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President's Message

It's an understatement to say 2012 is shaping up to be an event packed year for the CCA. For those who decided to take me up on my suggestion to participate in a couple new-to-you activities with the club this year, you should have no problem achieving that goal - if you haven't done so already!

As is tradition, the club kicked off the year with Breakfast at the Hagen's Resort. Dave Lott organized two full packing parties at Packages from Home. We had a record setting attendance at the Super Bowl party at the Mion's Theatre & Diner, even though the Packers never showed. The Mundy's infused a little culture by hosting us at the Tempe Symphony and then onto Mundysville for the shortest driver of the year (it's still early) and dessert.

That brings us to the Gimmick Rallye or *Tour de Chandler* as I like to call it. This was an activity that few among us had previously participated in and a first for Diane and me. Diane drove; no new dents, bruises or physical scares can be seen on the car or the navigator. Even more impressive when missing a RT at SS meant 20 minutes of touring the back roads of Ak-Chin. In fact, I'm pleased to announce there were no (reported) incidents of Domestic violence or traffic tickets among participants. Bob & Barb Bassett and team went all out for us with this NCCC Sanctioned event!

A big thank you to all the hosts above, who are making 2012 a fun filled year for the CCA!

If you haven't done so already, please welcome to the club our newest members – Beth & Mark Godina, Bill & Diane Maguire and Art & Rae Eden, the next time you see them.

Scott



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2012

By Nancy Hagan



Yes, another pancake breakfast has come and gone. Frank and I whipped up enough eggs, sausage, pancakes and coffee to feed 37 starved individuals. Actually only 35 were CCA members. We also enticed the breakfast bunch with fruit, champagne, orange juice and Bloody Mary's. Oh, and we added mini blueberry muffins to go along with the coffee.

Usually for January the mornings can be very chilly, so we were prepared with lots of outside heaters. However, by the time all appetites were satisfied, the morning had warmed up enough to draw everyone out to the back yard. So, needless to say, socializing dialogue was in full swing.



At this juncture of the article I need to give thanks. So thank you to Bruce Lund who knows how to whip up a mean drink. And thanks to some of the ladies who helped in the kitchen (you know who you are). And I should say thank you CCAers for coming to our function, even though it wasn't free. Thanks to Bob Swanson for taking pictures for the club. My last thank you is to chef Frank for helping me to appear like I was organized. Hope to see you at the next Pancake Breakfast in 2013. *Nancy and Frank Hagan*



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PACKAGES FROM HOME

By Dave Lott



Twenty-six club members (sixteen on Saturday, January 28th and ten on Wednesday February 1st) took part in packing parties at the Packages from Home facility.



After a few instructions from Judy Hayes, the center coordinator, everyone jumped in and began a process that ultimately sorted items and packed in excess of **130** boxes for shipment to our troops.

I personally had my chocolate fix, considering we probably packed over a thousand pounds of candy bars. A number of the 'partiers' went to lunch at Oaxaca (I got to go twice). I hope everyone had a good time, and as a USMC Viet Nam vet, I truly appreciated their effort.





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CCA SUPER BOWL PARTY 2012 BY Garry Mion



This year the 15-1 Green Bay Packers did not make the Super Bowl, nor did Tebow Mania, but that didn't stop the 52 members of CCA from having a great time enjoying the game, and a few commercials.



This Super Bowl was a Super Feast, as those who attended brought an appetizer to share with everyone. What a spread! It filled the entire surface area of the pool table. Everything from meatballs to deviled eggs to wings to cheese dip – it was all good and plentiful.

So where do you put 52 people to watch a football game? We managed to pack the theatre to capacity (and perhaps then some), and the great room was just as busy (we had to pull chairs from the patio).



Karen and I really had a good time hosting SB, but the real fun was sharing an afternoon with all the great people of CCA. Thank you all for coming and for bringing along such great appetizers... Cheers!

Garry & Karen Mion



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CCA AUTOCROSS NEWS

By Jim Enriquez

January 28th and February 11th proved to be fun weekends for CCA autocross enthusiasts. During both race days, a total of nine club members had a blast running their cars on a fast track with a challenging course layout. Veteran racers: Mike Terrey, Bruce Mundy, Barb and Bob Basset, Ray and Pat Jenkins, Jim Enriquez and new comers Joe Hitzel and Joe Grassel experienced the fun. Between Bruce and Jim, they finished with the fastest runs of the day for all three races run on January 28th - a great showing for CCA.

Each year, the number of CCA participants in autocross continues to grow. The nine club members racing at a single event set a record for club participation. In addition, several other club members and friends showed up to watch and go for rides. We now have at least two more club members looking to strap on a helmet and give autocross a try.

If you've never attended an event, drivers run their cars on a large parking lot with multiple maneuvers defined by a sea of orange cones. Sounds simple enough until you add speed and quick maneuvers to navigate the course while being timed to 1000th of a second.

Autocross is a great learning experience in terms of defensive driving, learning your limits as a driver and appreciating just how much power and performance is built into each and every Corvette! People who think they are skilled Corvette drivers find themselves humbled by the experience. And rightly so, since driving skills are rarely challenged under normal driving conditions.

Club members are welcome to attend any autocross event and go for a ride. You can ride with a novice or an experienced driver to see what all the noise is about. If you are interested in driving, riding or just attending, watch postings for the next event.



Barb Bassett Running Course



Bruce Mundy



Joe Grassel – Ready for his first AX



Joe Hitzel



Jim Enriquez



Mike Terrey running at Firebird

Joe Hitzel



Jim Kerber getting ready for a ride with Mike Terrey





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TEMPE SYMPHONY AT THE TEMPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS & DESSERT

By Bruce & Jan Mundy

Jan and Bruce Mundy gathered a group of CCA members for an early Valentine's celebration at the Tempe Center for the Arts at Town Lake. The Tempe symphony, some 85 members strong, conducted by Douglas Akey, played two pieces.

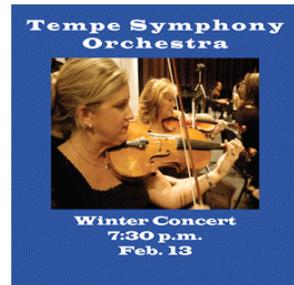
The first selection was a modern piece, Symphony Nr. 2 "Mysterious Mountain" by Alan Hovhaness. Hovhaness was one of the 20th century's most prolific composers. The symphony's premiere was broadcast nationwide on NBC radio in October of 1955, but did not become popular until the Chicago Symphony added it to their symphonic repertoire. The popularity and success of the Chicago Symphony's recording firmly established Hovhaness' place in the music world.

The second piece was Symphony Nr. 5 in E Minor by Pytor Ilych Tchaikovsky. The Symphony No. 5 was first performed in the US in 1889, and it was considered quite controversial at the time. The episodic structure of the piece is reminiscent of the "Nutcracker Suite." The solo horn melody in the second movement was passed from one instrument to another, and it is one of the most famous of all Orchestral solos.

Interestingly enough, conductor Douglas Akey is an active performer, having played with the Del Sol and Arizona Brass Quintets, as well as the Phoenix and Tucson symphony orchestras. He was a member of the Tempe Symphony Orchestra horn section for 33 years, most of those serving as principal horn, before moving on to conduct.

After the performance CCA members drove to the Mundy's home. The dessert buffet included valentine decorated cookies, cherry almond pecan cake, chocolate ganache, chocolates, mints, and lots of champagne, aperitifs, and coffee with opportunity to spice it up with various liquors and liqueurs.

Bob Davenport said he has lived over forty years in Tempe, but had not been to the new arts center before and was glad he had come to see and hear the performance and inspect the center. When company comes to visit, it is a great place to show off the local arts scene, as well as the engineering of town lake, it's dam and the new pedestrian bridge. Lights reflect off the lake and bridge at night making it a particularly nice spot for a romantic gathering.



Tempe Center for the Arts



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SPRING RALLYE 2012

By Bob Bassett

Photos Barb Bassett



Our first ever Gimmick Rallye was held on Feb. 19th. Twenty-one cars from CCA and DCA clubs left Thorobred Chevrolet at 1:15 pm and toured the east valley, finishing up at Floridino's Restaurant, around 3:30 pm. As Rallye Master, I started off with a driver's meeting, stressing safety first, and finding answers to the many rallye questions second. After explaining the usual instructions, I introduced something called "Tulips",

which in theory, is a simple diagram of an intersection, with a dot at the entry point and an arrow at the exit. In practice, when mixed up and turned upside down, as the Rallye Master is entitled to do, it becomes a fairly diabolical puzzle. In fairness, I did warn participants, both verbally, at the driver's meeting, and in writing, with a posted set of instructions, saying, "we love to mix you up so watch for 'dirty tricks'".

Apart from the nasty Tulips, the rallye instructions consisted of Route Instructions, which will get participants to the finish, even if they can't answer any of the questions or find any of the selected signs. Interspersed between the Route Instructions are the Questions or the Blanks, where they need to fill in the correct spelling and punctuation according to the appropriate sign.



While the Rallye Masters advised that the Rallye could be completed while driving the route at the speed limit, most participants found it necessary to keep the pace a little slower to ensure getting all the answers correctly. A Route Instruction would look something like: "Left Turn onto Arizona Ave", or "Right Turn at Fifth Opportunity", and the questions were generally pertaining to finding a specific sign along the way. This is the Rallye Master's way of knowing whether participants were on the correct route. Scoring was done by starting with a possible 1000 points, and then deducting 5 points for each missed sign or wrong answer, and 20 points for failure to follow a specific Instruction, such as "Put your Name on the Rallye Sheets", "Check off each Instruction", or "Have the Navigator turn in the Sheets".

Many missed another Dirty Trick that cost a few points and a little embarrassment, namely that somewhere around instruction 83, the Rallye Master's instructions were to ignore instructions 78, 79, and 80, and instead follow three new and different instructions. Needless to say, although participants were warned to "read all instructions before proceeding" and "read ahead", many found themselves taking an unnecessary ten-minute detour out into the desert and back.

Marking took longer than expected, with many tiebreakers being used to sort out those who got almost all the answers right. Less than 20 points separated 1st from 9th place.



First Place went to Doug and Mary Hanson from DCA with 995 points (just one wrong answer). A tiebreaker was used to give Janet & George Ray, 2nd; Karen & Garry Mion, 3rd; and Mike & Chris Terry, 4th. The 5th place trophy went to Pat & Ray Jenkins. Honorable mentions went to Al & Colleen Rocca of DCA in 6th, with another tight tiebreaker determining 7th place for Rob & Rhonda Deacon, 8th for Richard Crabtree and Candy Cole, and 9th for Jim and Esther Enriquez.



Mary & Doug



Janet & George



Karen & Garry



Mike & Chris



Ray & Pat

From the comments immediately after the Rallye, many found it grueling, but after a few minutes to relax and enjoy the fare a Floridinos, they were ready to admit that it was a good test of wits, and generally a good time was had by most of the participants. After the rallye, Garry and Karen were overhead saying, *“despite the grueling task, we still love each other!”*



Special thanks go to event Co-Chair, Barb Bassett, and to Rallye Checkers Sandy and Dean Sample, Pam and Bob Swanson, & Patti and Jim Kerber.



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Corvette Club of Arizona, NCCC Governor's Corner

As your elected Governor for the Corvette Club of Arizona, I represent our Club at Quarterly meetings with other Clubs in the Road Runner Region. The Region officers report to the NCCC at Quarterly meetings in St Louis, Mo. to give the report on our Region.

This month's topic is about all Club members being an NCCC member. Insurance for our events is one important reason. This is what the Business Manager for the NCCC said:

"All members, non-members, family members and spouses are covered under NCCC insurance if they participate in an event. If a non-member or spouse does damage to the track or to an individual the damage would be covered. However if the track or individual brings a lawsuit, NCCC and its clubs and members will have legal representation provided but the non-member and spouse if not a NCCC member would have to get their own attorneys. For \$10.00 a year it doesn't make sense not to have your spouse as a member. Let me know if you need any thing else."

Thanks, Hal Tumbleson, NCCC Business Manager

Be active in our Club's sanctioned events as well as the sanctioned events put on by other Clubs in our Region. There is recognition given to the most active Clubs by the Region officers. Check out the wall cabinet by our meeting room for previous awards our club has received.

Ray Jenkins



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2012 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Last Update: February 19, 2012

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change

March	April	May	June
1- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	5- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	3- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	7-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM
3-Ostrich Festival Parade Bill Rhode	7- Corvettes in the Park Jim Enriquez	5,6,7 - Driver to Plastic Fantastic in San Diego Mions	17-Father's Day
10- St Paddy's Day Party Heavlin & Rhode	8-Easter Sunday	13- Mother's Day	21-Board meeting 7:30PM at Rhode's
15- Board meeting 7:30PM at Byers	19- Board meeting 7:30PM at Enriquez's	17-Board meeting 7:30PM at Mion's	30- 59 th Birthday for the first Production Corvette
17-St. Patrick's Day	21- CCA Founder's Day Duhaime & Golec	19? -Progressive Dinner Yarusso/Appetizers /Main course /Dessert	
24- Driver and BBQ Lunds		28-Memorial Day	
31-CCA Highway Cleanup Meyers			

2012 ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR & RESULTS - Last update: 2/2/12

	TCC	LS Autocross	3/17/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	LS Autocross	3/17/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	LS Autocross	3/18/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	LS Autocross	3/18/12	Tucson AZ	
RR-332-001	CCA	PC	4/7/12	Chandler AZ	
	TVS	LS Autocross	4/28/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	LS Autocross	4/28/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	LS Autocross	4/29/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
			5/4-6	NCCC Nat'l Mtg. St. Louis MO	
	VVV	PC	5/19/12	Cottonwood AZ	
			5/26/12	Q2 RR Gov. Mtg.	
	TCC	PC	5/26/12	Superbash – Tucson AZ	
	TCC	Rallye	5/26/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	LS Autocross	5/27/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	LS Autocross	5/27/12	Tucson AZ	
	TCC	Bracket Drags	5/28/12	Tucson AZ	
			6/23 – 7/1	NCCC Nat'l Convention Topeka KS	

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LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

[Upcoming CCA Events]

March 3rd - Centennial Ostrich Festival Parade

Once again Bill Rhode will be in charge of the CCA entry in Chandler's Ostrich Festival Parade. Bill would like more cars to sign up! Being Arizona's centennial year, we are positive there will be a large turn out. CCA members will be driving local dignitaries along the parade route: Arizona Avenue, from Ray Rd. to Chicago Street. Drivers will gather in front of Thorobred Chevrolet at 7:30 am. 8:15 am is the driver meeting. Come and support our community and our club. You can be sure our beautiful cars will add a great deal to the parade.

After the parade we will join together for a no-host lunch at Oregon's, located at Dobson and Germann. All members and guests are welcome.



March 10th – St. Patrick's Day Party

Hosts: Frank & Darlene Heavlin and Bill & Marge Rhode

Location: The Heavlin's Cottage

\$20.00 per person @ the door (Dinner, drinks, prizes)

R.S.V.P. by March 1st to Marge Rhode

March 24th – Poker Run/Cook-out

Hosts: Bruce & Sharon Lund

9:45 am Drivers meeting (Signal Butte, South of US 60)

\$10.00 per person

R.S.V.P. to Sharon by March 18th

March 31st – Adopt a Highway Cleanup Project

Hosts: Mike & Nancy Meyers

7:30 am (optional) Meet at Hoosiers Café for breakfast

9:00 am meet at McDonalds SW Corner of Arizona Ave. and Riggs Rd.

R.S.V.P. to Mike and Nancy by March 25th

LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD - continued

April 7th – Corvettes-in-the-Park

What else can we say about the 2012 edition of Corvettes in the Park?

Bigger and Better
By Jim Enriquez



This year's Corvettes in the Park show on April 7th is shaping up to be an even bigger and better show compared to last year's record performance. We've expanded the show by closing off streets adjacent to the Ramada's so we can park cars over a larger area for improved spectator viewing.

To make it easier for people to register for our show, we've added the convenience of PayPal to our registration process – not to mention it makes it easier for us as well! Yesterday I sent an email to Corvette owners who recently attended one of our shows and I've already had five people register on line using PayPal. Not a bad start!

If you haven't done so already, you should register for the show. You can print our flyer and send me a check or register on line at www.corvetteclubofarizona.com. Janet and George Ray did a great job in getting PayPal up and running in time for the show. We'll have to make sure and provide them with a 20% compensation increase for their efforts – Or more realistically, just a big thanks and a coupon to Culver's.

Be sure and step up as a volunteer for the show. We'll need club members working at the show to insure all aspects of the show run without a glitch. Our club has a reputation to uphold for conducting a well organized and enjoyable events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Meyers, Garry Mion, Dave Lott, Dave Friesz or Jim Enriquez. See you at the show!

LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD - continued

April 21st – Corvette Club of Arizona Founder's Day

Hosts: Phil & Sandy Duhaime and Dave & Kathy Golec

Event details: A flyer will be provided soon. Planning a scenic Poker Run to San Xavier Mission, located south of Tucson. Lunch in Tubac. Cost, \$7.50 per person

Be on the lookout for an event flyer.

May 5th thru 7th – The Plastic Fantastic Driver to San Diego

Hosts: Garry & Karen Mion

Event details: Spend the weekend in cool San Diego.

We'll be attending the All-Corvette car show, Plastic Fantastic. Last year there were 350 Corvettes on the grass of Embarcadero Park, next to Seaport Village.

Cost: \$30.00 per car plus Hotel and Car Show costs

Be on the lookout for an event flyer.

R.S.V.P. by March 23rd (the earlier the better)



May 19th – Progressive Dinner

Appetizers, Yarusso

Main Course, **Marge is looking for a host!**

Dessert, **Marge is looking for a host!**

Magical Mystery Tour – Marge is looking for a host!



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