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# CROSSTALK

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## President's Message

Denise Lott

Our next general meeting, on November. 7, will be in a novel location—at the Flix Brewhouse & Movie Theater in Chandler! This will be a unique setting and a special way to present nominations for the 2020 Board. It should be lots of fun as we get to utilize the big theater screen during the meeting, with waitstaff available throughout our time there. I hope you can join us to enjoy the dinner, drinks, and presentations. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.



If you are not able to attend, you can still cast your vote for the 2019 Member of the Year and the next Board of Directors. Just get your selections to Esther Enriquez by email at [eenriquez@cox.net](mailto:eenriquez@cox.net).

Our annual Chevys in the Park car show will be taking place at Dr. A. J. Chandler Park, in down town Chandler, on November 3. This is again on a Sunday since the spring one was such a success. Brad Ryan has been working very diligently to make this a well-attended event, so please be sure to participate if possible – both to show your car and to volunteer your assistance. Packages from Home, our designated club charity, will have representatives there to interact with visitors.

I want to recognize our MMT hosts for this year's mystery adventure. Bob and Carol McDougal with Oscar and Charlotte McSpadden did an outstanding job of seeing to every detail of this four-day trip to Albuquerque/Santa Fe, managing to keep the destination a secret right up until we turned off the highway toward the hotel.

...and now we move into the holiday season. Looking forward to our upcoming trips and activities together.

Sharing the drive with you in 2019,

*Denise*

And if you get this in time, Happy Halloween!





# Chevys in the Park Car Show November 3

Brad Ryan



## Chevys in the Park is this Sunday

Please remember that we need your car at this event. If you failed to register online, you can still register at the Show. Fill in the registration form on the back of the Flyer, or go to our website and, on the lower right hand side of the main page, click print form, complete it, and bring to the show Sunday morning.

Kudos go to Ken Rock as Advertising Chair for Chevys in the Park! Ken scored a big hit by setting up a live broadcast from the KTVK TV3 studios for our Chevys in the Park car show. I arranged to have a nice selection of Chevys and Corvettes at the studio, plus adding Stacy Stolz from Packages From Home as a tie-in to Veterans Day on Nov 11th. I was told there wouldn't be any interviews with the car owners due to the short segment run-time, however, we got Good Morning Arizona Anchor Scott Pasmore as the host, and luckily he is a "Car Guy", so he DID interview each car owner!



Great day, great segment - could have not gone any better. Hopefully we can repeat this Live Hit for our upcoming shows next year. To see the Video [click here](#).

As of now our pre-registration is ten cars ahead of what we had at this time for last year's CHitP show. Thanks to all who have volunteered. If you haven't volunteered yet, please call or email me.



## November 7 Membership Meeting & Elections at Flix

**THIS IS A REMINDER THAT OUR NOVEMBER 7th MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT FLIX BREWHOUSE, 1 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, (Corner Chandler Blvd and Arizona Ave). Corvette Parking in Parkade at rear. Food service will be available from 6:00 pm onward. Dom has a few surprises for us. Be there, or be ready to be elected by our very own Maleficents! Doors open at 6:00 pm.**





From the Editor Bob Bassett



Now that the weather has cooled down, to help you relive the long hot summer, I am including in this issue, two articles that should have gone into the last one, but got lost in Cyberspace. The Summer Pot Luck and Games night can be found on Page 4 and the Summer Golf is on Page 5. My apologies to Denise Lott.

To prevent this occurring again, be assured that I will acknowledge, via return email, receipt of anything you send me for inclusion in Crosstalk. If you don't receive an acknowledgement from me within a day or so, please contact me to advise that something is amiss.

At our November meeting, we will elect new officers for the coming year. In addition to selecting new officers, we will be voting for an Outstanding Member of the Year. Think about those members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have made CCA a better club. There are many who work quietly all year for the benefit of us all, and this is our opportunity to thank them for their dedication to the club.

Are you a careful reader? Do you read Crosstalk? If so, this offer is for you! As you may know, Crosstalk Editor is an appointed position rather than an elected one. That being the case, I have allowed myself to be talked into another year as Editor. I should point out that I only received permission from Barb to do so on the promise that it would only be one more year.

Before I took on the job, I acted as a proofreader and general gopher for Sheryl Katz, and it helped me prepare for the position. Since we swapped places, she has been of immeasurable assistance to me. She sees things that I just don't see. Thank you Sheryl! I will be eternally grateful to you for your expertise and assistance. Sheryl has graciously served all year and now, it's time to pass the baton to someone else. If anyone is interested in taking over her volunteer position this year with a view to taking on Crosstalk Editor next year, please let me know. I always find it better to have a separate set of eyes review my work, and would welcome the assistance. The job would involve proofreading each issue, and perhaps chasing down an article or two from time to time. Please think about it and give me a call. Thanks.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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# Summer Pot Luck and Game Night

Denise Lott



A group of stalwart summer CCA members responded to an invitation to get together for an evening of food and games, taking part in the Lotts' Fifth Annual Potluck/Game Night.

The Happy Hour was lively, and the shared potluck dishes were wonderful. 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.

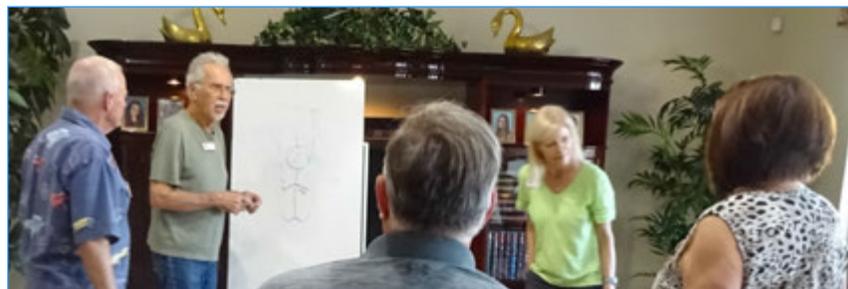
Following dinner, the group split into three groups, with two of the groups trying new activities. Two Lott grandchildren, Sarah and Ricky, were staying at the house, and so they were recruited to lead the games and keep everyone on track, which they did well considering the motley gang we were.

Game #1, led by Sarah, was called Blank Slate. It was an opportunity to see how our great minds matched or how offbeat one got.



Group #2, watched over by Denise, tried out Catch Phrase to see how quickly we could get our team to figure out what we were describing.

The third section went with Pictionary, and Ricky timed the drawings and kept the gang moving.



After twenty-minute blocks of play, each of the three groups rotated to the next game station. Instead of our normal team scoring, this time we went with tracking each individual's score throughout the evening. The grand Prize was awarded to Mike Terrey's date, Nancy, for the most points accumulated.

Then it was time for well-earned dessert treats. The gang enjoyed ice cream sundaes with all the fixings, plus Dave's brownies and macaroons. After conversations that continued well after dessert, another fun summer game night was concluded.





## Golfers Swing and Sweat to the 19th Hole Denise Lott



When you think about dedication to an activity, golf must be the supreme test during our Phoenix summer. Being out for three to four hours in the mornings really makes you appreciate that 19<sup>th</sup> hole stop. The attached photo was taken when the temperature read “107 degrees, feels like 114 degrees”.

CCA has a group of members and friends that get together weekly to golf, as individual schedules permit. It is open to all interested club members. We have been gathering each week at one of the local courses, mainly in the Chandler, Sun Lakes, San Tan area. There are great summer deals that often include lunch and a beverage to encourage players to get out there. The group varies locations to check out the different possibilities.

If you are interested in being included in the weekly email that Tom Palmer sends, so that you can opt in as your calendar permits, send Tom a message, to [tompalmerappr@centurylink.net](mailto:tompalmerappr@centurylink.net).



While we are only doing this on weekdays during the summer, we might add in Sunday afternoons when the season starts in December, if we have interested players. If you would like to be included for Sunday play during the winter season, Denise would be your contact.



## End of Summer Pool Party Lylla Alejandro



A big thank you to all who could make it to our "End of Summer" pool party. With the help of our wonderful neighbors, we were able to have all club members and guests park their Corvettes off the street and in neighbors driveways. Sad to say, but as rookie event personnel, we did not charge anyone with the responsibility of taking pictures, and of course none were taken at least by us.

It was quite a sight to see the neighborhood full of beautiful Corvettes. We surprised our guests with an un-sanctioned, impromptu Peoples Choice Car Show. We had First and Second place winners, Ballots were handed out to guests and the neighbors to encourage them to get involved. Each of the Winners received a very cheep bottle of wine, of which I paid upwards of \$4. each . . . the only rules we had for this event was, if you won the wine, you had to keep it. The food was amazing, everyone brought something special. We had Cheryl Thurston on the keyboard for music, (she and her band, entertain at our Palo Verde restaurant on Thursday nights here in Sun Lakes if you want to go see her).

It was a fun evening, some joining Cheryl for a little unplanned Karaoke, while others cooled off in the pool. We are looking forward to doing this again next year, and many more club events in the meantime.





# Membership Update

## Guy Lombardo



This month we add six new members to our number. Please welcome, the Downs, Montaniles, and Steinkrauses!" to the CCA family. This brings our membership to 143.

### Rod and Nancy Downs >

Rod and Nancy own a 2010 Crystal Red Metallic Convertible. Previous Corvettes owned include a 1972 Red Coupe and a 1977 Orange Coupe. Both Rod and Nancy are retired. Prior to retirement, Rod and Nancy were owners of a home, commercial and auto glass company. Their hobbies include woodworking and travel. They previously lived in Michigan and currently live in Queen Creek.



### < Frank and Clara Montanile.

Both Frank and Clara are originally from Italy. They resided in New York City before moving to New Mexico, and eventually arrived in Arizona in 1995. Frank has been in the plumbing, construction and restaurant business. Both Clara and Frank have been involved with their son's **Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria**, with five locations in the valley. Earlier this year, Frank bought his first Corvette, which is a Black Rose 2017 Z06. Frank and Clara are both retired and they both enjoy traveling, while Frank also enjoys hunting and fishing.



### David and Linda Steinkraus >

David and Linda are originally from Lincoln, California. They now live in Goodyear. Prior to retirement, David was a Senior Residential Field Electrical Sales Engineer, and Linda was a Dispatcher and 911 Operator for the California Highway Patrol. They own a 2014 Yellow Z51 Coupe, and previously owned a 2003 Yellow Coupe.





# C8 News and Views

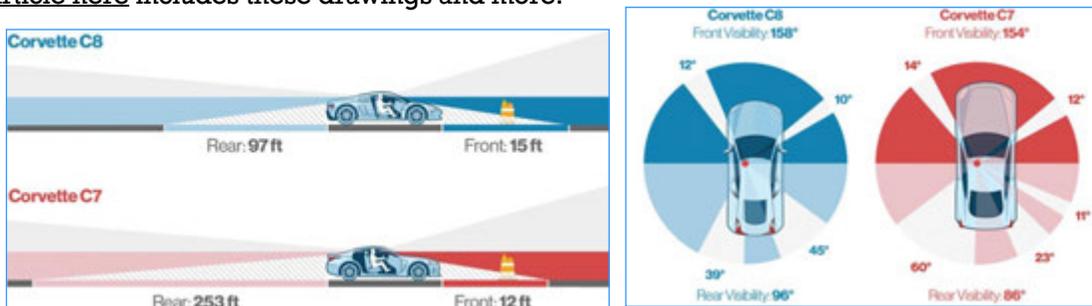
# Bob Bassett



The big news this month is that the C8 Convertible has now been revealed and is a beautifully styled retractable hardtop convertible. It doesn't quite match the Chazcron's idea which we showed you in July, but it is pretty close.



Visibility is one of the things mid-engine sports cars brag about, but in an interesting twist, Car & Driver did an analysis of the sight lines from the cockpit of the new car and found that the C8 actually gives up 3' of forward visibility to the C7, (perhaps because GM might have reserved some space for an electric front wheel/four wheel drive system to come later) but the C8 gains 4% wider forward angle of view, 10% wider rear, and a whopping 156 feet in additional rear visibility over the previous generation. Their [article here](#) includes these drawings and more:



**GOOD NEWS!** The GM UAW strike that has been delaying the building of about 600 C7 Corvettes and retooling of the Bowling Green plant for the C8 has been settled.

General Motors Co. announced that GM team members have ratified a new four-year labor agreement covering employees at 55 UAW-represented sites across the U.S. The new agreement provides GM hourly workers with a world-class wage, benefit and profit-sharing package.

The new, four-year agreement rewards the hard work of GM's hourly employees, helping support families and communities across the U.S. Details include:

- 3% wage increases or 4% lump sum payments in each of the four years of the contract.
- Retention of world-class health care coverage, preserving the current 3% cost to employees.
- An \$11,000 contract signing bonus for regular employees, and \$4,500 for temporary employees.
- Enhanced employee profit-sharing, including no cap on our employees' ability to share in the company's profits.
- A clear path for temporary employees to transition to permanent employment after three years of service, beginning in January 2020 for eligible employees with accrued time.

Completion of the 600 orders should start immediately, and retooling will take approximately two weeks.





# Magical Mystery Tour

Charlotte & Oscar McSpadden  
Carol & Bob McDougall



This year the **MMT** gang took off on September 20<sup>th</sup> for parts unknown to them.....

Only the organizers, **Oscar & Charlotte McSpadden** and **Bob & Carol McDougall** had the inside scoop...AND...**no one guessed our destination!!!** In fact, Dean Sample is still on his way to New York!

Originally we had sixteen couples/cars including McSpadden's & McDougall's. Unfortunately three couples - the Rhodes, Haydens & Hagans - had to cancel out at the last minute because of illness. They were certainly missed!



In the end our group consisted of:

Rocco & Diana Campise  
Roger & Arlene Craig  
Joe & Jennifer Hitzel  
Rich & Judy Hoffman

Ray & Pat Jenkins  
Jim & Patty Kerber  
Dave & Denise Lott  
Bob & Carol McDougall  
Oscar & Charlotte McSpadden

Bruce & Jan Mundy  
Heinz & Eva Platten  
Dean & Sandy Sample  
Marc & Kathy Teixeira

The group headed toward their first stop at the **Painted Desert/Petrified Forest**....many had never been there. All were amazed at the tour and lunch stop. There was so much to learn, and then we went on to our final destination of **Albuquerque/Santa Fe, NM**. **BUT**....not without a little *excitement* when the Campise's car overheated on I-40 just outside of Albuquerque. Fortunately they were able to get the problem resolved the next day. After getting checked into **Hotel Albuquerque** we joined up to walk over



to **Lil' Anita's** for dinner and some fun and instructions for day two. On **Day 2** we drove on the "**Musical Road**" on Route 66 which plays "*America the Beautiful*" by grooves in the road....then up the back side of **Sandia Peak** – a perfect curvy drive for the Corvette enthusiasts... all the way to the top (10,678') for a great view of the city and pictures. The group moved on to **Madrid**... the small town where the movie "*Wild Hogs*" was filmed starring John Travolta, Tim Allen, etc.

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## Magical Mystery Tour (Cont'd)

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Our caravan continued to **Santa Fe** where we enjoyed a **Tram Tour of Santa Fe** and a tour of the famous **Loretto Chapel**. Everyone was free to explore the city, to shop and have lunch, returning to Albuquerque for dinner at the **Range Café**.

**Day 3** took the group to the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** for tours lead by very knowledgeable docents and authentic native dancing....and a relaxed lunch on the outdoor patio. We then left for the **Sandia Peak Tramway** for a ride up the front side (10,378') of the mountain.



Many had never ridden in a cable tram – incidentally, Patti Kerber kept her eyes shut. On to **Sadie's** for a fabulous Mexican dinner and prizes for our Trivia Games. – *you'll notice we never missed a meal.*



**Day 4** started with a tour of the **Unser Racing Museum** – it was a real treat to peak into the history of this amazing Unser Family.....legendary for generations in racing.....then our group was *free to move about the country....some* headed for home, Durango, Winslow or other adventures.



It was a fun-filled long weekend....and many new adventures and memories were made with the CCA members enjoying beautiful New Mexico weather and hospitality.

***North South East or West  
Whichever way you like the best  
But if you go with CCA  
You'll find that it's the better way!***





# An “Old School” Driver Rhonda & Rob Deacon



On Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, twenty-one couples joined us in our 2017 Red Grand Sport for a driver to Wickenburg. We chose to organize this event to provide an opportunity for members to enjoy an “Old School” driver. When we joined the Corvette Club of Arizona back in 2006, we had just purchased a brand new 2006 Victory Red C6 and were looking forward to exploring Arizona with the club. The club was a lot smaller at that time and the event was often the drive itself. To us an “Old School” driver is comprised of a few simple details;

- Choose a unique route, roads, scenic stops, or locations that members may not have driven to by themselves.
- Drive together as a group on the chosen route. We like to ensure everyone arrives at the rest stops and provide good written directions as we don't always have mobile phone service available.
- A lunch destination where everyone could enjoy being together, explore, and then drive home in smaller groups. Most of the club worked then and the drivers were almost always day trips.
- A quiz, poker rally, or activity for the drive.
- “Fabulous Prizes” - when we joined the club these prizes could be ANYTHING from local or white elephant gifts to left over parts from the garage (often showing up at future drivers as Fabulous Prizes).



Based on the above criteria, our “Old School” driver started at Tempe Marketplace at 8:30 am. With 21 Corvettes present, we had a traditional “drivers meeting”. Everyone pulled their first “poker cards” we were on our way.



The first leg of the driver went south to Maricopa before heading east across the desert on the scenic Hwy 238 to Gila Bend. We had our first rest stop, snacks, and water, and another card for the poker hand (and a great Corvette photo opportunity).



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# An “Old School” Driver (Cont’d)

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The second leg of the driver was the highlight for us and for many of the members. We went North from Gila Bend on the Historic Highway 80. We have lived in Arizona since 2002 and neither Rhonda nor I had ever been on this road before this year. It appears that many of the club members had not been on this road either. The road winds through the farmland and crosses the Historic Gillespie Dam Bridge [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gillespie\\_Dam\\_Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gillespie_Dam_Bridge). It was a quite a sight with all 21 corvettes on the old steel bridge that was originally constructed in 1927 (restored in 2012).

Rhonda had called ahead this summer and had the State of Arizona repave most of this highway for the driver! After a quick second rest stop, we crossed the I-10.



On the third leg, we made our way north on Wickenburg Road and then onto Vulture Mine Road. This section of the route crossed through untouched desert with forests of Saguaro cactus. With no traffic and some long stretches of road we may have driven “5 over” the speed limit.



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## An “Old School” Driver (Cont’d)

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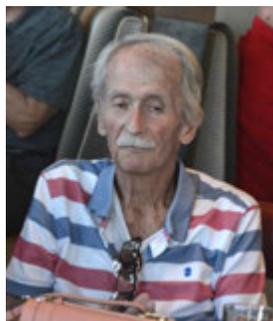
After a regrouping stop at the entrance to the Vulture Mine [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulture\\_Mine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulture_Mine), all of the cars made it through the two turns in Wickenburg (and through the gate keeper) into Wickenburg Ranch Golf Course to Jake’s Spoon Restaurant.

At the restaurant everyone had name place holders with their lunch choice so the restaurant staff could serve us promptly. The service was great



and the meals were really good. I don’t think anyone went home hungry. Kudos to the staff for being prepared for a group of 42 and getting the meals out promptly when we arrived. Neil Pivar gave the cookies after lunch a big thumbs up! The views from the deck area of the restaurant are awesome. I encourage club members to dine at this restaurant before it becomes a private golf course facility (once there are enough members).

At lunch, everyone drew their final cards and the winners of the “Fabulous Prizes” were announced (no - we did not go old school with left over parts from the garage!!!). The winners with the best poker hand were Barb and Bob Bassett. The second prize winners with the worst poker hand were Rocco and Diana Campise. We also had a couple of birthdays in October to celebrate - Diana Campise and Tom Hill. It was really great to see long-time members Tom and Nancy out for the driver. Rocco went to great



lengths to surprise Diana with a birthday cake and Dom Lovino got it to lunch in one piece (even with that last cattle guard coming into town!). After socializing, many of the group went for a tour of the model homes before driving back.

We would like to thank those that helped us during the event; Mary O’Connor and Gail Baldacchino helped with the poker rally; Patty Friesz, Mary O’Connor, and Barb Bassett took pictures; and the Katzs helped with snacks. We had a great time hosting the event and are always willing to help other members with organizing an event or an “Old School” driver.





# Monthly Chicks Luncheons & More

Mary Ellen Hayden  
Denise Lott



Next luncheons: **November 8 and December 13**

**NEW: Next morning coffees: November 6 and December 4**



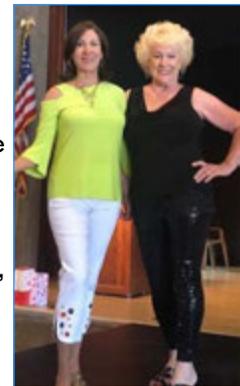
All CCA ladies are invited to join us for the monthly CCA Chicks lunch at the Stone & Barrel Taphouse, Oakwood Country Club, in Sun Lakes. We meet on the second Friday of each month at 11:00. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend one of our lunches as part of their membership process.

In November, many Chicks will be bringing items to support the House of Refuge's Christmas program. They have offered to help provide "Gifts for Parents." These would be things that children could come and select as Christmas presents for their parents. Resources for families being assisted by the House of Refuge are very limited, and it is special for the children to be able to give each parent a gift from that child. A list of suggested items will be sent out with the monthly reminder.



Please RSVP to MaryEllen Hayden ([mehayden2@centurylink.net](mailto:mehayden2@centurylink.net)) for the November luncheon.

**Now, here is a new Corvette Chicks Activity:** In addition to our monthly lunches, we are expanding our opportunities for the Chicks to get together. Each month, in the Cottonwood, Sun Lakes ballroom, there is a large ladies' monthly coffee group. The agenda usually includes some form of entertainment, a fashion event put on by one of our local stores or trunk shows, presentations by local businesses, and lots of give-aways. This function is the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 for drinks and cookies. Two of our Chicks, Lylla Alejandro and Denise Lott, are runway models for the stores during each show.



If you are interested in attending any one of the coffees, please email Norma Marsh ([njoymarsh@aol.com](mailto:njoymarsh@aol.com)) and she will be sure to save you a seat with our other Chicks.

Are you involved with another group that has an activity that you think would be of interest to us? Please let either Denise or Mary Ellen know about it so that we can send out the information. For example, this month there was a Downton Abbey tea party that we enjoyed.





## Activities Update

Diana Campise



As we enter that wonderfully busy time of the year, we have a full slate of upcoming CCA events, so please mark your calendars! And girls, don't forget the monthly Chicks Luncheons and Coffees.

Nov. 3 Starting the month off with our ALL CHEVY car show. Hope to see everyone there. For detailed information you can contact Brad Ryan at 630-284-1611 or [brycoinvestmentsaz@gmail.com](mailto:brycoinvestmentsaz@gmail.com)

Nov. 7 Get ready for election night at Novembers General Meeting being held at the Flix Brew house movie theatre. Located at the corners of Arizona Avenue and Chandler Boulevards. Parking is located behind the theatre in a multi-story parking garage. Doors to the meeting room will open at 6:00PM.

Nov. 9 The military ball is the time for all CCA ladies to dress up in your finest outfits. For additional information you can contact the Lott's at 480-273-5597 or [deniselott2@gmail.com](mailto:deniselott2@gmail.com)

Nov. 10 Everyone loves a Happy Hour and the Hagen's are having one. It's a BYOB and bring your favorite appetizer to share. Call Nancy at 602-723-9282 or [2njmh2@gmail.com](mailto:2njmh2@gmail.com) to confirm your request to attend.

Nov. 17-18 or Nov 20-21 Roc Campise is offering a Polar Express experience. See the flyer on the Website for information or check your October 28 emails for a mailer from Esther.

Nov. 23 It's time again for our Highway Clean-up . If you want to help in this semi-annual event, please contact Dean Sample to join the group at 303-842-6343 or [sipsample@aol.com](mailto:sipsample@aol.com).

Dec. 8 The Activity team will host an Appreciation get together to thank those who have hosted events this year.

Dec. 14 Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah. This year's annual Holiday party will be hosted by Jennifer and Joe Hitzel.

Dec. 31 Desert Corvette Club has issued an invitation to CCA members who would like to join them for their New Year's Eve party.

Jan. 11 thru 23 Volunteer days at Russo and Steele Collector Car Auction. This is great opportunity to get up close to the working of a Collector Car Auction. Volunteers will be doing everything from checking in cars, parking, moving cars onto the Auction block, and checking out after the auction. Russo and Steel have been very generous to CCA in their thanks for our participation. Contact Garry Mion.

Jan. 22 Barb Bassett is hosting another Sweet Basil Gourmet Cooking class. Get together with 6 other couples and learn a new dish or six. Barb's number is 480-319-6283.

Feb. 14 to 16 The Road Runner region 2020 Kick Off event will be held here. Guests from 9 other clubs in the Road Runner Region will be here for a Governor's Meeting, social events and some city tours. To join in and meet Corvetters from other RR clubs, contact Ray Jenkins or see the flyer on the website.

Feb. 19 Bob Bassett is hosting a Packages From Home packing party at their Glenda facility with lunch following. Help us help them support deployed armed services members. Bob 480-319-6283.





## Vette Set Dining at Flo's Diana Campise



Our Vette Set Dinner at Flo's Asian Restaurant was a huge success. The restaurant offered a terrific happy hour menu which included a bottle of wine, entrée and rice for \$20.00. Certainly enough to drink and feed two. There were laughs galore and great people as always. We had such a good time we that we closed the place. The entire restaurant was completely cleaned around us and we were the last patrons to leave. Another bottle of wine and we would have stayed the night looking forward to those lettuce wraps in the morning.



### How to Plan an Event

Vette Set Dining is a great way to socialize and get to know other CCA members a little better. Groups usually range from four to eight couples, but we have had larger groups.

Evenings like this are great and you, as a CCA member/host, can participate very easily.

Step 1. Contact me, [Diana Campise](#), to be placed on the mail-out list for Vette Set Dining events. You will then receive an invitations to upcoming Vette Set Dinners.



Step 2. Here's a quick guide on how you could host a Vette Set Dinner of your own.

1. Choose one of your favorite restaurants.
2. Decide how many members you want to accommodate.
3. Pick your date and contact [Diana Campise](#), [diana2campise@yahoo.com](mailto:diana2campise@yahoo.com) to approve the date.
4. Be sure the restaurant will produce separate checks.
5. Make sure you have ample corvette parking.
6. Design a flyer to let people know the details of the event and send it to Diana for delivery to the Vette Set Dining group (we can help if you need it).
7. Appoint someone other than yourself to take event photos.
8. Prepare and Submit an article for **Crosstalk**.

Sit back and enjoy your evening. Call me! 480-209-0117 Diana





## Another Summer Project

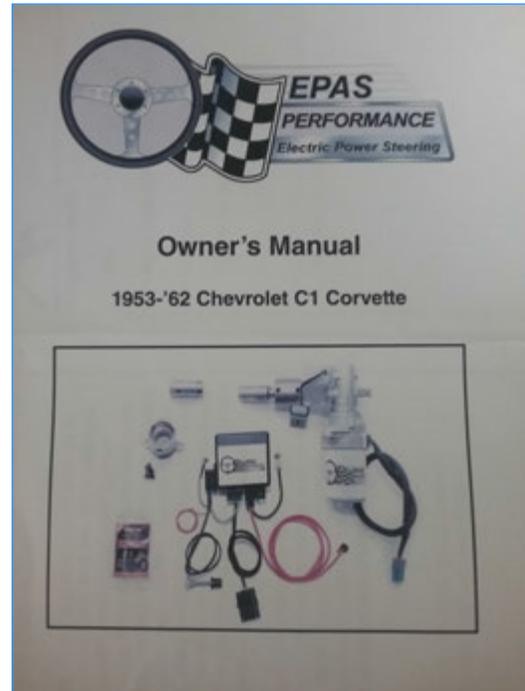
John Marsh



This tech article covers the installation of an electric power steering kit in my classic C1 Corvette. The early Corvettes came from the factory equipped with 670 x 15 bias tires that were 5 to 5-1/2 inches wide and drove just fine with the help of a 17 inch steering wheel. However, if you drive your C1 a lot, as I do, the benefits of a nostalgic style true radial tires with modern day performance is much better and safer. The down side to the use of radial tires is that they cause the C1 to steer a LOT HARDER when maneuvering at low speeds and parking! Therefore, at my age, I decided that power steering would be nice.

I decided to go with the electric power steering sold by EPAS PERFORMANCE because their unit fits up under the dash and does not distract from the car's original appearance, and it has an added benefit of no need to deal with hoses, cylinders, belts, pumps or steering fluid leaks. Also, everything under the hood stays original.

The kit comes complete with a prewired control module and a potentiometer, which allows you to have more or less power assist as you drive, by turning a knob.



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## Another Summer Project (Cont'd)

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The installation of this system is not for the faint of heart!!! It requires removing the steering box and column from the vehicle, disassembling the steering box and splicing the steering column and shaft. This should be done by a professional mechanic or by a very knowledgeable amateur.

The potentiometer and control module can be installed in any convenient location. I chose to install the module above the left (driver's side) kick panel and the potentiometer at the lower left dash location for easy reach for power assist adjustment.



Everything worked out really well and I'm very satisfied with the installation. It's wonderful to have the luxury of power steering for my '59 Corvette. . . now she drives like a dream!!!





# Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock



1. What years did General Motors produce an Anniversary Year Corvette?
2. In what years was the Doug-Nash four speed manual transmission with three overdrives available in Corvettes?
3. What was the first year that an airbag was installed in a Corvette?
4. What Corvette was called "King of the Hill"?
5. Which Astronaut was the first to be given a brand new Corvette as a publicity stunt?
6. When did the Bowling Green Kentucky Assembly Plant build its first Corvette?
7. What years did the Corvette not have a trunk?
8. What was the first Corvette to cost over \$20,000?
9. What was the first Corvette used as Pace Car at the Indianapolis 500 Race?
10. What years where Side Pipes sold as a factory option?
11. John DeLorean became Chevrolet's General Manager in 1969. What is he best known for as one of his first acts after becoming the General Manager?
12. What was the ZHZ Corvette?



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## Club Calendar

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change. For the most up to date information and flyers for various events, please go to the [Website](#) and Login. **Last Update: 10/31/2019**

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
3 All Chevy Car Show w/Ryan	4 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh	9 Membership Meeting Awards & more
6 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh	5 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber	TBA CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh
7 Membership Meeting Election Night at FLIX BREWHOUSE	8 Event Hosts Appreciation w/Activity Team	10 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott
8 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott	13 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott	11 to 23 Russo & Steele Volunteer Days w/Garry Mion
9 Military Ball w/Lotts	14 CCA Christmas Party w/Hitzels	16 Board Meeting
10 Happy Hour w/Hagans	19 Board Meeting w/Lotts	22 Sweet Basil Cooking Class w/Bassetts
11 Veterans Day 	31 New Year's Eve w/DCA	
17/18 or 20/21 Polar Express w/Campise		
21 Board Meeting w/Bassetts		
23 Highway Cleanup w/Samples		
28 Thanksgiving Day		
		
		<u>February</u>
		6 Membership Meeting
		14 –16 Roadrunner Kick-Off 2020 w/Jenkins
		19 Packages From Home Packing Party w/Bassetts
		20 Board Meeting

## Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz

**1.** 1978 25th, 1988 35<sup>th</sup>, 1993 40th, 2003 50th, 2013 60th ; **2.** The first airbag was installed on the driver's side in 1990; **3.** 1984 through 1988; **4.** The 1990 ZR 1, was called " King of the Hill" by the automotive press; **5.** Alan Shepard was presented with a special 1962 Corvette for being the first man in space; **6.** June 1, 1981; **7.** 1963 to 1982, & 1982 had a liftable rear glass window; **8.** The 1982 Collector's Edition was \$22,537; **9.** The 1978 Indianapolis Pace Car Limited Edition Collector Car; 6502 were built, one for each Corvette Dealership; **10.** 1965 to 1967 and 1969; **11.** He killed the Mid-Engine project; **12.** In 2008, General Motors made 500, ZHZ Corvettes for the Hertz Corporation to be used a leased vehicle. The cars were finished in Hertz iconic yellow with an exclusive black center stripe and a special ZHZ badge on the fender. They were available in convertibles and coupes! They were offered for rent in 14 states at 24 selected airports!





# Old Tucson Studios Driver

Nancy & Frank Hagan  
Diana & Roc Campise



If you have never been to the studio, the drive into and over the mountains is quite a sight. The location is in a pocket between the Tucson, Santa Rita and Rincon Mountains. Coming in from the Phoenix side you traverse Wasson Peak which has a series of switchbacks a good Corvette road, a la Lombard Street in San Francisco. It also passes through a magnificent Saguaro forest. I heard one driver ask if we had to go back the way we came in, and other asking if we could do it again. Fortunately for some, we left the park from the opposite side which is basically a normal driving experience.

When we arrived, there were cones protecting the parking spaces reserved for CCA at the front entrance. Nice touch.

During the day, we shopped, rode trains, shopped, drove antique cars, shopped, watched a show, did I say we shopped, and of course there were eats. Some had lunch at Big Jakes BBQ restaurant, others opted for pretzels and of course the multi-scoop waffle cones.



We took in a gunfight and a show at the Grand Palace Hotel where Dom Lovino got to show his moves with one of the chorus girls. He did show her a thing or three.



After a few hours we retreated to our hotel for an early dinner and an opportunity to change into our costumes ready for Nightfall back at the studios.



We dined as a group at the hotel, talking, laughing and carrying on in our usual CCA manner, good food and great service. After dinner, we made our way back to the studios in costume, quite a sight.

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# Old Tucson Studios Driver (Cont'd)

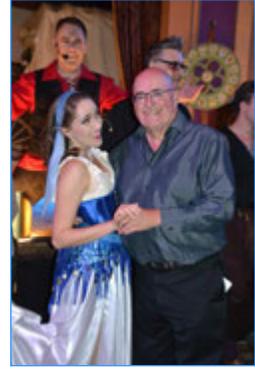
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Little did we know when we returned that evening, the park would be absolutely jammed for their Nightfall event. The park closes for two hours for a changeover from Western theme to Halloween for the month of October. The multiple wait lines for Nightfall were very long, and we could see a steady stream of cars coming down the mountain for miles. No worries, as our parking spaces were still there safe and sound, and we got to walk straight in ahead of everyone waiting in line.



Everything was lit, the park staff were going around scaring people and generally haunting everyone. Some of us took a

haunted hayride and did a couple of "Can Can" shows as well. This time Bob was chosen and, not to be outdone by Dom, he also showed the dance hall gal, and the crowd, a few dance moves.



On the Haunted Hayride there were a couple of scary moments riding into a pitch black back country with loud noises, gun shots, illusions and a horseback rider sneaking up on us. He certainly got the attention of the participants. Oh yes, the fortune tellers were in abundance and foretold that we would take a trip to the old mine or should I say the old Haunted mine. That was a great experience. Very well done!



Oh yes, let us eat! This time Kettle Corn. We went to another show in an arena where the pre-show warm-up crew was very entertaining, and possibly the best part of the show, but, we endured watching Superheroes reduced to ordinary people, and then called it a night.

The outing was different. Some people had never been to Old Tucson Studios and some of us hadn't been there for over twenty years.



Back at the hotel we scrounged all the vacant chairs from around the pool, brought our wine and glasses and again enjoyed a late evening nightcap and great conversation. In the morning, most of us met for breakfast, said our goodbyes and headed homeward bound. It was a very nice couple of days. Thank you to all who participated.





## CCA Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



### Roadrunner 4th Quarter Governor's Meeting in Cornville, Az.

Region Clubs represented were: SDCT, CCA, TVS, VVV & Phantom Vettes.

All thanked Larry McCarty of Verde Valley Vettes for hosting the meeting at his home in Cornville, Az.

#### Pat Jenkins - Secretary Report:

Pat announced that the election for the Roadrunner Region Officers is complete, and all three present Officers were unanimously re-elected.

#### Barb Johnson - R.E. reported:

We have a new Governor for the Rio Grande Corvette Club in Coralles, NM. (Rob Finrock)

We currently have eleven Corvette Clubs in the Roadrunner Region.

NCCC Bylaws need to be explained on Life Time memberships to NCCC members who would like this status. The fees are \$300 for each current member. \$300 + \$35 for new members. Life members who no longer own a Corvette will become Associate members.

NCCC 2020 Convention will be in Indianapolis. July 5th-10th, 2020

NCCC 2021 Convention will be held in Cleveland. June 13th-18th, 2021.

#### Bob Johnson - RCD reported:

The new C-8 Corvette will be in Competition Class P.

New version of red lined Competition Rule Book is now on line.

Talked about a Corvette Annual Tech as opposed to an every event Tech.

NCCC Brochures on Benefits of membership are now on web site. (Select Members and open Promo Flyer to see the Brochure)

#### Ron Scott - RMD (not at meeting) Barb reported:

There are 18,408 NCCC members, with 500 members added since May. Send in NCCC renewals as soon as possible, so Ray (Governor) can get them recorded into the NCCC Data Base and sent to Ron Scott the RMD.

#### Old Business

Discussion about having a teleconference meeting for 2nd Quarter. Moved by Debbie Marple and 2nd by Wallace Ricks to approve.

Since we only had one Autocross this year, there will not be a separate Roadrunner Region award for this event, All competition events will get five place awards instead.

#### Schedule of upcoming 2019 Sanctioned Events:

CCA - All Chevy Show - November 3rd

TVS - Corvette Thunder - November 15th-17th (Corvette Show, Rallies & Autocross.)

#### New Business

Positive response on the CCA hosted 2020 Roadrunner Region "Kick Off" Event. Ray gave an overview of the Kick Off schedule. Flyers will be mailed out week of October 20th.

Barb (R.E.) will continue to search for a host Club for 2021.

NCCC National Convention will be July 5th - 10th, 2020 in Indianapolis.

#### NCCC National Meeting Dates for 2020:

Feb. 21st & 22nd, May 1st & 2nd, Sept. 11th & 12th, Nov. 6th & 7th.

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## CCA Governor's Update (Cont'd)

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Region Quarterly Governor's meeting dates for 2020:

- 1st Quarter - February 16th (Phoenix)
- 2nd Quarter - April 23rd (Teleconference)
- 3rd Quarter - July 18th (Ruidoso)
- 4th Quarter - October 10th (Cornville)

Tentative Schedule of upcoming 2020 Region Sanctioned Events:

- TVS - Car Show, Rallies & Autocross - March 20th - 22nd
- CCA - Corvettes in the Park - March 29th
- VVV - Hare & Hound Rally - April 5th
- VVV - All Chevy Show - May 16th-17th
- Phantom Vettes - Corvette Show and Rally - July 18th-19th
- SDCT - Rally - September 26th
- VVV - Corvette Show & Rally - October 10th-11th
- CCA - All Chevy Show - November 1st
- TVS Corvette Show, Rally & Autocross - November 13th-15th



Please check the [RoadRunner Region Website](#) for the most up to date details.



## Vette Set Dining at VooDoo Daddy's Barb & Bob Bassett

Seven couples got together for an evening of live Jazz and some fantastic Creole, Cajun and Caribbean Cuisine at VooDoo Daddy's Steam Kitchen on West Elliott in Tempe. Those who attended Lylla's "End of Summer" pool party will remember the entertainer, Cheryl Thurston, who performed there, and also for us at VooDoo Daddy's this evening.



In addition to the great entertainment and friendly atmosphere, offerings included Shrimp Creole, Jambalaya, Breaded Catfish, Crawfish Etouffee, Andouille Sausage Po'Boys, and many more southern favorites. Yes, there were southern drinks too! Following the show, we retreated to Diana and Roc Campise's for some decadent chocolate popcorn, drinks, and Diana's famous homemade pumpkin pie. There were also some challenging and fun games. All in all it was a wonderful evening with wonderful friends!





# Upcoming Birthdays



## NOVEMBER

- Kathy Golec**
- Pam Swanson**
- Diana Zajicek**
- Dave Lott**
- John O'Boyle**
- Joyce Riffel**
- Betty Irish**
- Charlotte McSpadden**
- Elly Palmer**
- Arlene Craig**
- Phil Duhaim**
- Debbie Roberts**
- Jack Schwarzenbach**

## DECEMBER

- Guy Lombardo**
- Char Eastwood**
- Nancy Downs**
- Bob Swanson**
- Ellen Kemper**
- Gordon Leitz**
- Cathy Maiorano**
- Jim Kerber**
- Cynthia Rhoads**
- Jeffrey Nieman**
- Steve Rhoads**
- Patty Friesz**
- Gil Schmidt**
- Alison Stover**
- Beth Godina**

## JANUARY

- George Baldacchino**
- Jim Wendland**
- Kathy Teixeira**
- Esther Enriquez**
- Nancy Hill**
- Denise Lott**
- Brian Miller**
- Lylla Alejandro**
- Barb Bassett**
- Brian Lund**
- Garry Mion**
- Patti Kerber**
- Louis Zajicek**

# The Last Word

Bob Bassett



When I was still taking buses and asking my parents to drive me places, Zora Arkus Duntov achieved an engineering milestone by squeezing 283 Horsepower out of a 283 cubic inch Chevy Small Block engine. One horsepower per cubic inch was an incredible feat in 1957. Now, some 62 years later, GM engineers have managed to increase that output by 30%! The new LT2 6.2 liter fuel injected Small Block V8 is putting out an advertised 495 Horsepower . That is 1.3 hp per Cubic inch! A recent test proved well over 500 hp at the wheels, so it is making even more that the advertised rating.

They began by keeping the best parts of the small-block V-8 Chevy launched for the 1955 model year: A 4.4-inch spacing between cylinder bores and one block-mounted camshaft activating a mere 16 valves serving eight cylinders.

They also retained key refinements developed over six decades that improved this engine's ease of making horsepower for the least weight, space, and cost: aluminum block and head construction; a deep-skirt cylinder block with cross-bolted main bearings and cast-iron bore liners; state-of-the-art electronic controls to meter the fuel and cleanse the exhaust; free-flowing cylinder heads with direct injection developed for the 2014 C7 Corvette's LT1 engine; and squirters aiming a jet of oil at the underside of each piston to lower their operating temperatures.

The LT2's centerpiece is a new cylinder block designed around a dry-sump lubrication system that's now standard Corvette equipment. The most interesting feature in the new LT2 block is an innovative sealed valley (the chamber between the cylinder banks) to stop oil draining down from the heads and hydraulic lifters from entering the crankcase where oil whipped up by the crankshaft previously constituted a source of drag. Instead, oil is scavenged from the valley and the shallow bottom pan by a pump, filtered and defoamed, and returned to the reservoir.

Congratulations GM engineers. Zora would be very proud of your achievements!

