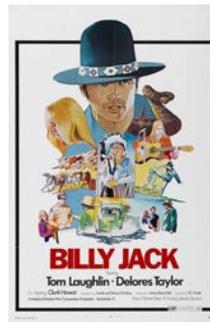
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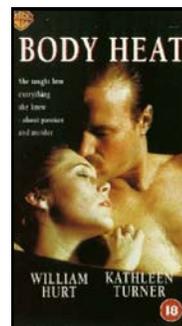
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