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President's Message

Denise Lott

CCA Friends,

CCA is approaching its 44th anniversary in April with a traditional Founders' Day driver. This trip will commemorate a long history and something of which we can be proud. We even still have a few active members that began their journey with CCA in those early days—our very own oral historians.



During these past four decades, the Club has seen many changes, yet its essence remains the same. It is all about the members and our social interactions. We have added many more local events and activities to our calendar, but we also want to keep those drivers lined up, since we are a CAR club.

And, on the car front, also in April we have our Corvettes in the Park Car Show. While the Club got off to a late start in getting this set up, I am confident that the membership will all pitch in. Special thanks go to Mark Godina, who stepped in at a late date to fill the chairman position. Please give Mark your full support and assistance by advertising the event, displaying your car, and volunteering on the day of the program. We want to make this another memorable event for our Club and for outside car enthusiasts.

I can tell you that we have a great Board of Directors, along with the Website and **Crosstalk** volunteers. This group comprises the navigators that will keep those Corvette (Club) wheels moving through 2019. While navigating, the Board cannot, at the same time, do all the driving themselves. We look forward to having each of you take a turn at the wheel as we explore new roads.

Sharing the drive with you in 2019.

Denise



From the Editor Bob Bassett



As new **Crosstalk** Editor, I intend to unabashedly use and build upon the excellent work done by Sheryl Katz in 2018. To paraphrase Sheryl's comments in her first editorial: *Crosstalk is an evolving product, progressing over the years from a typed handout to the sophisticated online publication you see today. We have the privilege of standing on the shoulders of all those previous Crosstalk Editors who worked so hard to achieve its present state.* Building on those efforts, I hope to continue to focus on membership and activities.

This is your publication, so please tell me what you want to see, and please give me feedback on what you like or dislike about this, my first, issue of **Crosstalk**. With all the important activities in January and February, this has turned out to be a large issue. The new format adopted last year for the Activities Team appears to have worked very well, and promises to continue for 2019, so we may see similar sized issues in the future. Feel free to be selective in your reading, though I hope you will find each article to be worth your time.

I had wonderful responses to my request for articles, receiving so many that I had to reserve a number of them for future issues. I want to thank everyone, and apologize to those whose articles will have to remain in the queue for another few months.

Where appropriate, I have added links to flyers, websites or other places within this issue of **Crosstalk**. Wherever you see something underlined, you can simply left click on it and the link will take you to the referenced site. Please let me know if you experience any issues.

Once again, Thank You to all of those previous **Crosstalk** Editors, to Sheryl for her assistance and training, and to you, the readers, without whom there would be no point in publishing it! I definitely have big shoes to fill and will do my best. I hope you will enjoy **Crosstalk 2019**.



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2018 OUTSTANDING MEMBER of the YEAR - ESTHER ENRIQUEZ



2018

ESTHER ENRIQUEZ

See Sheryl Katz' article on the following pages for more information on this year's presentation

Recent Outstanding Member of the Year Recipients



2017
Howard & Sheryl Katz



2016
Denise Lott



2015
Dave Lott



2014
Marge Rhode



2013
Garry Mion





Annual Recognition Dinner & January Membership Meeting

Hosts: Howard & Sheryl Katz



What an amazing way to kick off the New Year for CCA! Howard and I are delighted to report that this year’s annual event was historic – a total of 95 responded YES, including two prospective members (Dave and Linda Steinkraus), for a whopping 70% which is a record percentage of CCA participation for ANY event, in the known Club history! By the numbers... prior to the event, three members had to cancel and the night of the event, there were seven no-shows, Tom Hill’s brother Jim came instead of Nancy, and one unexpected prospective member (Lylla Alejandro), just showed up. Later in the evening, there was a surprise visit by David Edgington and his fiancé for a short period, bringing the final attendance tally to 88.

This year’s celebration was held on Thursday evening, January 10th, and ended up being a special and unique CCA evening in many ways. The Club has grown dramatically in the past couple of years, and with that growth, the membership decided to revamp this event. This year’s goal was to scale back – to be less expensive and combine the activities making a triple header: Dinner, Recognition, and the January Meeting. It was a packed evening, here we go...



VENUE and DINNER

Last year in February, we found what we thought would be the perfect venue: the Old Spaghetti Factory at Chandler Mall, and booked it. They have a large, private party room and were eager to work with us to offer a menu with a good variety of dinner entrees for a large group. In addition to negotiating an affordable price per person, we strived to keep expenses low and offer a reasonably priced plated dinner plus, add some ‘spice’ to the Recognition portion of the evening.

For many, the evening started early, at the bar with Happy Hour while Howard and I set up the room with custom-made name tents, table placemats, and votive candles (to take home as keepsakes), table centerpieces for give-aways, set up our sound system and music, and the most exciting of all, our big surprise – the custom built CCA Wheel of Fortune. We barely had time to change our clothes before opening the doors, which started the festivities of the evening.

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Annual Recognition Dinner & January Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

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Upon entering the room, everyone was greeted with a welcoming smile and received a yellow raffle ticket. Shortly after a little time for mingling and selected our seats, dinner was served. While dining, everyone was serenaded by Dean Martin crooning Italian love songs.

CHANGING of the BOARD

While everyone was finishing dinner, we commenced the Recognition Program. The Outgoing Board of Directors was called up to the front of the room to receive a big round of applause thanking them for their Service in 2018.



As outgoing President, Marge shared some thoughts, thanked the Board, and presented a Certificate of Appreciation Plaque to **Jim Enriquez** for his work on the SRPs. Then the new 2019 Board was invited up front to receive a hearty thank you for stepping up to serve this year.

As outgoing Webmaster and **Crosstalk** Editor, both Howard and I (respectively) wanted to recognize the contributions of our predecessors. Over the years, these roles have changed quite a bit but, there's one thing that's constant, both Volunteer roles require untold hours of hard, exacting, work. Members taking on this responsibility have their fingers on the pulse of the Club – typically and frequently only hearing from folks when something needs to be fixed or shared. We asked those former Volunteers attending the evening's event to stand and be recognized: Webmasters: **Jim Kerber, Janet Ray, and George Ray. Crosstalk** Editors: **Patty Friesz, Bob Swanson, Garry Mion** (represented with the Garry face fan), **Janet Ray, and Roc Campise.**



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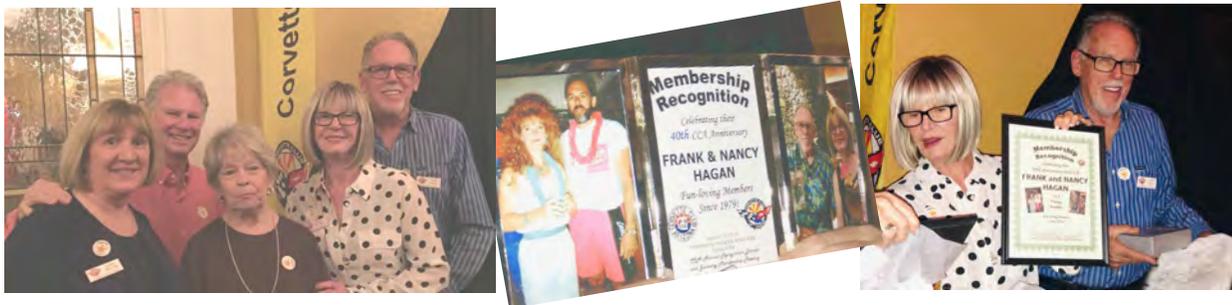


Annual Recognition Dinner & January Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

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MEMBERSHIP

After recognizing Board members, our focus shifted to the membership. CCA has a rich history and we're still going strong. For visibility, members stood when called, by year joined groupings.



Then, our Golden Oldies were called to the front and presented with Certificates. Our 'Vintage Members': **Sandy Duhaime** (Phil was unable to attend that night) who joined in 1986, **Loren & Linda McCarty** who joined in 1984, and our very special honorees: **Frank & Nancy Hagan**, who joined in 1979 and are celebrating their 40th Anniversary with CCA this year, WOW!! The Hagans were also presented with a special photo frame certificate. Over the decades, all six of these individuals have served in many ways and done so much for our Club. We are AWED by all that these folks bring to CCA. These amazing members received a Standing Ovation for all they've done and continue to do for the Club - CONGRATULATIONS!

ACTIVITIES

The spotlight then moved to activities. Before dinner, all 2018 Event Hosts were personally greeted by me with a smile, a Thank You, and a special custom designed gold star Thank You sticker to wear all evening; these members were easy to spot and we hope they received many expressions of appreciation during the evening. A summary of all 2018 activities was described. And, event participants were mentioned as well; our members that attend events make CCA activities fun and rewarding.



Wrapping up this section, two important certificates were presented. One to **Sandy Duhaime**, our Sunshine Girl and Chief Christmas Ornaments Crafter, since 1986 and still fulfilling these activities! The other, **Frank & Nancy Hagan**, for opening their home since 1979 for the Annual Pancake Breakfast – that's a whole lotta pancakes!! THANK YOU all!



CONGRATULATIONS to all of CCA 2018 award recipients!



RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS



Before launching into the presentation of this year's OMY (pronounced 'Oh My' and stands for **Outstanding Member of the Year**), Bob Swanson took the floor to introduce a new honor for the Club. Earlier in the year, Bob and a few other members, individually and on their own accord, had

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Annual Recognition Dinner & January Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

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suggested to the Board that additional recognition for OMYs and Past Presidents (PPs) be provided. The Board approved it, and, since Bob was the first to recommend this idea, he was invited to bestow the new name badges to each recipient that was in attendance that evening (to keep things moving, Pam assisted by passing them out). These new name badges have inverted printing (red background with white letters) and bear a white trophy symbol for each OMY and a gavel symbol for each year serving as PPs. Some recipients have multiple symbols to represent each recognition they received.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Then, for the big announcement everyone was awaiting, the recipient of the 2018 OMY. As outgoing 2017 OMYs, it was our great honor to present the award to **Esther Enriquez**. Since joining CCA in 2002, she's been involved in just about every aspect of the Club and over the years, she and her hubby have hosted Drivers and many events including activities in their lovely home. She's forever offering ideas and is always available to help. This past year, she was the glue on the Activities Team, keeping things moving during some roller coaster times during the year. Unfortunately, she was unable to make it that evening so, after receiving a Standing Ovation, Jim received the award on her behalf. (At the February Membership meeting, we made a formal presentation to Esther in person, so that she could enjoy the Standing Ovation she so well deserved.)



A hearty CONGRATULATIONS Esther!

By the time Howard and I finished packing up and loading the car it was *way too late* to call her but early the next morning we spoke with Esther. We knew that Jim had already shared the wonderful news but we wanted to personally extend our heartiest CONGRATULATIONS; we described the build-up, read her the presentation, and shared how great the membership's response was for her to receive this very special award.

CCA's NEW WHEEL of FORTUNE!

While preparing for this big event, one of the most difficult things for me and Howard to do, was keeping the 'spice' for this event a secret! With this new format, there were time and budget constraints for entertainment and since we felt strongly about continuing the tradition of giving prizes, we concocted a wacky idea... let's use a prize wheel! Long story short, we came up with the idea for a CCA Wheel of Fortune and Howard built it. Howard wrote a terrific article on the construction of the wheel, but we felt that it was too large for **Crosstalk**. If you'd like to learn how he made the wheel, send an [email to Howard](#) and he will send you his article. It was an instant hit – a fun and novel way to give away 'Fabulous' prizes as well as Booby prizes plus other crazy ideas including hosting CCA events. The categories are described in the subsequent article. Yellow raffle tickets were drawn to select the lucky individuals to take a 'spin'. To start the fun, our 2018 Honorees got priority. Jim took a spin for Esther and Frank insisted that Nancy take a turn for them.



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Annual Recognition Dinner & January Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING and 50-50 DRAWING

After a short break, the 2019 Board of Directors took their seats at the front of the room. Howard and I designed the floor plan so that there'd be room for all the incoming Officers and Volunteers on the 2019 Board to be seated at the front of the room. As outgoing President, Marge officially passed the gavel to Denise, who then commenced an abbreviated Meeting.

The big raffle proceeds of \$168 went to **Beverly Davenport**. Since the Davenports needed to leave early, Beverly left her ticket with Jennifer who claimed the cash for her.



We hope everyone enjoyed this new format for the annual event and if so, perhaps it will be the start of a new annual tradition for the Club. Further, we are happy to report that in addition to meeting the membership's goals for the new format of this annual event, our planning paid off - expenses were well under budget and with the big 50-50 participation, \$168 went to the CCA Treasury! It was a fun hosting this year and we'd like to thank the following individuals for their help during the evening: **Susan Lovino** (Door Bouncer); **Bob and Mary O'Connor** (Greeters who also distributed our yellow raffle/prize tickets); **Loren McCarty** (50-50 Sales); **Bob Swanson, Tom Palmer, Dom Lovino, Jennifer and Mary** (Photographers); **Nancy Hagan** (some of the Raffle prizes); **Brad Ryan** (stayed to help pack up and load both our cars), and **Earnhardt Chevrolet** (some prizes). To enjoy the highlights of the evening, please email me, SherylKatz@anatek.net, and I will send you the slideshow!

Activities Update

Esther Enriquez



A few words from your Activity Team

I know the title of this article is ironic since I've been known to monopolize a good portion of our regular monthly meeting time. It's not that I like the stage so much, but I do enjoy the fact that we have a number of activities to cover, and I think anyone who steps up to host an event deserves a little credit and the opportunity to promote their event. This is especially true since we have so many new members, and it's nice for them to be able to put a name to a face.

Please do check out our calendar which Dom and I try to keep updated. It's always available on the website, and I send out frequent notices of upcoming events. Also on our website is a list recently compiled by Denise Lott of [past CCA events and socials](#). If you're wondering what kinds of activities have been held in the past, this is a great resource for planning. We have so many members who have been involved for a short time that these previous events could easily be planned for a "repeat" activity.

One of our goals for the Activity Team this year is to increase the number of available activities since our club size mandates limits on many events. For this reason, it's perfectly acceptable that we could schedule multiple events on the same day - something we haven't done before. We'd like to have different types of activities scheduled so that members have a choice of how they would like to participate. For example, a choice between a short driver and lunch or a longer driver or evening social event. We want to be able to offer a variety so that we can offer something for everyone and increase participation.

This is a beautiful time of year in Arizona; it's our reward for persevering through the long, hot summer to come. Let's get out and enjoy this opportunity, but we need a few good people to get things rolling and get those cars on the road! Nancy, Diana, and I are waiting to hear from you and assist you in getting a social event of some sort organized and on the calendar. It's easier than you think, and we guarantee you will have an enjoyable time working with us on this! Esther Enriquez - Activity Director



Sweet Basil Cooking Class

Barb Bassett



A HUGE GASTROMONICAL SUCCESS AND ALREADY BOOKED UP FOR 2020!

On January 21, 16 CCA wannabe Gourmet Chefs teamed up to produce and enjoy a tantalizing and mouth watering gourmet dinner. This was our 7th annual Sweet Basil CCA Cooking Class. Located in Scottsdale at Shea and N. Scottsdale Road, Sweet Basil is a combination kitchen boutique, gourmet cooking school and coffee shop.

We arrived early to browse the varied kitchen items in the store and to visit with friends. Our hostess, Marty, got us started with an orientation and



demonstration of various kitchen tools we would be using in class. Our Chef Instructor, Linda, then divided us into groups and walked us through the preparation of each dish. Every year, we learn a little more about why we do things this way or that, and take home a new tip or two that we can apply to other dishes.



Each station was set up with all the ingredients and complete instructions for each dish. Our group worked in twos or threes to prepare, cook and then enjoy a truly amazing meal. It is fantastic to see how well we all work together in an admittedly crowded environment.

This year our menu featured Butternut Squash Soup for a starter, followed by a main course of Beef Tenderloin with Bordelaise Sauce, Spinach Gratin, Roasted Carrots, and Polenta with Sauteed Mushrooms. To finish, we enjoyed another truly decadent dessert: Chocolate Souffle with ice cream.



Because this is so popular, Nancy Hagan has volunteered to organize a second date for 2019. If you would like to get involved next year, send [Nancy an email](#) and ask to be put on the List. Until then, Happy Cooking!





Russo & Steele Auction CCA Volunteer Coordinator: David Edgington

EUROPEAN SPORTS, AMERICAN MUSCLE, HOT RODS AND CUSTOMS
RUSSO AND STEELE
COLLECTOR AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS

We had great participation in the 2019 Russo and Steele Classic Auto Auction this year. About a dozen of our CCA members volunteered to help with driving, spotting, registering or other activities at this year's auction. Anyone who loves being around classic, hot rod, custom or unique cars enjoys this annual event. It is not only our privilege to help with the auction, but also R & S gives a generous donation to CCA for our participation. At publication time we are not aware of how much that will be, but we are confident it will be a big help to the Club.

Some of the Corvettes sold at the auction were a 1959 Convertible for \$85,800. A 1966 Convertible with 27,000 original miles for \$77,000. A 1957 Convertible for \$70,400. A 1965 Convertible for \$67,100. And there were many other Corvettes sold as well.



Other cars that sold were a 1958 Chevrolet Impala Custom Convertible for \$93,500, a 1951 Mercury Woody Wagon for \$68,750 and a 1967 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III, BJ8 Convertible with 58,000 original miles for \$63,250, and a 1946 Hudson Super 6 Pickup (rust free!) for \$35,200.

The most expensive car sold at the auction was a 2012 Lexus LFA for \$412,500 and the least expensive was a 1976 Fiat 125 Spyder for \$2,475.



Thank you to all who participated and for those who wish to do so next year, set aside some time in January 2020 to get close - and drive! - some of these amazing, beautiful cars.



Webmaster's Corner

Dom Lovino



Many of you know that Howard Katz decided to relinquish his title of CCA Webmaster, and that as of January 1st, I have officially taken over as your new webmaster. Howard and I worked to ensure that the Website would transition seamlessly at the end of last year. I want to take this opportunity to thank Howard for his work, diligence and tenacity to bring us timely information and provide a site with easy access to general information while keeping our information confidential.

Over the last two months, I've been updating the Website to keep you current for meeting schedules, and rosters/profiles. As of this writing, the flyers for our events scheduled so far are current, and the registration for Corvettes in the Park is open for signing up your cars and using PayPal to secure your registration fees.

I have also modified several pages to help you retrieve information and to make updates more efficient. The first change you will see is the "Our Meeting Schedule" button. It is now a drop-down box. If you hover over the meeting schedule button, you will see a drop-down listing the meeting date and location. If you click on the highlighted meeting, a map is provided for you if you need an address or directions.



The second change is the Join Us page. It now includes a button to send an email directly to the Membership Chair for any questions you or potential new members may have.

The third change is the **Crosstalk** page. The **Crosstalk** issues have been placed into drop-down boxes by volumes. Again, if you hover over a volume, the issue is listed. Just click on the issue you want to read. New for the page is Contact the Editor. Now, you can send questions, articles or pictures to the **Crosstalk** Editor from this page.

The final change is the Contact Us page. It now includes direct contacts for Car Show Information, Membership, Activities, and General Questions. The Webmaster email is in the Member's Only section.

As I move forward as your Webmaster, I will need your help to provide the most current information to the Website. So, if you are planning an event, please send the flyers, and information to the Activity Director and the Webmaster so we don't have to keep asking for them. I'll work with the Activities Director on the timeliness of placing the information on the Website. Finally, if you see something that needs fixing, or you want to see something added, please reach out to through email or stop and talk with me. I am open to new ideas, suggestions and always willing to make any corrections.



Upcoming Member Birthdays

MARCH

Karen Mion
 Mark Godina
 Bob McDougall
 Jim Eberst
 Jennifer Hitzel
 Dale Pavlicek
 Beverly Davenport



APRIL

Linda McCarty
 Mike Terrey
 Jeanne Schroeder
 George Ray
 Cory Wendland
 Bob Logan
 Sheryl Katz
 Mary O'Connor
 Joe Hitzel

Monthly Chicks Luncheons Mary Ellen Hayden & Denise Lott



Next luncheons:

March 8 & April 12



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



Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Hayden

If you would like to be included in the monthly reminder sent out, let her know. The reminder includes directions to the restaurant.



Packages From Home

Bob Bassett



On January 29, thirty-seven eager CCA members attended a Packages From Home (PFH) Packing Party. Those who met up at Whole Foods in Chandler, got a gimmick rallye instead of a simple drive to the PFH Glendale Facility. Yours truly gave out clear instructions on the route to PFH, and then had a few *senior moments*, and failed to follow them, missing two moderately crucial turns, and leading everyone on a merry chase, but after the detours, we all got there on time.



PFH's goal for the day was firstly to have us pack 100 packages to be sent off to servicemen and women deployed around the globe, and then to sort a pallet of donated items in preparation for packing. Our group really dug in and worked in teams to knock off 100 packages in the first hour, then sort a whopping two and a half pallets before wrapping up for the morning. By the time we finished, all the plastic bins you see in the next two photos had been filled to the brim.



Since 2004, Packages From Home has proudly shipped 115,000 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.

After many thanks, 30 of us headed east on Bethany Home road to Marissa's Mexican Seafood restaurant. We got started with drinks, chips and salsa and then ordered from an extensive menu. The girls did a great job of serving, although we probably overtaxed the kitchen staff a little, but we had good opportunity to visit. In the end, the food was excellent, and well worth the wait. Thank you to all those who participated this year!





The Donut Gang - Cars & Coffee Larry & Cathy Maiorano



As a new member of CCA, I've been asked by Bob Bassett to put together an article for Crosstalk. He suggested I use the Cars & Coffee event I started in Queen Creek as my topic, with the added bonus that other CCA members might be encouraged to come out and participate. I'm not sure if this is my initiation or punishment.

I suppose a brief background about myself might be appropriate. I graduated from San Diego State College University with a marketing major and a minor in radio and television broadcasting, after spending three years with the US Army Signal Corps. After college, I started working at Chevrolet Motor Division and retired from General Motors after 30 years. During that period, I was a graduate of the Powell Motorsport Performance Driving School (GM Mesa Proving Ground) and the Bragg Smith Advanced Performance Driving School (Las Vegas). My involvement with cars include being on the Indy Car Race Committee in Portland for 15 years; president of a marque club (not Corvette); past member of NCRS; and past president of a hot rod club in Arizona as well as current member of the Solid Axle Corvette Club.



In 2015 I decided to start a car event that had no officers, no formal organization, no dues, no by-laws, no newsletter and no monthly meetings. I decided on a weekly Cars & Coffee and I picked Dunkin' Donuts as a location primarily due to its large, available parking area and plenty of outside tables and chairs. I put together a flyer (see attached) which I passed out at car shows and we had our first Cars & Coffee Queen Creek get together on September 19, 2015. Any car enthusiast who attended the Saturday morning gathering with a "collector" car automatically became part of the "Donut Gang" (see attached). In November, 2016, I began emailing pictures of the participants' cars during the week. These emails expanded to categories of cars that covered everything from: select models, orphan cars, twins, trucks, motors, odd balls, participants with multiple cars and Lost in the 50's.

Currently, we have 244 "Donut Gang" participants who have, since 2015, attended Cars & Coffee with a "collector" car and are on the email contact list. We generally see between 25 and 35 cars showing up each Saturday morning, composed of about 15 regular attendees, three or four new attendees and the rest who show up when it is convenient. This includes four or five CCA members who show up fairly regularly. Ladies, some of whom are the car owners, are always welcomed and a ladies group has formed that usually sit together.

In conclusion, you are invited to leave your worries behind on Saturday mornings and participate with the "Donut Gang" (with any Corvette or other car) where everyone knows your passion.

SATURDAYS
7:30 -9:00 am
21148 Rittenhouse
Rd, Queen Creek



Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock



ARE YOU A CORVETTE EXPERT?

TEST YOUR CORVETTE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT GOOGLE OR THE CORVETTE BLACK BOOK

FIND THE ANSWERS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE !

1. What was the first year the Corvette was available in a coupe?
2. Which years was the Corvette only available in an automatic transmission?
3. How many 1996 C4 Grand Sport Corvettes were sold to the public?
4. What year did Chevrolet first discontinue making the convertible Corvette model?
5. What year did Chevrolet; once again, introduce the Corvette in a convertible model?
6. When was the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky opened to the public?
7. What year did Chevrolet not offer the Corvette for sale to the public?
8. What was the first year for the 6 speed manual transmission?
9. What years did Chevrolet make the C4 ZRI Corvette?
10. Was the CS Corvette always available in a coupe and convertible model?
11. What year Corvettes are considered the Mid Years?
12. What year Corvette was built simultaneously at both the Bowling Green, KY Plant and the St. Louis, MO Plant.



Watch for more questions in the next **Crosstalk**. Until then, Happy Corvetting! *Ken*



Proud Owner Design can be accessed via the CCA Website. Click the "Merchandise" tab on the "Members Only" page.



Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



The first event for the Roadrunner Region was the 2019 "KICK OFF" event in held by Sonoran Desert Corvettes, Tucson. The event was a success, but not attended by many Club members in the Region. John & Cecile O'Boyle, Roger & Arlene Craig and Pat and myself were there representing CCA. This was great event, I would encourage more CCA members to participate next year. John O'Boyle has written a good article about the event which appears on the following page.

To see more of what you missed, check out the [slide show](#) of the event, made by Bob Koblewski of the SDCT Club.



The Region Governor's meeting was held on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. in the hospitality room at the Desert Diamond Casino. There were seven out of twelve Clubs represented from the Region. The meeting was started by our new **Regional Executive**, Barb Johnson, from SDCT.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the 4th Quarter meeting of 2018. Motion passed unanimously. Barb reminded everyone that we are still in need of a permanent Secretary. After a discussion, Pat Jenkins accepted the position and was appointed by Barb.

Barb reported on the success of the Kickoff Event, wrapping up with the car show on Sunday. She expressed the need for another club to volunteer to host for 2020. After a discussion, the consensus among the Governors was that the event is a positive beginning for the year and that it should be continued. All Governors were asked to go back to their clubs and solicit their Club as a volunteer to host next year's KickOff event..

Barb also asked the Governors to send her any updates on events of their clubs, as well as any charitable contributions the clubs make. This information will be passed along in the Blue Bars Magazine, which is published quarterly.

Bob Johnson, of SDCT, is our new **Regional Competition Director** this year. Bob pointed out our Website calendar, which is the ideal spot to post upcoming events so that other clubs will be aware of them. He encouraged all clubs to participate in other clubs' events so that we may support each other. Press CTRL and Click [here](#) for the [Roadrunner Sanctioned Event](#) calendar of events.

The **NCCC Competition Rulebook** is not changed for the 2019 year. **The Redline Version** posted on the NCCC Website will not go into effect until 2020. The Rulebook and other related forms are available on the NCCC Website under **COMPETITION** or clicking [HERE](#).

Ron Scott, from NMCA, is our continuing **Regional Membership Director**. He informed us that the new plastic membership cards will be mailed out by the end of January and that all members should receive an email confirmation that their membership has been renewed.

Several NCCC activities are coming up for this period.
For more info, check out the [Road Runner Regional Events](#) calendar.



Roadrunner Regional Kickoff 2019

John O'Boyle



The Roadrunner region held their first event of the year at the Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel in Tucson on January 18th through January 20th. Six members of the CCA joined in the festivities: Ray and Pat Jenkins, Roger and Arlene Craig, and John and Cec O'Boyle.



The region organized several activities including visits to local attractions including the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, the Pima Air and Space Museum, and the Asarco Copper Mine. Other visits offered included a trip to the Artists' Colony City of Tubac and a tour to the Titan missile museum site.



The Craigs and O'Boyles decided to go early and take in the Titan Missile Museum and Tubac before registering at the Hotel. The Titan museum gives a glimpse into the tensions and solutions of the nuclear cold war. Very eye opening.

In Tubac we enjoyed a nice lunch at Shelby's Bistro and did some shopping. Both Arlene and Cec agreed we'd need to go back with bigger vehicles – some of the pieces they liked wouldn't fit in the Corvettes!



On Saturday morning we joined the larger group for a tour to the Desert Museum. The highlight of the outing was the Rapture Free-Flight show. We observed a Chihuahuan Raven, a Great Horned Owl, and a Red Tailed Hawk in flight. The birds fly literally right over the audience to the point where you can feel the rush of air as they pass. Highly recommended if you ever visit the area (not year round so check schedule before going).

On Saturday afternoon we toured the Pima Air and Space Museum. This was also enjoyable, numerous aircraft of all types with everything from pre-war (WWI) planes to modern aircraft including an SR-71, one of the 32 built. This is an exhibit best viewed with the tram and narrator and with a whole day to spend.

Saturday evening dinner was the recognition dinner and awards activity. The CCA won the Third Place Participation Award Plaque. Ray and Pat Jenkins each won first place individual regional competition awards, Men's and Women's. The Jenkins' also won 8 door prizes while one of the roadrunner participants won over a dozen prizes. I think everyone won something. We enjoyed meeting the Tucson Corvette folks and appreciate their hospitality. All in all, a great and fun event.





South Mountain Driver Lovinos & Campises



South Mountain Park Driver Ends at T-Bone Steakhouse

The day was sunny and warm, with little a wisp of wind. This was the perfect camera day for an unbelievable view. We started our trek with nine cars, eight miles up at 10 to 15 miles per hour to see South Mountain’s Antenna Towers. The road was so narrow, we could talk with the drivers of the oncoming traffic. There were many hairpin turns, dips, an “OH!” watch that Corvette front end, switch backs and the “oh my” scenery, so green. What a sight to see as our Corvettes all in line serpentine up and down the road. The Lovinos had the lead as they were familiar with the road, the Campises were in the last car.

There they were, the towers of South Mountain looming closer with every turn. We finally arrived at the peak of the mountain. The views were spectacular. You



could see for miles. There it was off in the distance, some swore they could see Russia from the Mountain top, (it was actually - Picacho Peak). We stopped to take some pictures and talk with others “ogling” our cars. Jim Enriquez made one boy’s day, as Jim offered the boy to sit behind the wheel of his car. You should have seen the kid’s eyes as he was sitting in the cockpit with his mom taking pictures. You should have seen Jim’s eyes, as the boy asked for the car keys! We didn’t stay long at the top as others wanting our spots kept coming up the mountain.

On the way back, we drove around to Dobbins’ Lookout. We couldn’t stop because there wasn’t any available parking as everyone else was out enjoying the weather on a beautiful Sunday. We did get many waves and looks as we drove around the parking area. We worked our way down the mountain, fighting gravity to go faster through the hairpin turns, dips, and “hey, watch out for the cyclist!” and don’t forget the switchbacks. We stopped at the Visitor Center to freshen up and walk through the center to acclimate from the higher elevation back to our normal ground level. Every thought they got

a work out, short but sweet. We drove a total of sixteen miles. We hopped back into our Corvettes leaving the park to drive a short four miles, arriving at our final destination, the T-Bone Steakhouse.



We met four other members with two more Corvettes for a total of now eleven cars and 24 members. We took some more pictures before someone

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South Mountain Driver (Cont'd)

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shouted, "Hey, we're hungry!" We had reserved the private area in the restaurant. We got quite boisterous. You could tell we were having fun. Roc periodically looked out onto the main dining



room and he could see heads turning to our corner wondering what's going on.

The drinks were served, the food was served almost all at the same time, and the steaks were excellent. We noticed Oscar McSpadden, Bill Rhode, Neil Pivar had ordered the Porterhouse steaks. These steaks were huge, almost overlapping the ends of their plates. My dog couldn't have

stripped the bone any better. Didn't have to ask if they enjoyed their steak. The reality is, doggy bags were going home with them.

Our waiters did an excellent job with the table service. Our server was a young lady who was nervous to handle half of our group. We all consoled her; she was doing a fine job. We are confident she was generously rewarded for her service from the CCA members. Everyone had a delicious meal and great time. Lots of conversation, people moving around to other tables, everyone talking to everyone else.



"It was such a beautiful drive and we never even left the city! So many of us have been here for some time and just never seem to get around to discovering or revisiting the special attractions right in our midst. This just goes to show how easy it is to plan a simple event that is so enjoyable!" – Esther Enriquez



2019 Pancake Breakfast Nancy & Frank Hagan



Another Pancake Breakfast for the books. They used to be a year apart but the way the time seems to fly by it feels like a couple of months before its time to do it again. The weather was on the cool side, so we had heaters around the back yard, including a lit fire pit. We also had heaters on the patio above the table and chairs. Thankfully the cloudy weather didn't give us any rain and the wind was dead calm so there were groups of people enjoying the outside. I (Frank) wouldn't know what or who was comfortable because I was slaving over the hot stove cooking the 12 dozen eggs and Howard Katz next to me cooking 150 plus pancakes. And then there was Mary O'Connor who was like the Tasmanian devil, just kidding Mary, who was spinning all over the place making sure every pot pan or spoon was clean.



We switched it up a bit, the menu that is. This year's breakfast included scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, and two casseroles of Scottsdale Potatoes, Rice and Sausage casserole, a fruit bowl and brownies. Of course there was non-stop coffee, Bloody Marys and orange juice and Champagne for Mimosas.

After the eating had subsided we brought out a large birthday sheet cake. It was Oscar McSpaddens birthday that morning. But Frank and I wanted to honor all the February birthdays so we had six names, Tom Palmer, Loren McCarty, Joan Nieman, Jim Enriquez, and Dean Sample and Oscar too, wishing them a happy birthday with candles and singing.



We need to name other fabulous members that made this breakfast go smoothly. Thanks to Sheryl and Howard Katz, Sheryl who thought up the ticket idea so no one ate a second helping until all had been through the line once.

Thanks to Howard for those perfectly lovely round delicious buttermilk pancakes he made. Mary O'Connor for all the non stop coffee and cleanup. Bob O'Connor for being a great bartender. Thank you Mark Godina for supplying us with a special Bloody Mary Mixture. Thanks to Tina and Neil Pivar for the extra goodies to add to the bloody mary drinks. Esther for bringing a yummy bowl of fruit. Charlotte McSpadden for the delicious brownies. Bob Swanson for running to get more O.J. Thanks to Patty Friesz for faithfully manning the front door checking who forgot to send their checks through the mail and collecting the money. Thanks to Mary Ellen for the Rice and Sausage casserole.





Membership Update

Guy Lombardo



We have two new CCA Members to welcome in this issue of **Crosstalk**. This couple was approved at the February 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

Louis and Diana Zajicek own a white 1960 C1 convertible. They are retired and were originally from Pine Bush, N.Y. Louis' hobbies include chess and traveling. Diana enjoys traveling. They live in Phoenix and learned about the CCA from the internet.

This brings our total membership up to 134. Six other prospective members are close to meeting the requirements for submitting an application. I am also corresponding with seven more people who are interested in attending their first CCA Membership meeting.



Monthly Game Night

Rhonda Deacon
Coordinator



February 16 Game Night Hosts: Tom & Elly Palmer

Palmers hosted game night, March 16. Barb and Bob Bassett, Carol and Smith, Sue and Dom Lovino, Janet and George Ray all made the evening an absolute hoot! The potluck was an opportunity to overindulge in some of the best hand crafted delights around. And the games? Just a bit 'out of the box' and belly laugh material. Try stacking plastic cups in a pyramid and then back to original in the shortest time, or blowing them off the table with the air from a balloon!

Join in the fun next chance you get! Elly

Contact Rhonda Deacon to join the Game Nights Mailing List





Upcoming Drivers and Special Events

Sonoita Wine Tasting Driver March 17-18

Join the Mundys and Plattens for a special Wine Tasting Driver. Take a scenic drive through Elgin and Sonoita to Arizona Hops and Vines, and Wilhelm Family Vineyards for a wine tasting, Dinner at the Steak Out restaurant, and stay overnight at the Sonoita Inn.

Corvettes in the Park April 7

Our signature Car show will be held in A.J Chandler Park on a Sunday this year. Your participation is essential to the success of this event. Please contact Mark Godina to offer your assistance with organization and day of event tasks, and be sure to register your car for the show on-line.

Founders Day Colossal Cave Driver April 13

Join the Lotts and McDougalls on a trip to Colossal Cave. This is a large cave system about 22 miles southeast of Tucson. It contains mapped passageways and was discovered in 1879. Temperatures inside average 70 °F year-round. Enjoy your time on a tour in the cave or spend time outside on the patios or on a short walk. Lunch will follow at the del Lago golf course's Hacienda del Lago and wraps up with the traditional Founders' Day cake.

Ruidoso New Mexico Driver July 26

Beat the Heat with a 4 day driver to beautiful, and cool, Ruidoso, New Mexico. We will be staying at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, a beautiful luxury resort featuring golf, a casino, luxury rooms and fine dining. Contact Marge Rhode

McMagical Mystery Tour Driver Sept 20

Join McSpaddens & McDougalls for the McMagical Mystery Tour 2019. Sign Up, Pack a Bag, and enjoy a fabulous Corvette run to a destination to be revealed when you get there. Don't ask where we are going, because we'll tell you that even we don't now.

For More Info Click on any of the Titles to call up the Event Flyer



Club Calendar

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change
Last Update: 02/28/2019

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<p>2 "No Ostrich Parade" Lunch w/Rhodes at Rosatti's <u>FLYER</u></p> <p>4 Vette Set Dinner with Pivars</p> <p>7 Membership Meeting Old Spaghetti Factory Chandler Fashion Mall 6:30 PM</p> <p>8 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p>	<p>4 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber 7:00 PM</p> <p>7 Corvettes in the Park with Mark Godina <u>FLYER</u></p> <p>12 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>13 Founder's Day Driver Lotts & McDougalls <u>FLYER</u></p> <p>13 Autocross - CCA Coordinator— Kemper</p> <p>18 Board Meeting 9:30 @ Mundy's</p> <p>20 Highway Cleanup with Samples</p>	<p>2 Membership Meeting Floridino's</p> <p>4 Autocross - CCA Coordi- nator—Kemper</p> <p>11 Progressive Dinner (tentative) Hosts Needed!</p> <p>12 CCA Chicks Lunch – Hayden/Lott</p> <p>16 Board Meeting 7:30 Palmers</p> <p>26 Indy 500</p> <p>27 Memorial Day</p> <p>TBD Game Night</p>
		 

For the most up to date information and flyers for various events, please go to the Website
www.arizonacorvetteclub.com



The Doo Wop Project

Ken Rock



CCA Goes back to the 1960's

On Saturday night February 23, a "gang" of club members "cruised" over to their favorite "hang out", Floridino's, for dinner. Then the "gang" "strolled" back into the late '50s and early '60s "at the hop" held at Chandler Center for the Arts to "groove" to the "sounds" of the vocal group The Doo Wop Project! The Doo Wop Project is a five man vocal group



formed by the prior members to the original cast of the Broadway Musicals The Jersey Boys and the musical based on the life of Berry Gordy, Motown. During the two hour concert the "cool cats and their chicks" where sent back on a sentimental journey to reminisce on times gone bye. A time when the music was "hip", the songs where "cool", and you



could "dig" the words to the "tunes". The group performed a host of oldies from the 50's and 60's, as well as Acappella and Motown. Each member of the group also told his story of how he became interested in the genre of Doo Wop, as well as, how they got their parts in the Musical Broadway Shows. The evening ended on a very high note with an electrifying song and dance routine to the "Cadillacs " hit record "Speedo". Everyone left the show "moving and grooving".

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Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz on Page 15

1. 1963;
2. 1953, 1954 and 1982 (In 1954 the automatic transmission was offered as an option, however, all 1954 models were built with the automatic transmission.);
3. 1,000;
4. 1975;
5. 1986;
6. September 2, 1994;
7. 1983;
8. 1989;
9. 1990 through 1995;
10. No, 1997 coupe only and in 1998 the Convertible was introduced;
11. 1963 through 1967;
12. 1981: the last 1981 Corvette was built in St. Louis, MO, on August 1, 1981. After that ALL Corvettes were built in Bowling Green, KY. Thanks for Playing!



Vette Set Dining at La Hacienda

Barb Bassett



On February 26, 16 members and a guest attended a Vette Set Dinner at La Hacienda, on Chandler Blvd. This is a classic Mexican Family Restaurant, not a chain or a franchise, and no connection to the restaurant of the same name in Scottsdale. The atmosphere is authentic; Mom and Pop do all the cooking using recipes that are family treasures. Brother and Sister are the servers and do a great job. You can expect real classic margaritas, great food, and lots of options on the menu. If you manage to get there, try the Pina Relleno, a pineapple stuffed with delicious seafood or the Marinara Enchilada, a seafood enchilada in a cream sauce. We were thrilled to be able to share this great restaurant with our CCA friends.



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



The Last Word

While we didn't get an article, a number of our members participated in Desert Corvette Association's **Sweetheart Car Show** at the Pavilions. Thanks to Garry Mion, Howard Katz, Pat & Ray Jenkins, Dave & Kathy Golec, and those others I have missed, for participating. The more we support other RoadRunner Region Clubs, the more they will support ours.



80/20

You all know the old 80/20 rule that is said to apply to all organizations: "20 per cent of the people do 80 per cent of the work". In the September/October 2018 issue of Crosstalk, the Activities Team acknowledged 64 members who hosted or organized one or more CCA events in 2018. With a Club size of hovering around 130, that is a whopping 50% participation factor! Those hosts, the Activities Team, and CCA as a whole, are to be congratulated on a job well done!

If you got this far, Thank you for bearing with me on a long issue. It was a pleasure, a privilege, and a challenge to produce. Please let me have your feedback, likes and dislikes. Also, if you are hosting an event, remember to appoint an official photographer. It is very easy to get wrapped up in your event and forget to take pictures. And, even if your camera says you don't need a flash, please turn on the forced flash so we get a proper fill on the faces.

The next publication date is April 30... right up there with Income Taxes, so keep those articles coming. Thank you to all who contributed, and especially to Sheryl for her edits and thoughtful suggestions. Bob



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