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President's Message

Brad Ryan



Once again, we were forced to cancel the February combination Dinner and Membership Meeting at the Oakwood Ballroom due to increased COVID-19 concerns. In order to maintain the continuity of our Club Member meetings, the Board has decided to move forward with a March 4th Membership Meeting with the expectation that because COVID-19 vaccines have now become available to those in our age group, more CCA Members will attend. At this point with almost a year of lockdowns and self-isolating we therefore have little choice if we want to continue to have meetings where we can get together to enjoy each other's company and continue moving forward into 2021.

Update: CCA Meeting Venue Search

At the end of January, we met with First Credit Union (FCU) to inspect the completed conference room and sign-off on our acceptance document along with our NCCC Proof of Insurance Rider. The Room is not as large as the old Chamber of Commerce Room and it is set up Classroom-style with long narrow tables and nice chairs behind them that will seat about 48 people for some of our monthly Membership Meetings. This will still require us to find a larger space for when we are at our peak of 50-80 Members in attendance. Unfortunately, at this time due to COVID-19, there will be room capacity restrictions which will drastically cut down the maximum of 48 persons until further notice from the staff at FCU.

Therefore, we will still be looking for yet another space that can hold our larger in-season Meetings. To that extent, and when any COVID-19 restrictions are no longer in-place, we will be looking into offering different Dinner/Membership Meeting combinations where the room is offered at no charge if dinner is provided - similar to the one that was so successful at the Oakwood Ballroom.



Oakwood Ballroom - Membership Meeting on Oct 1, 2020



President's Message (cont.)

Brad Ryan

**Update: 45th Anniversary Photo Shoot**

The 45th Anniversary Photo and descriptive insert should be coming our way very soon in the 2021 Winter issue of Blue Bars. We will also be using that photo printed on a frame-less "Fracture" Glass Photo Art to be presented to Earnhardt Chevrolet and then put into the wall display case next to their conference room.

**CCA Activities:**

As we did at the October meeting, the January meeting also included temperature checks and hand sanitizer. "Restaurant Rules" were in place whereby everyone was required to wear masks until seated for the meeting.

The annual January Membership and Awards Banquet is on hold until the COVID-19 issue ramps down and our Membership Meeting attendance increases.

The Corvettes in the Park Car Show was cancelled due to spacing requirements and the additional cost of a COVID-19 remediation plan required by the City of Chandler. We are hoping that COVID-19 will not be an issue for the October Chevys in the Park Car Show, but we also didn't dream that we would be "stuck in gear" while the last three Car Shows had to be cancelled!

As restrictions loosen up, we welcome any and all suggestions from the Membership for Drivers, or other events that can be put on to keep us way more active than last year. Now that the weather is getting nicer, let's get creative and come with some open-air gatherings of any size to help get us past all of these restrictions in the months to come.

Also, a big thanks to Roc for his charity event at PIR where we followed behind a Pace Car for five laps around the track on Feb 27th.

The decision to request a vote from the membership for a donation to Packages from Home was driven by the fact that we were unable to hold any fund raisers due to the (COVID-19 related) cancellation of our last TWO car shows (last fall and this spring) In addition, Packages from Home relies heavily on our club's support twice every year for the last several years from our car show registration revenues.

With regard to the affirmative vote from the membership to donate \$1,200 to Packages from Home, I believe this was a Club first, in that where we would normally vote at a CCA Membership Meeting, we sent out a vote by email donation notice instead, due to COVID-19 virtually closing down our Meetings. We will also be addressing this issue when we do our review of the CCA SRP's to allow for such a deviation in the future.





President's Message (cont.)

Brad Ryan



As far as the voting process is concerned, emails were sent out to every CCA Member where we requested EACH CCA Member to send their vote to two specific Board Members as a verifiable method to properly certify and assure that the vote count was accurate.

In any case, here are the results of the email voting for PFH:

Of our ~120 Members, over 50% responded to the email vote request. Of that 50% who voted, 75% had voted to the affirmative and 25% that said no.

With the email voting complete, we were therefore able to present a check to Packages from Home at the Packing Party on February 10th where we also packed over 160 boxes to mail out for our Troops!

Thanks to Neil & Tina Pivar for taking over the PFH Packing Party event for the Bassett's who are still locked-down in Canada.



Brad

Brad Ryan,

President, Corvette Club of Arizona





From the Editor Kevin Deihl



Greetings! As a newer member to CCA, I am excited, nervous and ready to take on the challenge of becoming your new Editor. My goal as your editor is to keep you informed, entertained and up to date on all Club business. I have received a lot of appreciation, encouragement, and help so far so I feel confident that the Crosstalk newsletter can continue on. While no major changes are planned for the future of the letter, a lot of the same content will remain. You will see Member and Board meeting minutes, Board member reports, Activities, Birthdays and so on. I am looking to keep personal, Corvette related stories included as well. Hopefully more activities will be able to be reported as COVID related restrictions are relaxed.

Thank you to Bob Bassett for mentoring thru the transition and to Jennifer, my behind-the-scenes person.



Activities Report Lylla Alejandro



The North Chandler Place, a Senior Living Space, has shown an interest in having a car show. Also, Larry Maioriano has expressed an interest in having a continuing car show, such as a Cars and Coffee event on Saturday mornings. More details to follow. These would be events that could be socially distanced outside, and adhere to safety guidelines and allow our newer perspective members/guests to participate on their way to becoming members.

One of our new Activities coordinators, Jim Glass, is looking into putting together a points reward system where you earn points for each event you attend and extra points for driving your Corvette.

Our other Activities coordinator, Dick Hedahl, is working on a Segway event and will present a flyer at the next membership meeting.



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CCA Governor's Report

Ray Jenkins

**CCA Governor's Corner Report**

I welcome the new year 2021 with great expectations. Although there are still restrictions on large events, some of the Region Clubs are planning outdoor events that can be done with social distancing.

The Roadrunner Region had it's first Quarterly Meeting via Teams Meetings on the internet on January 28th. There were six Club Governors plus the R.E., RCD, RMD, Treasurer and Web master present.

Barb Johnson, R.E reported:

- The National NCCC Convention in Cleveland, Ohio is scheduled for June 13 - 18, 2021.
- Nominations for Region R.E. and R.C.D. will start June 1, 2021.
- Bluebars information due by February 28, 2021. Barb would like activities and pictures from Region Clubs sent to her. Barb would like to know what Clubs do for Charities during the year sent to her. Barb reports this information in the Bluebars magazine for her Region Report.

Bob Johnson, RCD reported:

- If you have a Sanctioned Event be sure to follow all NCCC guidelines.
- The updated NCCC Competition Manual is on the NCCC web site.

Ron Scott, RMD reported:

- Only Primary NCCC members receive the Bluebars magazine.
- NCCC will have the hard membership cards sent out by February sometime.
- Ron requested the updated information form for Club Officers be sent to him. He will resend it to all Region Governors.

Debbie Marple, Treasurer reported:

- All Region Club dues have been received. Income was \$330.00 in dues and \$165.00 expense for the web site renewal.

Debbie Marple, Web Master reported:

- 2021 links are all updated. The RR Calendar will show upcoming events.



CCA Governor's Report (cont'd)

Ray Jenkins

**Old Business:**

- Kick Off 2021 will take place in 2022 in Laughlin, NV. hosted by CRCC.
- Scheduled events cannot interfere with National Events.

New Business:

- NCCC National Meeting dates are: (No Region Sanctioned Events on these dates)
- April 30 - May 1, 2021
- June 13 - 18, 2021 Meeting and National Convention
- September 10 - 11, 2021
- November 12 - 13, 2021

Roadrunner Region Quarterly meeting dates are:

- April 15, 2021 - 6:30 P.M. via Team Meetings
- July 18, 2021 - (At the Great Escape Event in Ruidoso, NM)
- October ? TBD

Upcoming Sanctioned Events:

- As of now, one Autocross event is scheduled on March 21st (TVS).
- The Great Escape is scheduled for July 16 - 18, 2021. (Phantom Vettes)
- Sonoran Desert Corvettes has a plan for a Rally on September 18 - 19, 2021
- CCA All Chevy Show is scheduled for November 7, 2021 in Chandler.

Ray Jenkins

CCA Governor



In Memoriam

Bev Davenport

It is with a heavy heart that we need to report the passing of Beverly Davenport on February 20, 2021. Bev led a strong fight against Cancer but unfortunately passed away. Beverly is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bob, their three sons and seven grandchildren. She was surrounded by family at home along with the support of the Hospice of the Valley. The family has elected cremation and will not be holding a local memorial service but has planned a future service and burial at Bev's family gravesite in Louisiana. CCA will be making a donation in Bev's name to Hospice of the Valley. Bob praised the efforts and support they received from the local hospice. If you've ever had a family member in hospice services, you know what wonderful care and support they provide to the patient and family. We will miss Bev and continue to welcome and support Bob as he deals with the passing of his wife. The Davenports have been warm and wonderful CCA members since 2011. If you wish to send a card the address is; Bob Davenport 1334 E. Louis Way, Tempe, AZ 85284.





Autocross Event

Ray and Pat Jenkins



THUNDER VETTE SET'S "SPRING BREAK 2021"



AUTOCROSS!



SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2021

AT THE SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT

Low-Speed Autocross w/Matching Times Competition

National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Sanctioned Events

All Makes & Models Welcome!!

Parking Lot open at 7:30 am

Racing Begins at 9:00 am

All Drivers and Passengers must wear Snell Approved (SA) helmet with SA2015 or later rating

<p>Low speed Autocross NCCC: RR-328-001 and Matching Time Competition NCCC: RR-328-002 Sierra Vista Airport 2100 Airport Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635</p>	<p>Sunday, March 21st, 2021 Parking lot access 7:30 AM Tech Inspection 07:45 – 8:30 AM Course Walk Approx. 8:40 AM</p>	<p>Drivers meeting 10 minutes prior to first car out</p>	<p>First car out Approximately 9:00 AM</p>	<p>Fees reduced in lieu of trophies. Award Certificates will be presented to winners in each group. Autocrosses are "Run/Work" Events!</p>
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See complete details and registration form on following page.

Also See: www.thundervetteset.com

POC Information: Bill at wscott1972@aol.com or Dave at redelk@cox.net



Autocross Event (Cont'd)

Ray and Pat Jenkins



Thunder Vette Set Spring Break 2021 Autocross Sunday, March 21st, 2021



REGISTRATION FORM

(please use one form per car)

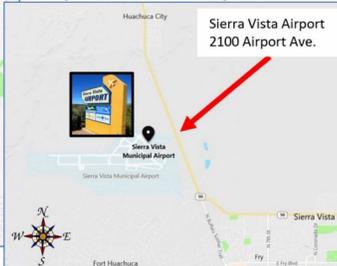
Pre-Registration Closes March 17th, 2021.³ (See notes below!)

PARTICIPANT #1: _____		ADDRESS: _____				
COUNCIL #: _____ (N/A if not NCCC)		EMAIL: _____				
CLUB #: _____ (N/A is ok)		PHONE: _____				
PARTICIPANT #2: _____		ADDRESS: _____				
COUNCIL #: _____ (N/A if not NCCC)		EMAIL: _____				
CLUB #: _____ (N/A is ok)		PHONE: _____				
YEAR OF CAR: _____	STYLE: _____	EXHAUST: _____	OPEN _____			
			CLOSED _____			
EVENT ENTRY FEE	DATE LOCATION	DRIVERS MEETING	OWNER/DRIVER(S)	NCCC RACING CLASS	SPEED EVENT	Event Fee Subtotal
Autocross ² RR-328-001 \$25 per driver ³	21 MAR 2021 S.V. Airport (see below)	8:50 AM	Driver #1: _____		Low	
			Driver #2: _____			
Matching Times Event RR-328-002 \$10 per driver	21 MAR 2021 S.V. Airport (see below)	8:50 AM	Driver #1: _____		Low	
			Driver #2: _____			
			Driver #2: _____			
					TOTAL:	
Make checks payable to/Send to: Thunder Vette Set P.O. Box 483 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0483		Event Coordinator: Bill Scott wscott1972@aol.com (520)335-2996 Governor: Wallace Ricks ricksw@cox.net (520)249-8612		LOCATION: Sierra Vista Airport 2100 Airport Ave Sierra Vista, AZ 85635		
¹ Sierra Sports Car Club (SSCC) members are requested to register via your SSCC POC using SSCC registration form. ² Cost is per driver for autocrosses. Tech Inspections available Sunday at 7:45-8:30 am at the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport. Parking lot opens at 7:30 am. ³ Registration after March 17 th is limited to space available. All Drivers and Passengers must wear Snell Approved (SA) helmet with SA2015 or later rating!!						

Take I-10 Exit 302, head south.



Stay on AZ 90 to Airport Avenue



Directions to Autocross

- Off of I-10, take exit 302 and head south.
- Stay on AZ 90 (going south) ~ 26 miles.
- Sign for Sierra Vista Airport is on right.
- Address is:

2100 Airport Avenue
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

This is a "Run/Work" event. Cars will race in groups, and when your group is not driving, you may be asked to help work the course (safety flags, cone re-set, etc.)

Technical/Safety Inspections will be performed on each car prior to autocross.

All Makes & Models Welcome!





Packages from Home

Dick Hedahl



For 2021, on February 3 and February 10, small groups of CCA members met at the Packages From Home facility in Glendale to create boxes to be shipped to Military Service members identified by Packages From Home (PFH). Each group converged at the PFH facility. Bob Bassett is the traditional coordinator for this event, but since everyone is under COVID-19 restrictions, Bob is stuck in Canada. Tina Pivar, with Neil's help, took the reins this year to fill in to coordinate the groups. The restrictions mandated we wear face masks and limited the number CCA members who could participate each day.

PFH's goal for each day was to have us assemble 100 packages to be sent off to servicemen and women deployed around the globe. Each service member gets one of each box – a Food box and a Hygiene & Recreation Box. Our groups worked well to knock off 100 packages in the first group, then 150



packages on the 10th. By the time we finished, the plastic bins you see in the photos were nearly empty. They had each been filled to the brim with items mostly donated to PFH from many supportive business and individuals. The pallets of completed boxes were overflowing.



Since 2004, Packages From Home has proudly shipped over 115,000 PFH care packages overseas, comprising roughly 282,000 lbs of bulk food, hygiene and recreation items. They have also provided transitioning, at-risk, and homeless

veterans with 65,633 lbs of food, hygiene & recreation items and served over 575,000 individual service members. Each box also was packed with a personalized note from a school-age boy or girl and a Thank You note from CCA.



At the end Brad Ryan presented the \$1200 check from CCA to Packages From Home.

After each event, the team headed about 20 minutes north to Ajo Al's Mexican Restaurant. We got started with drinks, chips & salsa, and then ordered from their wonderful menu. The servers did a great job of serving. And we had a good opportunity to visit and get to know each other better. In the end, the food was excellent, the event was inspiring. Both were well worth the drive.

Participants this year were:

February 3: Tina Pivar, Neil Pivar, Dean Sample, Sandy Sample, Joyce Ruffel, Norm Ruffel, Ken Rock, Mary Rock

February 10: Tina Pivar, Neil Pivar, Elly Palmer, Lonny White, Sharon White, Dick Hedahl, Brian Miller, Brad Ryan, Ron Brennan

Thank you to all those who participated again this year! A fun time was had by all!



A Great Event at Phoenix Raceway...Almost

Ron Brennan



Roc Campise did an amazing job entertaining our Corvette Club, and for a good cause. We donated \$25 for the opportunity to take 5 laps on the track in our own group. I was all in when he sent out the first notice. I previously did 4 laps in an open wheel 2 liter race car at 120 MPH.



I had to re-install my seat belt that I removed while I was painting before installing my soft top. The event was a great incentive to continue my repair work on this rescue Vette.

It was a wonderful day to take a long drive in a Corvette without air conditioning. Traffic on the I-10 through the Tunnel was surprisingly congested...I don't get out much these days.

I joined two members at the Circle-K on Avondale, one with a beautiful red C7. I had a nice chat with the other driver and I mentioned how much I love his Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic C8. Last month, I bought the same 1/18th scale model from Miasto. Hopefully, I will drive a full scale car soon.

While we were waiting for the others, we were entertained by the Camaro Club. I think there were 30-40 high performance cars headed to the track. From the stop sign at Avondale Boulevard and Southern Avenue to the Salt River Bridge, it was like a stop light grand prix. So many cars seemed to have over 600 HP. I expect it was more exciting than the track laps.

As our group approached the track entrance, we experienced a traffic back-up. It took about 45 minutes of stop-and-go traffic to get to the track entrance about a half mile away. Roc gave me my ticket and asked me to wait with the other members until we would drive onto the track together.

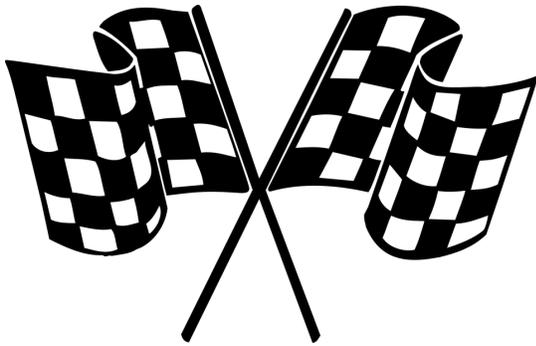
As I mentioned, it was cool day. My Vette ran between 210 and 220oF all day, from 80 mph to the stop-and-go. When I shut off the engine, the overflow tank that I installed from the 1962 Corvette relieved pressure and spilled some coolant onto the parking area.



A Great Event at Phoenix Raceway...Almost (cont'd) Ron Brennan



An official noticed and told me I was not allowed to drive my car on the track. I understood his position, and I did not want to embarrass the Club by telling him that it was just because I shut-off the radiator fan. I am still puzzled why steam was coming out of the radiator to the catch tank (insert grey haired guy with hands up emoji here). He directed me to the track bypass route. My biggest regret is that I did not get to do the video of the club Corvettes on the track. I bought a car-cam so I could record the event. I thought everyone at the event would donate \$20 or more to the club to get a thumb drive with their car circling PIR. Oh well.



My Vette was running poorly as I left the track. The engine stalled twice until I got onto the Salt River Bridge. The heat-sink of the 283 cubic inch Corvettes can be a challenge for the driver. My car runs a little rich. The fumes can be annoying when idling with a tail wind. The original 2x4's use a lot of fuel. I installed a "street cam" that seems to aggravate this characteristic. Air flow is always the solution to this problem. I have been looking for a shop that has a chassis

dyno with emissions capability with no success. I am unsure how I could change the jets in the carburetors to reduce the problem even if I have the emissions data.

I had a great drive home because the weather was wonderful and 2087 ran perfectly. I parked in the driveway, just in case, and everything was normal. I checked the coolant levels and the radiator was full and the catch tank was an inch above empty.

The conclusion to this experience is, my Vette and I find 45 minute waiting for anything is annoying and not worth the wait. I guess getting old makes us cranky.

— Ron





My Car Stories

Larry Maiorano



To my Cars & Coffee friends,

Again I am reaching into the recesses of my mind to come up with another “odd ball” story:

Around 1964, I was cruising the back roads of San Diego with a friend in my 1957 Thunderbird when we noticed the water temperature rising. I pulled over and we looked under the hood to see if there was an issue. There was, and it was a pin hole in the radiator causing it to lose fluid. I questioned whether we could make it to the closest auto parts store to get a bottle of Bar's radiator stop leak (we were some distance from town). My friend said “not to worry, I have the solution” and pulled out a pack of cigarettes. He told me that he had heard, if you field strip a cigarette and put the tobacco in the radiator, it will plug up any leak. So, we tried it and it worked like a charm. I didn't smoke, so my friend offered me his pack of cigarettes, just in case. It worked so well, that I forgot about buying the Bar's and kept on driving, for several more days. Eventually, the radiator started to leak again and, what seemed like the convenient thing to do at the time, another cigarette went in. Looking back, either out of laziness or circumstances, I kept putting in more cigarettes, as needed....for about a month. One day, the radiator decided to tell me that “enough was enough” as steam started pouring out from under the hood. I pulled in to a service station (in 1964 they were called service stations because they actually performed service on your car). The attendant came over, released the catch on the hood and with a hand towel removed the radiator cap. Hot water and steam shot out of the radiator, along with a whole cigarette pack of tobacco that covered the complete engine compartment. You should have seen the look on the attendant's face! The moral of the story is, that there is nothing wrong with a cure as long as you don't try to make it a permanent fix.

Larry

Photo: 1957 Thunderbird.





Upcoming Birthdays



MARCH

**Karen Mion
 Rich Hoffman
 Mark Godina
 Bob McDougall
 Jim Eberst
 Dick Hedahl**



APRIL

**Mike Terrey
 Lonny White
 George Ray
 Cory Wendland
 Bob Logan
 Jennifer Schmitt
 Sheryl Katz
 Mary O'Connor**

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