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President's Message

Marge Rhode

CCA Friends,

I'm writing this on Sunday October 28th, the day after Chevys in the Park. I was not able to attend this year and I don't have any information about it yet, but I do want to thank Brad Ryan and his team for all the hard work they put into organizing it! I know from working with them just how much time and effort they put into covering all the different aspects that an event this big requires. And another thank you to all the members and guests who worked at the show yesterday. It really does take a village!



And just a heads up, next year will be the 20th year for the CCA All-Chevy Car Show!!

And to continue this message about car shows, there will be a slight change for both Corvettes in the Park and Chevys in the Park in 2019. The City of Chandler and the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership (DCCP) have approved changes for the Farmers Market starting next weekend. The market will move to Saturday mornings and will now be located on the west side of Arizona Ave. Yes, the same area we use for the car shows. The Board has decided to move our car shows to Sundays since there's no way we can share space with the Farmers Market, and the east side of the park is not feasible nor as appealing as the west side.

The dates that have been approved by Roadrunner Region are Sunday March 31st for Corvettes in the Park and Sunday November 3rd for Chevys in the Park. In case you're wondering, no, it's not too early to volunteer to chair Corvettes in the Park.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and smile, you're driving a Vette!

Marge





From the Editor Sheryl Katz



By the time this issue of the newsletter is published, elections of our 2019 CCA Board of Directors and Volunteers will be done - the outcome will be covered in the next and last issue of the year. For now, a big Thank You is in order, to CCA members that served in 2018 and, let's have a huge round of applause for our newcomers on our Board too! We all appreciate your time and efforts and a celebration is on the horizon, at the January 10 Annual Recognition Dinner and Monthly Meeting.

Since the 2018 Holiday season is underway and the last issue of the year will be published on 12/31, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous Holiday Season: a bountiful and Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! It's the time for giving and sharing, and I am grateful to all of you who have contributed to the newsletter, enjoyed the issues, and provided feedback along the way.

I wish you the best of times... enjoying family, friends, the weather, the season, and of course, taking great rides in your Corvette!



Curvy, Scenic Roads...
Awaiting a CCA
Caravan!



Last Publication Date for 2018

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Upcoming Member Birthdays

NOVEMBER

- 2 Kathy Golec
- 4 Pam Swanson
- 5 Dave Lott
- 6 John O'Boyle
- 6 Joyce Riffel
- 14 Charlotte McSpadden
- 20 Elly Palmer
- 22 Bruce Belkin
- 24 Phil Duhaime
- 26 Debbie Roberts
- 28 Jack Schwarzenbach



DECEMBER

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Guy Lombardo | 26 Patty Friesz |
| 3 Char Eastwood | 26 Jeffrey Neiman |
| 5 Bob Swanson | 26 Gil Schmidt |
| 12 Ellen Kemper | 27 Alison Stover |
| 15 Gordon Leitz | 30 Beth Godina |
| 20 Cindy Rhodes | 31 Dee Dee Levenson |
| 20 Jim Kerber | 31 Ken Rock |
| 25 Steve Rhodes | |



Monthly Chicks Luncheons

Next lunch: **November 9** (no December lunch)

"Here come da judge." And so began our monthly gathering of the CCA Chicks for lunch and laughs as the (plastic) gavel

descended. MaryEllen Hayden presided, in full court wig, over the group. Everyone enjoyed the varied attire of the attendees.



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.

Please RSVP to MaryEllen Hayden (mehayden2@centurylink.net). If you would like to be included in the monthly reminder sent out, let her know. The reminder includes directions to the restaurant.

Hosted by



MaryEllen Hayden & Denise Lott





Membership Update

Jim Kerber

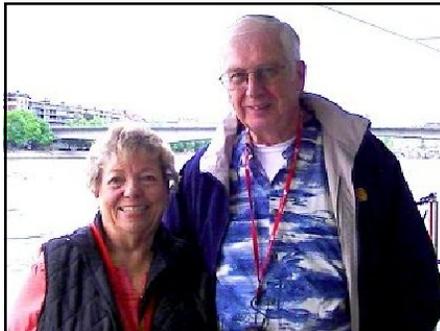


We have eight new CCA Members to welcome in this issue of Crosstalk. The first six were approved at the September Board of Directors Meeting, and the last two were approved at the October Board of Directors Meeting.



First we have Bruce and Carol Belkin. Bruce and Carol own a 2016 gray Z-51 coupe. Both are originally from Cleveland, Ohio. Bruce works in Medicare Sales while Carol is retired. They share many hobbies including golf, pickle ball, euchre and pinochle. They currently live in San Tan Valley. Bruce and Carol found CCA through the CCA Website.

Next we have David and Debbie Roberts. David and Debbie own a 2003 red convertible with very low mileage and a Corsa exhaust. David is a Chandler, Arizona native, while Debbie hails from Des Moines, Iowa. Both are retired and currently live in Chandler. David and Debbie found CCA through the CCA Website.



Our next new members are Jack and Carol Schwarzenbach. Jack and Carol own a 2002 black Z06 that has an interesting IRS story in its background (and the license plate). Jack is originally from Patterson, New Jersey and Carol is from Dunbar, West Virginia. Their hobbies include Lionel trains, reading, canasta and crafts. They currently live in Queen Creek and were referred to CCA by current CCA member John O'Boyle.

Our newest CCA members are Don and Carol Smith. Don and Carol own a 2000 black convertible. Don is originally from Michigan and Carol is originally from Iowa. Both Don and Carol are retired. Their hobbies include golf. They currently live in Scottsdale and were introduced to CCA by Roc and Diana Campise.



The addition of these eight new members brings our current membership to 132.



Upcoming Events

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change
Last Update: 10/31/2018

November	December	January
<p>1 Membership Meeting @ Chandler Chamber –7:00 PM Social Time: Rosati's * Election of 2019 Officers *</p> <p>3 Highway Cleanup – Samples</p> <p>9 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>10 Military Ball – Lott</p> <p>10 Autocross – Enriquez</p> <p>11 Veterans Day </p> <p>15 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Logans</p> <p>17 Superior/Globe Driver – Logan & Teixeira</p> <p>22 Thanksgiving </p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>	<p>1 Christmas Party – Duhaime/McCarty</p> <p>6 Membership Meeting @ Chandler Chamber – 7:00 PM Social Time: TBD</p> <p>8 Autocross – Enriquez</p> <p>9 Afternoon Appreciation for Event Hosts – Activity Team</p> <p>20 Board Meeting 7:30 @ Rhodes</p> <p>25 Christmas</p> <p></p> <p>31 New Years Eve</p> <p></p>	<p>1 New Year's Day </p> <p>10 Annual Recognition Dinner and Membership (Monthly) Meeting – 6:00PM @ Spaghetti Factory – Katzes</p> <p>11 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>12-23 Russo-Steel Car Show CCA Vol. Coordinator – David Edgington</p> <p>Board Meeting – TBD</p> <p>18 - 21 Road Runner Reg. Kickoff</p> <p>21 Sweet Basil Cooking Class – Bassetts</p> <p>29 Packages from Home Packing Party – Bassetts</p> <p>TBD Game Night  Driver Needed</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.



Thursday, Jan 10th 2019



SAVE the DATE...

CCA's Annual Recognition Dinner and Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019

Hosts: Howard and Sheryl Katz



2018 Chevys in the Park Car Show by Brad Ryan



It was a beautiful Arizona fall day for our Chevys in the Park Car Show. The newly constructed grassy island area across from San Tan Brewery allowed for even more vendors in a beautiful setting which we hope to increase in size for next year. The Packages from Home tables allowed children to color shipping boxes and write notes to send to the Veterans which was extremely popular and busy.

Something new! At the end of the show, we handed out ice-cold water bottles to all entrants as they left the Park. For next show, we hope to have the water bottles branded with the CCA logo and a "Thanks for Attending this CCA Event" to further enhance the Show experience.

The operation of this Show was much more efficient due to the creation of multiple Co-chair positions as follows:

- Brad Ryan**, Show Chair
- Dom Lovino**: Parking and Traffic Control (plus the Flyer graphics)
- Brian Miller**: Signage and Trophies
- Esther Enriquez**: Registration
- Ken Rock & Marge Rhode**: Advertising and Vendors

This dividing-up of responsibilities into smaller, individual Co-chair positions for this and future car shows, was designed to encourage other members to step up and volunteer for these newly created Co-Chair roles, requiring fewer tasks with more focus on each task.



Special thanks go to: **Howard Katz** for providing and setting up the great sound system for music and announcements; **Bob Bassett** for emceeing the Show; **Norma Lombardo** for managing the 50-50; **Barb Bassett** covering vendors in Marge's absence; and **Brian Miller** and **Guy Lombardo** for Best of Show (BOS) committee. Also, to those that came out late on Friday afternoon to hang up No Parking signs: **Guy Lombardo, Dom Lovino, Marc** and **Kathy Teixeira**.



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of those members that signed up and volunteered to help make this another great show!

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2018 Chevys in the Park Car Show (continued)

2018 CAR SHOW STATS

108	Total Cars Registered	35	CCA Corvettes (61.4% of all Vettes)
104	Cars in the Show	4	CCA Chevy Powered Vehicles
57	Corvettes in the Show	50 - 50 Raffle: \$302 to winner & \$302 to	



CCA Trophy Winners

- 1st** John & Cathy Dunton;  and Brian Miller 
- 2nd** Kat Bitney; David & Patty Friesz; Frank & Nancy Hagan; prospective member Dick Hedahl; John & Norma Marsh; and Heinz & Eva Platten
- 3rd** Kevin Conley & Jeanne Schroeder; Brad Ryan; and Cory & Jim Wendland

"Best" Categories and "Best Of Show (BOS)"

Paint	'56 Chevy 3100	BOS—Chevy	'52 Chevy 3100 Pickup
Engine	'69 Chevelle 454	BOS—Corvette	'67 Corvette (NCRS Certified)
Interior	'35 Chevy Coupe		





Red Rock



Lees Ferry in Marble Canyon

Mystery Members (answers on last page)

Mystery Member A

1. My claim to fame is landing a 198 pound marlin (with the help of my fabulous Captain) in Honolulu.
2. CCA has been great - I enjoy the variety of events and I've made some wonderful new blossoming friendships. We've hosted a few events with more activities to come.
3. My spouse put a muffler bypass on our Vette and now it SOUNDS fierce. I love it because it's a beautiful red and it's fun to drive.

Mystery Member B

1. I really like the Drivers although I am often the passenger/navigator. I'm a regular at the Club charity fundraising Car Shows and am often seen picking up garbage (during CCA's Highway Clean-Up events).
2. I have owned three new corvettes since 2006. They all have had both a body color (summer) and tinted roof (winter).
3. My first vehicle was a 1969 Chevrolet Biscayne although I liked my second vehicle better - a 1957 Chevrolet Pickup.



Mystery Member C

1. Cars are a big part of my life; currently I own a 1966 black 427 coupe and a Z51 C7 coupe in Shark Grey which turned 20,000 miles on the MMT and two other collector cars.
2. Shortly after moving here, my spouse and I started coming to CCA meetings and were amazed at how friendly the Club is.
3. I met my Sweetheart in the SF bay area and lived in the Bay Area for my entire professional career in the Semiconductor business.



Mystery Member D

1. I had a 1963 split window, 1969 - 427 convertible, and now a 2004. And, I have to add... my favorite, a 1969 Chevelle SS, pearl white with a stripe attraction.
2. I came from back east in 1973. I love horse races, movies, collect Teddy Bears and Santas, and I love to dance.
3. Since joining CCA in 1985, I have hosted many events: Banquets, Founder's Day, Progressive Dinners and MMTs.



CCA Presents Appreciation Award to Chandler Chamber of Commerce

by Marge Rhode and Jim Kerber



From Marge...

As I was getting ready for the October 4th meeting, I was online and a sidebar popped up that said October 4th is [National Do Something Nice Day](#). And I thought maybe that should be mentioned at the meeting. But I was curious as to what other National Days occur in October so, of course, I Googled it.

Did you know there are over 1500 National Days throughout the year? One of the funnier ones occurring in October is National Kick Butt Day on October 8th! But what I also stumbled across was that the third Wednesday in October is [Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day](#). Well that just seemed the perfect day for CCA to let our Chamber know how much we appreciate their support.

So we discussed it at the meeting and the general consensus was that the club should present the Chamber with a trophy or plaque on Wednesday October 17th. Since I was going to be out of town, Bruce Mundy, Jim Kerber and Brad Ryan volunteered to present it. And here's the rest of the story by Jim Kerber.



From Jim...

Brad Ryan took the lead for obtaining the appreciation plaque from Sun Devil Trophies in Tempe in less than two weeks. VP Bruce Mundy claimed to have engaged the services of a White House speechwriter for the presentation, although we saw no evidence to that effect.

The three of us gathered at the Chamber offices in downtown Chandler on Wednesday October 17th around 3:00 PM. The three people at the reception station in the Chamber lobby took time from the training program they were working on to talk about our Corvettes. We then met Terri Kimble, Chandler Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, and some additional staff members, one of whom had a Corvette before starting a family.

We moved into the large conference room, where CCA meets monthly, for the actual presentation and photos. Terri was thrilled to receive the plaque that Bruce presented on behalf of CCA. She was aware that the Wednesday we presented the plaque was [Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day](#) but I think she was surprised that we knew. Terri expressed the Chamber's appreciation for CCA's support over the years by driving dignitaries in the Ostrich Festival Parade, holding car shows in Downtown Chandler, and other activities. All three CCA representatives expressed our Club's sincere appreciation for the Chamber sharing their meeting room for our monthly meetings and other support from the Chamber. To say the Chamber has been good to CCA is an understatement.





Vampire (Tucson) Driver Hosts: Lombardos and Palmers



By Norma Lombardo

On Sunday, October 7th, the heavy early morning rain subsided and the blue skies prevailed by 9:00 a.m., and the 19 participants gathered at McDonald's on Riggs Road for the 10:00 a.m. Drivers' meeting. We left promptly at 10:15 a.m. and started our two hour journey through the back roads to Tucson.



The driving instructions were interspersed with 15 quiz questions on landmarks and signs along the way to Firebirds Wood Fire Grill on Skyline Drive in Tucson. The off and on again drizzle didn't dampen our spirits or slow us down. We parked and the sun was beaming as we walked into the restaurant. Tom and Elly Palmer graded the quiz answer sheets and "fabulous" prizes were awarded while we waited for our delicious lunch at Firebirds Wood Fire Grill.

- 1st Marc & Kathleen Teixeira Prize: Pack of Microfiber Towels
- 2nd Dave & Denise Lott Prize: Meguiar's Leather Conditioner
- 3rd Dom & Sue Lovino Prize: Meguiar's Quick Detailer



The service and food at Firebirds was exceptional, and we left at 2:00 p.m. for the 25 minute drive to The Gaslight Theatre on Broadway Blvd. in Tucson. Although the sun was still shining when we left the restaurant, the skies chose to open up by the time we reached the theater and we all got a little damp making our dash inside. We were seated together for the 3:00 p.m. show of the melodrama "The Vampire". Our group had great seating in the middle of the theater and we enjoyed free popcorn to get us started. Waitresses also served drinks, snacks and deserts throughout the show. Before "The Vampire" got started, the live Gaslight Theatre house band played rousing versions of great oldies like CCR's "Bad Moon Rising" and Bob Seager's "Old Time Rock and Roll" as the audience sang and clapped along.



As the show went on, in true melodrama fashion, the audience cheered the heroine and booed the villain. The evil vampire was booed every time he made an appearance, and at one point he stepped out of character, looked at the audience and said "I have done nothing to you people!" It got a quite a laugh from the entire audience. At the end of the 2nd act when the heroine had been saved and the vampire was no more, the theater recognized those attending who were celebrating October birthdays or anniversaries to free ice cream cones, and The Corvette Club of AZ was recognized and thanked for attending.



To finish out the evening, we were treated to "Wolfman Jack" and other cast members performing great Halloween themed songs like "The Adams Family" theme song, "The Mash", "Love Potion Number 9" and "Thriller" to name a few.

The general consensus was that it was a really fun event and a good time was had by all!



CCA CORRAL

The Birthday Surprise Became Bigger and Better with CCA — Charlotte and Oscar McSpadden —

Just prior to making one of our “work” moves Oscar had struck a deal with an out of state friend to buy



his 1958 Red/white corvette convertible – he referred to it as a “10 footer” – because it looked super 10 feet away. We kept it in storage while we flew off to Chicago – and never did get a chance to begin any restoration.



Sooooo while in Chicago, on Oscar’s 57th birthday he woke up to my unexpected surprise – “Honey, wake up, I’ve got the checkbook – we’re going to go buy you a

Corvette today”.

Needless to say, he was ALL IN... we bought a 2002 red convertible... but... all the while he was really wanting the 50th Anniversary Vette... and it hadn’t come out yet. He let the salesman know what he was really wanting and several months later he traded the 2002 for the 2003 50th Anniversary maroon that we now drive.



One day after moving back to Arizona he went to Thoroughbred Chevrolet for service and ran into the Bassetts as they were leaving the dealership after trading their 2003 50th

Anniversary for a new one... Barb asked Oscar if we were in a club... he said “no”...and the rest is history...we came, we liked, we got involved as “part-timers” and have thoroughly enjoyed the many friends made and fun times we’ve had. The club “Drivers” are our favorite activity.

We also love to ride our Harley Trike and have recently purchased a 1955 Ford Customline that was Oscar’s first car and the first for us after we were married 56 years ago..... Life’s an Adventure!!!!

Our Summer Adventure — Jeffrey and Joan Nieman —

The way we start and end our summer is the same: transporting the Corvette. To get out of the heat, I spend the summer in Jamul, CA. It is just under 30 miles to the ocean. I stay in a nature preserve in an RV park and Jeffrey



comes out on the weekends whenever possible.



It is a complicated process to load the Corvette because of the low clearance. We first have to remove the driver’s side fender on the transport trailer. This is the only way Jeffrey can get out of the car once it’s on the trailer. The ramps are too steep for the car so we had to place wood

blocks under the ramps to reduce the angle and make it more level. There was a lot of trial and error to figure this out. Sometimes the wood blocks would move and cause problems.



Once the car is loaded we have to tie it down. We use a total of four ties, two in front and two in the rear. Sometimes we have to move the Vette forward or back so that the tie downs will work. Once the car is secured, we have to put the fender back on the trailer.

This way Jeffrey and I can travel together in the same vehicle. Once we get to our destination the process begins all over again.

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CCA CORRAL (continued)

In the Beginning — Barb & Bob Bassett —

Our Corvette story began in 1975, a year after we were married. One spring day as we were driving into town, an "old" 1960 Corvette pulled out just ahead of us and zipped up the street. Barb immediately shouted "Look at that! That's an old Corvette. I've always wanted one of those!"



I recognized it and told her it belonged to my barber, and he had tried to sell it to me the week before. Having just purchased a home, and with a ton of student loans to repay, I had declined his offer. Barb immediately said "You fool. Go buy it!" and "You're the bank's lawyer. Talk to them!" After a lot of discussion, I made the deal for \$5,800.00, half of which was borrowed.



Most guys have to beg and scrape for years to get a Corvette, but here she was urging us to go for it. I knew for sure that day that I had married the perfect wife!

That was the last time we ever financed toys, but it was well worth it. From that conversation, grew a life-long adventure in Corvetting. As there were no clubs within 500 miles, we formed our own Spruce City Corvette club, and with our new acquaintances, attended four Long Weekend Corvette meets in Alberta and BC. We joined with five other Corvette clubs to form the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs (Western Region) with the help of good friend Bruce Dickson, then of Edmonton, and now of Corvette Performance Arizona!



The great part about the Corvette was that it wasn't just mine, it was ours and we did everything together! Over the years, we attended dozens of long weekend events, met hundreds of wonderful folks, and were successful in Autocross, Rallye and Concours. In fact, Barb managed to take the Western Canada Ladies Autocross Championship twice: once in 1979, and again in 2012.

The friendships we forged in those years continue to this day. It was our cars that brought us together, but it was the people that kept us active and involved. Ten Corvettes later, that tradition continues now with our "new" old friends in CCA.

Need Fall CCA Logo Items or Gift Ideas?



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Monthly Game Night

Fall Game Night Hosts: Neil & Tina Pivar

We had game night at our home on Saturday, 10/20. It was just Pivars, Campises and Hagans. We ate, we drank and socialized; we never did get to the Reverse Charades we were going to play. Instead, we just enjoyed being together. I had "fabulous" prizes ready; oh well, another time!!



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





Christopher Creek Driver Hosts: Jim and Cis Eberst



Thirteen beautiful Vettes and 25 of our CCA members joined us in the Christopher Creek Driver on September 15. It was a beautiful day and a great drive from Mesa, making our way around Roosevelt Lake through Payson, and arriving at The Landmark Restaurant in Christopher Creek for lunch. The scenery was beautiful, weather great, delicious food and a lot of fun and camaraderie. Thanks to all who shared in this fun Driver.



What are YOU Thankful For?





Member Match Game: Finding CCA

(answers on last page)

Members

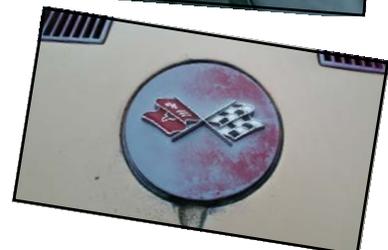
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- B. Enriquez, Jim and Esther
- C. Feck, Scott and Diane
- D. Hill, Tom and Nancy
- E. Jenkins, Ray and Pat
- F. Katz, Howard and Sheryl
- G. Kemper, Kim and Ellen
- H. Lott, Dave and Denise
- I. Mundy, Bruce and Jan
- J. Platten, Heinz and Eva
- K. Stover, Bud and Alison

How We Found CCA

- 1. Friend
- 2. CCA Website
- 3. CCA Event



Editor's Choice Award
Best Survivor
2018 Corvettes at Carlisle





Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



The fall season will end for the Roadrunner Region Events with the TVS event in Sierra Vista on November 3 - 4. A lot of Great NCCC Sanctioned events were planned by Region Clubs for all to register and have a good time at this year.

The fourth Quarterly Governor's Meeting was held at the Verde Valley Vettes Corvette Show and Monopoly/Poker Rally weekend in Cottonwood. The rainy weather gave us a break and didn't rain at our event times. CCA's **Kat Bitney** and her friend who attended the Rally with her, were awarded the 1st place plaque as the Rally Winners! She will show us the at the November Meeting.



NCCC membership renewals began on October 16 and need to be completed by November 15. Club Governors get renewal names and money from their Club's Treasurer and input the names to the NCCC Member data base. Paul Hamersly, our Current RCD, will get Region Awards for Region Clubs and members with the most participation points for 2018. He handed out NCCC patches for 2017 Region Champions. CCA recipients included:



- Ray Jenkins** 1st Over All Region Champion
- Mike Terry** 3rd Over All Champion
- Pat Jenkins** 3rd Over All Ladies Champion

The 2019 Roadrunner Region "Kick Off" event, on January 18 - 20, 2019, was confirmed and the Host Club, Southern Desert Corvettes of Tucson, would like people to get their reservations in very soon.



Our Roadrunner Region is in need of a Regional Executive Director and a Regional Competition Director. These positions would start on January 1, 2019. It is

important that someone volunteer for these positions, or our Region may be taken over by the West Coast Region. All Governors are going back to their Clubs to see if any Club members would volunteer to keep our Region active.

Paul Hamersly, RCD and acting RE, and Ron Scott, our RMD, will be attending the National Meeting in

St. Louis on November 9 - 11. If anyone has anything they would like brought up at the meetings, please contact me, Paul or Ron.



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Roadrunner Governor's Meeting Highlights

Minutes from the 3rd Quarter meeting are posted on the Roadrunner website. The 4th Quarter Governor's meeting involved getting 2019 Club

Sanction request dates. Next year's calendar dates were scheduled with no conflicts.

- The Roadrunner Region's RE, RCD, and RMD take suggestions and questions about Rules and Bylaw changes from Region Governors to the NCCC Quarterly meetings in St. Louis to discuss them at the meetings with other Region Officers. It was suggested that we try having one Roadrunner Region Governors meeting via teleconference to save travel costs and after discussion, scheduled it for the second Quarterly meeting.



- RE and RCD positions are needed for our Region. We need members to volunteer or our Region may dissolve and probably be combined with the West Coast Region. Ron Scott the RMD reported that our Region has 950 members. NCCC Annual Membership cards are becoming an expensive budget cost for the NCCC (\$24K).
- All Governors of our Region suggested NCCC member cards only be issued once with new cards only sent to new members. Active and inactive cards can be tracked on the NCCC data base. Replacement cards can still be requested. Ron will take these

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Governor's Update (continued)

suggestions to the next NCCC National Meeting.

- New NCCC members joining after September 1 will be renewed for the following year without an extra charge.
- Treasurer's Report shows that there is \$920.31 in the Awards fund and \$3,346.61 in the General fund. Four more Sanctioned events will be added to the Treasury this year. The Treasurer has Roadrunner Region patches for sale at \$4.00 each.
- Webmaster reports that all is well with the web site.
- The CCA request to eliminate the \$100.00 subsidy for a Region Governor to attend a NCCC National meeting was voted down.

Update from Denise Lott...

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. Based on last year's experience, it is best to go on your own or in small groups of six or less.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tickets for Sale</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Concert Date</u>
11-7		Earth, Wind, and Fire	12-1
11-9		3 Tenors, Christmas	12-5
11-16		Eagles	12-13
11-29		Glen Campbell	1-9
12-3		Alabama	1-16
12-6		Rod Stewart	2-13
12-14		Barbara Streisand	12-28

Spooktacular Car Show by Ray Jenkins



Sunday October 28th was a great day for an All Chevy Car Show hosted by the Desert Corvette Association (DCA) Club. More than 100 cars showed up for this Show at the Pavilions in Scottsdale. Seven CCA cars participated, and four were awarded trophies:

- Heinz Platten - McDonald's Manager's Choice for favorite Corvette
- Kat Bitney - Best in class, C6 Corvette
- Ray & Pat Jenkins - Best in class, C7 Corvette
- Kevin Conely & Jeanne Schroeder - Best in Class, Custom C7 Corvette



Other CCA members that participated in the Car Show were Garry Mion with his C2, John & Cathy Dunton with their C5, and Mike Mileskiewicz with his C7. We all enjoyed the Show and saw a lot of **SPOOKTACULAR** Corvettes and Chevy powered cars. Some folks were even dressed up in Halloween costumes!

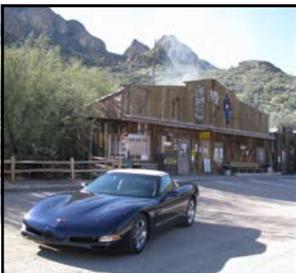


A Hot Rod Heart by Patty Friesz about David Friesz



My love affair with fast cars and the men that drive them began in high school when I met David Friesz. He asked me for a date and introduced me to drag racing on Friday nights at the Kansas City Drag Strip. He not only worked on the drag line but also raced his parents' car. His Dad never did figure out why the tires were wearing out so quickly. David had also purchased a Model A Ford and was in the slow process of turning it into a Hot Rod in his parents' garage. The lack of money that a part-time job student had did not hasten its completion. He also was instrumental in forming a H.S. car club that they named the Tac Twisters! He had the need for speed.

Later in college, he purchased a Chevy Corvair and did a little souping up of the car and its image. After we married in 1964, we bought a '66 Chevy Chevelle SS 396 which we loved but decided we really wanted a Corvette. We were excited when we found a '65 Corvette for sale and were about to buy it but it was not to be. The Vietnam War intervened. David was called into service and joined the Navy Air program and we had to leave that dream of owning a Vette behind. Although we have owned several "fast" cars over the years that dream never died. After retiring from 20 years of Navy service plus living several years on the San Francisco Bay, we had decided to move to a remote quiet area called Queen Valley in Arizona. This satisfied us for a few years, hiking out our back door in the foothills of the Superstitions and riding our ATVs and dirt bikes, but we became restless about fulfilling that dream of driving a Corvette and hitting those winding open roads. David decided it was time to make that dream come true, so a search began for a used C-5.



He finally found one that met all of our criteria; camel convertible top, camel interior and metallic Navy (of course) Blue. The obvious vanity plate for our new Vette was NVYFLYR. Now we began to be interested in meeting other Vette owners and decided that Queen Valley was too remote of an area to make that happen. We had gone on-line and were searching for a Corvette Club, discovering two Clubs, Desert Corvettes Ass. and Corvette Club of AZ, were in the Phoenix area. Now a new search began for a home in the Phoenix area so that joining a Club could be a reality.

Looking for property that had lots of garage space or the potential of building an additional garage was our goal because, not only fulfilling the dream of owning and driving our new Vette, David's bucket list included owning a C-1 which he could semi-restore. He never got to finish that Model A before he went into the service so his Hot Rod Heart had never been completely satisfied. In 2003 we bought a home in Mesa that had the potential of building an extra garage and was in a neighborhood where additional garages existed. After moving in, David decided to introduce himself to a neighbor around the corner whom he had noticed had built an additional garage space. His intent was to find out how they had gotten HOA approval to build. We also had noticed once when their garage door was open that they owned a Vette.

David knocked on their door and told them that we had just moved in the neighborhood and explained our intentions of building a garage. This neighbor introduced himself and told David that his wife was head of the HOA architectural committee. What luck!! When he found out our reason for building, he invited David in and showed him his Vette collection. Then he asked if David had considered joining a Corvette Club. David told him that we had been researching and liked what we had read about the Corvette Club of AZ. Our neighbor then replied, "Well, you're looking at the President. And why don't you come to a meeting." That neighbor was and is Frank Hagan. The rest is history. We attended our first CCA meeting that week and became good friends as well as members with Frank and Nancy. Oh, and of course our plans for our garage building were approved and built. Since then, David was able to acquire his C-1 which Frank helped him find. And fortunately we have been able to fill that garage with more Vettes and a '33 Ford replica which David built himself. His Hot Rod Heart runneth over.





Roaring Fork
Vette Set Dining

Hosts: Diana and Roc
Campise



Lady Diana
Hostess



Sir Roc
Host

**CCA KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE and
THEIR DAMSELS not in distress!
Feasting at the Roaring Fork.**



The code of Chivalry reigns at the round table as its members feast on a spread of delicate morsels.



*King Arthur and
Lady Guinevere
overlooking their
subjects.*



*Sir Percival and Duch-
ess Tina ... "How many,
legs did you say it had?"*



*Sir Lancelot and Duchess
Patty... "Lok! They're
tearing off the best part
of the chicken!"*



Five couples gathered on September 29 at the Roaring Fork restaurant in down

town Scottsdale, north of Fashion Square Mall. The restaurant offers Wood Fired Cooking that captures the spirit of bold American cuisine, creating flavors that crackle with a rugged edge. Menu selections include lamb, chicken, beef, pork and fresh fish entrees all prepared by wood fire rotisserie, open flame grill or wood oven roasting.

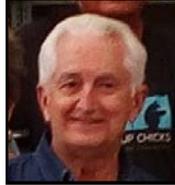


Got ideas?
Want to join the Vette Set
Dining Group?
Contact Diana Campise
(480) 209-0117





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



What a year!! We are already three quarters of the way through the year and although the last quarter calendar is filled with Drivers and events, there is still time to add YOUR contribution. Although the holiday season is busy for many, there are still opportunities to schedule a simple, easy socializing event.

The Activities Team would like to acknowledge those members who volunteered to fill the 2018 calendar with a variety of activities. Following, are the members who are providing the end-of-year events.

Highway Cleanup - Dean & Sandy Sample (11/3)

Thanks for taking this over for Tom Hill!

Chicks Lunch - Denise Lott & Mary Ellen Hayden (11/9)

Military Ball - Dave & Denise Lott (11/10)

Globe Driver - Bob & Jan Logan and

Mark & Kathy Teixeira (11/17)

Christmas Party - Phil & Sandy Duhaime and

Loren & Linda McCarty (12/1)

Game Nights - Rhonda Deacon (Monthly)

Vette Set Dining - Diana Campise (Monthly)

As we all know, the membership has grown and there are more opportunities for new members to take over the reins to create Drivers and events for 2019. We have many members who are experienced in setting up Drivers willing to step up and provide assistance for new and existing members.

In addition to those members mentioned above, we would also like to recognize those members who have

contributed their time and energy putting on Drivers and/or events that made the first 10 months of 2018 a good time for all. We appreciate their efforts!

- Norma Marsh
- Jim & Patti Kerber
- Bob & Barb Bassett
- Neil & Tina Pivar
- Frank & Nancy Hagan
- Bob & Carol McDougall
- Marge & Bill Rhode
- Elly & Tom Palmer
- Garry & Karen Mion
- Roc & Diana Campise
- Jim & Esther Enriquez
- Rob & Rhonda Deacon
- Mark & Beth Godina
- John & Cathy Dunton
- Dave & Patty Friesz
- Howard & Sheryl Katz
- Gordon & JoEllen Leitz
- Tom & Nancy Hill
- Ray & Pat Jenkins
- George & Janet Ray
- Dom & Susan Lovino
- Bob & Jan Logan
- Heinz & Eva Platten
- Bruce & Jan Mundy
- Jim & Cis Eberst
- Guy & Norma Lombardo
- Brad Ryan

Christmas is Coming...





Autocross, Slalom or Gymkhana?

By Bob Bassett



Why does it have three different names? I don't know, but I can tell you that those of us who do it just call it FUN! It is the closest most of us will ever come to using the car the way it was intended and probably the most exhilarating experience you will have with it.



The object of Autocross is to navigate a closed course, on a large parking lot, in the fastest time. The Course is set out using soft plastic cones that will not damage your car. Everyone gets to walk through the course before the first run. Competitive speeds are usually in the 40 to 50 MPH range, but beginners should drive as fast or as slow as they choose. Navigating the course correctly is more important than going fast. Going "Off Course" results in the run being tossed out because the driver "Did Not Finish" (DNF). Driving smoothly and on the correct course, is the easiest way to go fast. Like practicing piano, get the notes first, then increase the tempo. The more attention you pay to the course on the walk through, the easier it will be to navigate the course correctly when you are behind the wheel.



What actually looks relatively slow from the sidelines, gets very exciting when you are in the driver's seat. Those cones come at you very, very fast. It is necessary to anticipate how the car will turn and where it will be when it finishes the upcoming turn, so it will be in the right position to make the next one easily. Anticipating this and planning for the next two turns in advance is where the faster drivers excel.

One of the standing rules in Autocross is "smooth is fast". The smoother you are with the throttle, steering and braking, the faster you will become. It is also necessary to "stay focused" on the track. While waiting for your run, make sure you watch all the other drivers. Pay attention to what they are doing right and wrong, and try to learn from it.

While most beginners are reticent to try it, once you take your first run, you will be hooked. When my son wanted his new wife to try it, she was very reluctant, and didn't want to embarrass him in front of his friends, and also didn't want to break their car. Barb & I convinced her to give it a try, by saying "How many people will have their foot on the gas pedal?" and "Every beginner starts slow. You decide how fast or slow to go". After her first run, she said "I think I can go a little faster". By the end of three runs, she was turning in times similar to others who had been racing for some time, and said: "Mom, you have created a monster! I just love this!" She has since gone on to win many, many times.

The Porsche Club has a great relationship with CCA and has given CCA members a standing invitation to attend their Autocrosses which are held monthly at the Arizona Motorsports Park skid pad. Upcoming dates are: November 10, December 8, January 26, and February 23. Think about joining us! You might create a monster!



The Finish Line (last page)



A
Tina Pivar



B
Rob Deacon



C
John O'Boyle



D
Sandy Duhaime

Member Match Game

Members

Joined

How We Found CCA

A. Eastwood, Garry & Char (2017)

B. Enriquez, Jim & Esther (2002)

C. Feck, Scott & Diane (2007)

D. Hill, Tom & Nancy (2010)

E. Jenkins, Ray & Pat (2006)

F. Katz, Howard & Sheryl (2011)

G. Kemper, Kim & Ellen (2015)

H. Lott, Dave & Denise (2010)

I. Mundy, Bruce & Jan (2002)

J. Platten, Heinz & Eva (2018)

K. Stover, Bud & Alison (2005)

1. Friend (CCA's Garry Mion)

1. Friend (former CCA member Dave Mitwede)

1. Friend (former CCA member Bob Caccamo)

1. Friend (CCA's Mike Terrey)

3. Shopping for Club; attended CCA meeting

3. CCA Car Show (Corvettes in the Park)

1. Friend (CCA's Jim Enriquez)

2. CCA Website

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1. Friends (CCA's Dave & Kathy Golec)



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