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Enthusiasm, Competition,  
Social, and Rallies for 45 years  
1975 - 2020*

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# CROSSTALK

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## President's Message

Brad Ryan



Well, Hello fellow Club Members and welcome to a brand -new year for the CCA! I look forward to working with the entire CCA membership to create a year of new and exciting ideas and activities for our Club.

First a little on my background:

I started out with building several cars for the drag strip but eventually graduated into my first Corvette and then joined the Chicago Corvette Club\*. From then on, it was nothing but Gymkhanas, Auto Crosses and Road Rallies. (BTW, my Club Nickname was "Spinner Ryan" and you'll have to guess as to how that originated!) It wasn't long before I served as the "CCC" Membership Chairman for several years and also served on the Board of Directors and activities Committee.

Later on, since I was now "all-in" with Corvettes, I opened a Corvette Restoration & Sales business specializing in C1 to C3 Corvettes and also as a State-licensed Auto Dealer selling Classic Cars as an adjunct operation.

I'm currently going on to my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a Celebrity Judge at the "Corvettes at Carlisle"! If you have never gone there, PLEASE put it on your Bucket-List!!!

Plans for the CCA - 2020:

My goal is to establish an on-going requirement for every new CCA President to present to the Board of Directors a proposed platform of desired goals for the new term (which I have already done.) After review and discussion with the Board, these new ideas will then be presented to the general membership for a final discussion of pros & cons and, after agreement, the appropriate action(s) will be taken, including possible revisions to the CCA SRP's. Stay Tuned!

\*Factoid - The Steering Wheel logo of the Chicago Corvette Club (Circa 1958 when the CCC was established!) was originally designed by a Chicago Club member (Jerry Knight) and is also the same exact logo that was "borrowed" from our Club by the NCCC and is still in use today by both organizations!

Brad



## From the Editor    Bob Bassett



As CCA enters its 45th Anniversary year, January and February have been exceptionally busy months, and we have a very full issue of **Crosstalk** for you. We had a flurry of activity starting with the January Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner, and finishing up with the Lake Pleasant driver on February 29th, which turned out to be the best attended event in CCA history! Included in those activities were Russo & Steele and Packages from Home where CCA volunteers, once again, stepped up to help others. Thank you to all who participated!

In Ray Jenkins' salute to CCA Veterans in the last issue, we inadvertently missed Roc Campise, who served in the Air Force from 1965 to 1969. Our apologies Roc.

Many of you know I have been following the C8 with unbridled enthusiasm. I missed the Van Chevrolet debut of the C8, where many of you got to sit in one, but I finally got to touch three of them, one a convertible, at the Barrett-Jackson. It was an exciting moment for me, especially after a little over two years of waiting, watching and wondering what the C8 would be like.

I am again amazed at the ingenuity and ability of GM engineers to have put together a mid-engined hard-top convertible with such grace and styling. Most other hard-top convertibles look awkward, like a balloon had been stuck on top of the car when the top is up, whereas the C8 vert's styling is magnificent and flows properly whether the top is up or down!



I hope you enjoy this issue of **Crosstalk**.

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## January Meeting &amp; Annual Awards

Esther Enriquez



## CCA Annual Recognition and Awards Banquet 2020

Celebrating CCA's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As a recent tradition, CCA now combines the January Membership Meeting and the Awards Banquet. Early last summer, the Activity Team (Nancy, Diana, and I) agreed to host the event. We began searching out venues that could accommodate our group size. By July we had booked a restaurant, formed a committee, booked the entertainment, and began gathering ideas for a special night.

In early December, we learned that the restaurant would be closing and had canceled our event. This entailed some last-minute scrambling, to say the least! Fortunately, we were able to secure a site we had considered in our original search but now had to alter the date, find a caterer, and make some additional concessions to our plan.



This year, the banquet was held on January 11 at the Islands Community Center in Gilbert and turned out to be a successful event enjoyed by 78 members who enjoyed an Italian dinner, awards, and entertainment to kick off CCA's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The evening included a buffet of salads, baked ziti, rigatoni with vodka sauce, chicken parmesan, sausage and peppers, garlic knots, and cannoli and cake for dessert.

The program for the evening included recognizing all the event hosts and especially the following people based on a rating system that assigns points for each activity based on level of effort required to host an event, the time involved, and the number of activities hosted.



- Most active in hosting and co-hosting events:
  - ◆ Diana and Roc Campise and Nancy and Frank Hagan. These two couples demonstrated exceptional effort in providing us with a variety of CCA Activities.
- Special recognition was given to several of our "snowbird" members who demonstrated exceptional effort despite being here for only a portion of the year:
  - ◆ Oscar and Charlotte McSpadden and Bob and Carol McDougall were recognized for hosting a very successful MMT.





## January Meeting & Annual Awards (Cont'd)

- ◆ Bob and Barb Bassett were recognized for hitting the ground running when they arrive in October, and for Bob's efforts in producing the Crosstalk Newsletter from Canada for half the year.
- The highlight of the Awards Banquet was the announcement of the annual **Outstanding Member of the Year**.

**Dom Lovino** was very deservedly honored with the 2019 award for his work as Webmaster, his participation in making our car shows so successful, and his participation in hosting CCA events.

After a relatively short Business Meeting, the evening wrapped up with a very entertaining performance by the Sun Lakes Improvables. Thanks to Denise Lott for securing the entertainment that kept everyone laughing for a fun wrap-up to the evening.



Because the change in venue required some extra effort on our part, the generous offers of help from CCA members were much appreciated. Many thanks to Elly Palmer, Susan Lovino, Barb Bassett, and our Activity Team spouses

who got together earlier in the day to set up for the evening. Jim, Roc, Dom Lovino and Mark Godina served as our delivery boys for transporting the food from Sal's Italian Trattoria. We also had volunteers who cut and served the cake and several kitchen helpers who made sure the food tables were kept filled. After the festivities ended, Bob Bassett organized the clean-up crew.

We couldn't have done it without all this help, but we knew from the start that CCA members would step up and make it work!



Happy 45th Anniversary CCA!





## Hagan's Pancake Breakfast

Nancy &amp; Frank Hagan



The Arizona weather and Sun God looked down on us again. We lit the fire pit table and the heaters were blazing but the members requested they be turned off or down because the sun was shining and there wasn't any wind. We couldn't have asked for a better morning, it was perfect... talk about luck!



Thanks to Rob and Rhonda Deacon, who gave us a bunch of flagstone left over from their back yard remodel, we were able to expand part of our back yard which allowed more comfortable seating and better placement of tables, heaters and umbrellas. Again we had great help making this Pancake Breakfast successful as in the past. We had Howard on the pancake grill and Frank scrambling



fourteen dozen eggs. The day before, I prepared two potato casseroles and two trench toast casseroles. Mark Godina made up the bloody mary mix and Bob O'Connor was our bartender. Patty Friesz greeted the members at the door, collected money owed and handed out numbers for the groups that took their turn to eat.



Our kitchen manager Mary O'Connor was busy making coffee, distributing food, washing dishes, taking photos, etc. Also we want to thank generous couples who brought food to help make sure there is enough to eat with a generous selection of foods.



Thank you to the Lovinos, Campises, Marshes, Rocks and anyone else that brought food that we can't remember from two weeks ago. We thank you all because without your gracious help and effort this event wouldn't be a CCA favorite. So now there's another Pancake Breakfast on the books!





Russo &amp; Steele Auto Auction

Ron Brennan



EUROPEAN SPORTS, AMERICAN MUSCLE, HOT RODS AND CUSTOMS

# RUSSO AND STEELE

## COLLECTOR AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS™

A Ride on the R&amp;S Adrenaline Train

It has been almost 2 weeks since my Saturday Night shift at the Russo & Steele Collector Car auction. As I sit down to write this review, my pulse rate on my Garmin wrist computer rose 15 pulses per minute.

This is an opportunity for “car-nuts” in good physical condition to be up close and personal and even drive some amazing collector cars, including some that you may otherwise never be able drive, or own. The R&S Vehicle Operations (VOps) team runs the very detailed flow of cars that have been consigned for auction. The owners pay over \$1K to have the staff and volunteers present their cars to the bidders. We, as volunteers from the CCA, help move the cars through the usual choreography, from check-in, to staging, to the auction block, and finally, to delivery. This was their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so the coordination was silky smooth...sometimes the best laid plans go awry, but the team adapts to make the “show” appear seamless. The crew make you feel like a professional.



I got to drive some amazing cars. I sat in a 2005 Jaguar XK8 with a very comfortable leather interior, waiting to go onto the block. I was thinking what a great car to drive to San Diego, and have a great dinner experience by 7:00 tonight, and be back before morning. It was exciting to be the driver as the car was pushed across the block (it sold for \$10K). I followed the dress code so I felt like one of the team. After getting pushed out of the tent, I slowly drove the

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## Russo & Steele Auto Auction (Cont'd)

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cars to the “sold tent” or the “still for sale tent. Then, we drivers go back to staging to find our next ride in a different car. We repeat this 20-30 times during the 10 hour shift. After I drove home, it took me 2-3 hours to relax enough to go to bed and expect to sleep. “What a Day!” I thought as I remembered what a “Home Depot” employee said to my wife and me several decades ago because we asked him a question that he could not answer...that was a bad day for him, but this time, it was a great day for me.

Of the cars I drove Saturday night, I was glad I did not own some, while most others were amazing restorations I would love to own. To keep this story shorter, I will discuss only two. A 57 Corvette Air Box in Venetian Red, FI, big brake car that was sold as a factory racer, Bloomington Gold, SN 4321. Unfortunately, No Sale! A 1996 911S Porsche that also ran like a daily driver. When I was in the Air Force in Japan, I got a Road & Track magazine reviewing the début of that one. I dreamed I could find a way to buy one...again, there was No Sale. You too can sign-up to drive cars that you will only dream of owning.

I worked the previous Thursday, and Andre (Vehicle OPS) assigned me to “block exit”. That was an extremely tiring 8 hour shift. Not a job for the faint of heart, but it was a great experience (mostly crowd control). I hope we can setup teams next year, so we can share the workload.



They were short of volunteers on Sunday, so I agreed to help. Andre told me that many people sign-up, but do not show up. I assured him that the CCA volunteers will never do that. I signed up to help on Wednesday, the last day, which was also a great experience helping deliver the cars to their owners.

I had a lot of personal time with the staff and our membership friend, Guy Lombardo. I met Drew Alcazar, one of the R&S owners, after he handled a problem with a buyer of a “No Reserve” car whose owner drove the car off-site because he changed his mind about the sale. I introduced myself as a CCA member, and he thanked us for our help. I told him that “Saturday night was the most fun I have had in one night in over 40 years”.

This work is difficult, but very satisfying. Next year, we may be able to share the workload so more members can enjoy the experience and bond with other CCA members that share your interests. I hope to do a promotional article in the fall of 2020 to encourage you to participate in what is, in my opinion, a wonderful experience!





## C6 Nav Clock Fix

Garry Mion

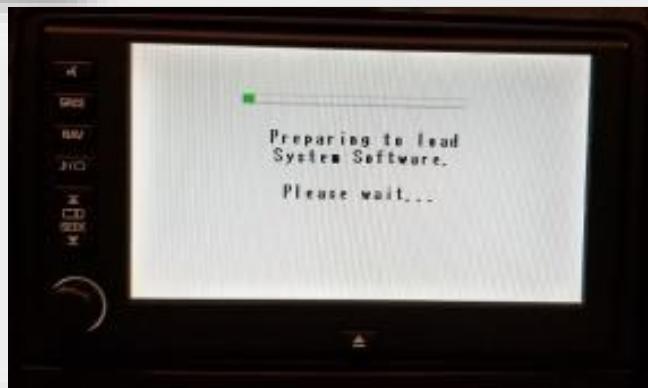


If you happen to still be the owner of a 2005-2011 C6 with a Navigation Unit, then it likely means that you have lost the clock display (see picture at right) if your battery died (or simply disconnected the battery for one reason or another). Apparently this may have started as early as August, 2018. There was no way to get the clock back, and as you can see in the picture below, the clock adjust screen became disabled for the most part.



The fix is pretty simple. Detailed instructions follow on the next page, or you can go [here](#) for them, and to read more about it. The fix involves downloading a file, burning it to a CD-R, and then installing it in the DVD slot. Once loaded, the unit will automatically apply the update (see picture at right). The most difficult part is burning the CD, in that if you do it wrong then nothing happens and you wasted a CD-R. Once the update is applied, you have to drive

The problem was software related, and the solution finally became available in November of this year. As to the genesis of the problem, it appears to be related to the WNRO (Week Number Roll Over) of the GPS signal that occurs every 1024 weeks. The software simply didn't account for this. This issue was not limited to Corvettes, or even GM.



the car around a while and eventually everything is back to normal as shown in the picture at left.

I believe that dealers are now aware of the problem/fix, and able to perform the update (although I have no idea if they charge for the service or not). If you want

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## C6 Nav Clock Fix (Cont'd)

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to do it yourself, I have reproduced the detailed instructions below:

**These instructions come from Paul: "C4C5Specialist" on the Corvette Mechanic.com**

Hello all you C6 owners with NAVIGATION!!!

We all know the issues with the clocks going blank. Well, here is the fix from Corvette engineering.

Click the link below and download the file.

[https://tis2web.akamai.gm.com/radio/...\\_05\\_10\\_fix.zip](https://tis2web.akamai.gm.com/radio/..._05_10_fix.zip)

**UNZIP THE FILE BEFORE** you Burn the LOADING.KWI to a BLANK CD-R. Once this is completely burned and finished, go to your Corvette:

#1 Make sure the vehicle is outside and the engine is running.

#2 On the radio display, press the Open/Close Faceplate Key

#3 Eject the map disc by pressing DVD Map Database Eject Key. Insert the Software Update Disc in the DVD Map Database Slot

The update will start automatically. You will see a progress bar on the screen. The update takes about 2 minutes. The vehicle logo will be seen once the update is completed.

Once you see the Corvette logo, remove the update disc and REINSTALL YOUR MAP DISC!

THIS IS NOT A MAP UPDATE< THIS IS ONLY FOR YOUR CLOCK BEING BLANK!

**Technical service bulletin 16-NA-262 has been updated as of Nov 15, 2019 with the Corvette service procedure if you would like to have your dealership reference the GM document!**



## Activities Update

Susan Lovino



A Few Words from your Activities Team...

On behalf of the Activities Team, I first want to take a moment to thank everyone who has planned an activity this first quarter of 2020. We have a busy calendar coming up. I also want to thank those members who have reached out to the team requesting information on how to plan a social event. We are looking forward to seeing those events come to fruition. To those members that have been thinking about planning a social event of some sort, please come to us with any ideas you may have and we will guide you in how to make them happen! Please reach out to Diana, Nancy or myself with any questions you have.

I will still be sending out emails with any new events that come up and the activity calendar will be posted on the website, but if you have signed up to use the new Google calendar feature, the flyers and information regarding events will also be posted on there. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do.

We need some Drivers for April, May and beyond. Where would you like to go?





## Membership Update

Guy Lombardo

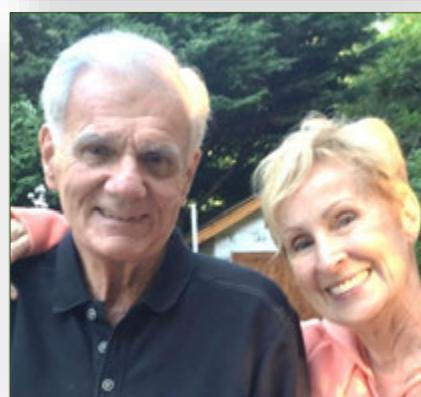


The CCA Board has approved five new members since the last edition of Crosstalk.

In January we welcomed back Frank and Darlene Heavlin, who were with the Club until 12/31/18. They were strong supporters of the Club during the many years they were members. They own a 2019 Red Z06. Frank and Darlene both list travel and cooking as their hobbies. They are actively involved with the hotels they own and operate.



In February the Board approved Al and Rita Mattivi. Al and Rita are retired and live in Chandler. Rita worked as an Executive Assistant prior to retirement. Al was a teacher and principal at a Vo-Tech high school in Pennsylvania. Al was also a policeman in San Diego and spent 10 years customizing Harleys after his retirement from the Police Department. They own a 2008 Black Convertible. Previously they owned 1960, 1968, 1984 and 2002 Corvettes.



The Board also approved Ron Brennan during the February meeting. Ron lives in Phoenix and was originally from St. Paul, Minnesota. Ron is nearly finished restoring his 1957 Corvette, which as two tops. It is currently in primer. Ron has been an independent consultant since age 40. He provided services to the ultrapure water industry used by semiconductor manufacturing companies, and companies who manufacture purification equipment for drinking water. Ron is currently the owner of a company which designs Xeriscape landscaping for home owners. His hobby is master gardening. Ron enjoyed volunteering at the Russo and Steele Car Auction and Packages from Home.



Total membership is up to 133. We currently have seventeen Guest/Prospective members in various stages of completing their requirements to submit their applications. Several of the seventeen will become ineligible in the coming months due to inactivity.





## C8 News and Views

Bob Bassett



# First C8 Goes for \$3 Million at Barrett-Jackson and Regular Production Begins at Bowling Green

Benefiting the Detroit Childrens' Fund Charity, the First Production C8 Vin #0001 was auctioned off at an astonishing Three Million dollars to NASCAR Team owner, Rick Hendrick. The bidding started at \$200K and took off quickly, hitting a million in only four bids, and topping out at \$3M from Hendricks. So Rick jumped the line and got the first production mid engine Corvette, VIN 0001. The rest of us will just have to wait to get our ordinary production numbers for just \$60K plus options! Just think Rick, you could have purchased 50 base model Stingrays or 40 Z51 Convertibles for the price of that VIN 0001.



The red pre-production car on the B-J stage was just a stand-in for the actual Vin 0001, shown below, which was first off the line when Bowling Green started official production on Feb 3, 2020. Vin 0001 was an all black, 3LT, Z51 model and will go straight to Hendrick's collection.





## Sweet Basil Cooking Class

Barb Bassett



We planned the gourmet cooking class a event a little differently this year: We expanded the menu to include seven dishes, so we could split our fourteen, would be, Chefs into seven teams. Note that we do NOT make you cook with your spouse, and some find it helpful to split up so each can learn a separate dish instead of both working on the same one.

### WHAT HAPPENS AT SWEET BASIL YOU ASK?

- \*FUN & LAUGHTER with great friends.
- \*Gourmet Cooking lessons by Chef Linda.
- \*Use of very nice kitchen, tools & helpers who clean up.
- \*Use of Aprons and Wine glasses.
- \*Menu and ingredients for each course.
- \*Water & Iced Tea.
- \*A Gourmet meal prepared by fantastic chefs in training!
- \*Beautiful Kitchenware for purchase, (usually with a discount coupon.)



### WHAT YOU BRING: BYOB and a PEN

**HOW:** Chef Linda and helpers select & pre-prep foods, when necessary, for ease of our jobs; Linda delivers instruction on each recipe before we “team up” and do the work. She answers all questions, then works with each team.



**WHERE:** if you want to check it our for next year, it is located at the NE corner of Shea and Scottsdale Roads. There is good Corvette parking. The cooking school is in the back of a very nice Gourmet Kitchenware Store.

**Martie Sullivan** is the owner and she will likely be there to chat with you about the classes, if you wish. Be sure to wander to the back of the store and view the kitchen facilities; there may even be a class going on.

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## Sweet Basil Cooking Class (Cont'd)

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The MENU for: January 22<sup>nd</sup>; 2020 was:  
(7 items – 7 teams - 14 people)

### Appetizers:

- Crab Cake Bites with lemon;
- Cream Puffs with creamy artichoke filling;



### Entrées:

- Pork Tenderloin & Apple;
- Surf & Turf: Prosciutto wrapped Shrimp;



### Sides:

- Orange & Avocado Salad;
- Butternut Squash roasted with fennel;

### Dessert:

- Chocolate Toffee Pecan Pie with Bourbon whipped cream.



Our group had a great time and enjoyed an excellent gourmet meal. For the past two years, this event has been filled before it is announced and some have been disappointed. Next year, I will manage it the same as a Vette Set Dinner, and will not take reservations until the Date is officially announced via MailChimp, so **PLEASE WATCH FOR THE "MAIL CHIMP" notice in October 2020** to enroll in the next class. The class is limited to fourteen. To make it fair for all potential participants, you must respond to the Mail Chimp ad. I will take first come, first served. If we have enough interest, I will put on two classes very close to one another in January 2021, possibly with a duplicate menu.





## Roadrunner 2020 Kick Off Event

Ray Jenkins



The Roadrunner Region 2020 "Kick Off" Event that the Corvette Club of Arizona hosted, was a Great Success! There were seven Corvette Clubs from the Region represented and 30 out of town Club members attended.

We also had 20 CCA members attend and help with this event.

They were:

Hotel (scouting and negotiating) -- Denise, Marc, Dennis, Guy, Brad & Ray

Excursions -- Marc Tieixeria, Dennis Cox and Denise Lott

Swag bag solicitations -- Eva Platten

Swag bag stuffing-- Eva & Heinz, Kat, Denise, Lylla, John & Cecile O'Boyle

Greeters -- Brad Ryan, John & Cecile O'Boyle & Kevin Deihl

Set-up equipment -- Brad Ryan

Registration -- Oscar, and Charlotte McSpadden

Entertainment -- Denise Lott

Centerpieces -- Judy Hoffman

50/50 Drawing -- Ken & Mary Rock

Raffle prizes -- Eva, Denise, Ray, Pat, Marc, Barb & Bob

Johnson & Earnhardt Chevrolet

Raffle Tables set up -- Roger & Arlene Craig, Ken & Mary

Rock and Ray & Pat Jenkins

Raffle Ticket sales - Pat Jenkins, Heinz Platten, Arlene Craig & Mary

Rock

Photographer -- Mary O'Connor

*Dinner attendees* -- Hoffmans, O'Boyles, Craigs, Plattens, Ryan, Jenkins, Cox, Teixeiras, Schmitts & Rocks

Pick up Registrations at the CCA P.O.

Box -- Dave Golec

Roadrunner Region Club members started arriving on Friday afternoon. Oscar had the registration table ready in the Hotel Lobby for all to get checked in, get their name tag lanyards, Tour assignments and "Goodie Bags". After people got "settled in" they headed over to the on-site Burger Theory restaurant for a no host happy hour followed by dinner on the patio. I had reserved the Patio for just our group of 41 people for better uninterrupted conversation time. Everyone had the opportunity to talk to members of other Clubs in the Region.



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## Roadrunner 2020 Kick Off Event (Cont'd)

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We had a wonderful experience with Holiday Inn & Suites, our host hotel. Renee Gilmore, the hotel coordinator, made up special menus for our Friday night dinner selections. She had the CCA logo at the top of the menu, and added some very creative Corvette Themed selections for our dining pleasure.

They were:

- “The Classic Corvette” (Their Classic Burger)
- “The Harley Earl” - (Their Lonestar Burger)
- “The 1963 Stingray” - (Their Asian Chicken Salad)
- “The ZR1” - ( Their Chicken Cesar Salad)
- “The 1967 Corvette” - (Their Chicken Fingers & Fries)
- “The 1955 Convertible” - (Their Crispy Fish Sandwich)

Lots of folks stayed and visited until about 9 P.M.



Saturday morning, people split into two Tour Groups; one to the Musical Instrument Museum, lead by Dave & Denise Lott, and the other to the Wrigley Mansion, lead by Dennis Cox and Marc & Kathy Tiexiera. After lunch, all went to see the, very interesting, Martin Auto Museum.



Arriving back at the Hotel, after their Tours, people took time to relax before the evening Awards Banquet. The Hotel had set up the room with six large round tables crescent style, and the entertainment duo, The Rokuseks, set up and played music and sang for us during Happy Hour and Dinner.

Our CCA President, Brad Ryan, emceed the evening activities in “Grand Style”. The evening festivities started with a no host bar in the banquet room at 5 P.M. with dinner at 6 P.M.. The main buffet selections were



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## Roadrunner 2020 Kick Off Event (Cont'd)

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Grilled Salmon with Cilantro Ginger Crust, Grilled Sirloin with Wild mushrooms and Herb Encrusted Chicken Breast.

After dinner our Roadrunner Region Executive, Barb Johnson, and Region Competition Director, Bob Johnson, presented Region Awards for individuals and Clubs. These awards are for individual participation in Region Sanctioned Events and for Clubs hosting Sanctioned events.



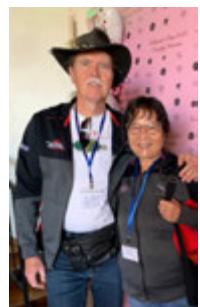
I got First Place for Men's Regional Participation and Pat got Third Place for Women's Regional Participation. In all, there were ten Awards given out. After the Awards presentation was done, Ken & Mary Rock and Pat Jenkins drew raffle tickets and gave out a nice selection of Raffle Prizes. After

the drawings, some Prize trading took place. On Sunday morning, the Club Governors met with the Regional Executive and the Regional Competition Director. It was agreed to by the Governors that we should keep this Kick-Off tradition going. It helps all Clubs in the Region find out a little bit of what other Clubs Sanctioned events do to help their Community and the Charities they support.

The objective is that we promote our members to support each other's sanctioned events this year and for years to come. After the meeting, people started leaving, wishing each other safe travels. I had many members from Clubs thank me, and other CCA members, for hosting a great "Kick Off" Event. Thank you to all who helped make it happen!

### A Note from Eva Platten on visiting the Wrigley Mansion:

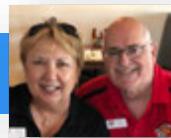
Happy Valentine's Day from the Wrigley Mansion! One of our outings was a super interesting tour of the Wrigley winter home. The self-playing piano was the highlight of the tour for me; it played "Rhapsody in Blue" and the recording was made by George Gershwin himself! Then there was the tiny telephone room and the bathroom with the Juicy Fruit colors. Last but not least was the fancy lunch. Someone at our table had the hamburger shown below, which came with potato chips in a Spam can! Note: the owners made their fortunes with Wrigley Gum and Spam. What a great day!





## Packages From Home

## Barb & Bob Bassett



On Febrnuary 19th, thirty-two CCA members attended a Packages From Home (PFH) Packing Party. Those who met up at Whole Foods in Chandler, got a to try out the new South Mountain Freeway and yours truly found out that the new 202 does not cross over I-10! So much for letting me lead a driver.

Packages From Home is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to send care and comfort packages to deployed American military heroes stationed in active duty theaters around the world, as well as to facilitate activities that elevate morale of all veterans.

Established in 2004, Packages From Home has now shipped well over 115,000 care packages overseas, comprising roughly 300,000 lbs of bulk food, hygiene and recreation items. They have also provided transitioning, at-risk, and homeless veterans with food, hygiene & recreation items and served approximately 600,000 individual service members.



After a very successful packing party, where we packed 120 packages, and then assembled bulk packages to go to various local veterans organizations, we went to Marisa's Mexican Seafood restaurant for lunch.



A few of us had a brief presentation from Patrick Fletch, the Business development manager for AlloyGator Wheel guards, then joined the rest for lunch. Click [HERE](#) for the article later in this issue.



We preordered this year, and the kitchen was well organized and ready to handle 30 hungry diners. Thank you to all those who participated this year!





## Highway Cleanup Farewell

Dean & Sandy Sample



It is the end of an era! For almost 20 years, CCA has maintained the two miles of Arizona Avenue between Hunt Highway and Chandler Heights Blvd. Volunteers, organized by Sandy & myself, and for a while, by Tom & Nancy Hill, when I was laid up, attended twice a year to pick all manner of debris from the Highway's shoulders. Those who have not done this would be amazed at the stuff accumulated there in six short months, most of it tossed onto the road by uncaring drivers and passengers. CCA volunteers have proudly made this section of the Highway a little nicer, and a certainly lot cleaner for years. There have been many helpers over the eight years that I have run it, and for the dozen years before that. In fact, too many workers to list, and I don't want to miss anyone. If you volunteered, then you know who you are.



Sadly, last Fall's Clean-Up event was our last, and we are saying farewell to the Adopt-a-Highway program. It stopped due to a phone call I received from Sharon Williams at ADOT. She said due to the new residential and commercial developments along Arizona Avenue, they would be reducing us to one mile, or eliminating us altogether. As an alternative, they offered us a two mile section of Country Club Road between the 202 Loop North and McDowell Road. I took a careful look at the area, and because of the narrow shoulders, some bordered with barbed wire fences, I deemed it to be quite dangerous for our volunteers. I asked about other alternative locations, and was advised that there are no other options available. I reported this to the Board of Directors, and they have chosen to follow my recommendation and withdraw from the program for now. I have stored all of the picker uppers, leftover bags and the yellow vests together with all information from previous years in the club's storage locker. Although it was a dirty job, I enjoyed organizing and working with CCA members to help beautify our community. My thanks to all who participated over the years!



## Vette Set Dining

Diana Campise



**Got ideas? Have a favorite Restaurant?**

**Pick a date, make a reservation for 8, 10 or 12.**

**Call Diana, and she'll do the rest.**

**Want to join the Vette Set Dining Group?**

**Contact Diana Campise (480) 209-0117**





## Singing Pandas Vette Set Dinner Ken & Mary Rock



On the evening of February 4th, 26 members of CCA returned to the Singing Panda Asian Restaurant for a Vette-Set Dinner. The club enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of entertainment featuring Mike Russell and his "Legends Tribute Show" "featuring impersonations of many famous singers such as Dean Martin, Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Kermit the Frog and many others.

During the program Mike asked if anybody would like to sing and Don Smith volunteered and gave a great rendition of the Bobby Darin tune "Mac the knife". Mike was later joined by his wife Sherry Chan and she sang a few songs in her native

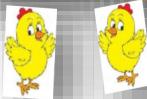
language, as well as, "I will always love you". Elvis appeared and he and Sherry closed out the evening with a duet. Everyone enjoyed the evening so much that a group of club members are planning to return again this summer for another night of good dining and great entertainment at the Singing Pandas!





## CCA Chicks Around Town

Mary Ellen Hayden  
Denise Lott



## CCA Chicks Around Town

*Next lunches: March 13 and April 10-- Hosted by Mary Ellen Hayden & Denise Lott*

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.



As a special treat for Valentine's Day, our own Barb Bassett and Elly Palmer entertained us with well-known songs from our past to highlight the day.

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

*Next morning coffees: March 4 and April 1—Hosted by Norma Marsh*

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



March 4 fashion show: *Lion City*

April 1 fashion show: *Dillard's*

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

*Last Tea on the Titanic: April 19—Hosted by Norma Marsh*

One of our special Chick invitationals is being held at the Global Tea Market at Alma School & Chandler Heights on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. If interested, contact Normal Marsh ([njoymarsh@aol.com](mailto:njoymarsh@aol.com)) for the flyer with information on signing up.





## Dwarf Car Museum Driver

Larry & Kathy Maiorano



On Thursday, February 27, fifteen Corvettes caravanned from Gilbert, via back roads, to the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa. It's being charitable to say that the Dwarf Car Museum is in Maricopa. Maricopa may be a bit out in the "boonies", but the Dwarf Car Museum is definitely out in the "pucker brush". Ernie Adams has been building street legal 11/16 scale cars since 1965 and his creations, which are not for sale, are housed in the same building where he, and a crew, fabricate them. It takes Ernie from one to five years to finish a car and his museum has been featured in "Jay Leno's Garage" as well as Dennis Gage's "My Classic Car".

After spending about an hour and a half admiring Ernie's incredible dwarf cars, the Corvette convoy left for lunch at the Raceway Bar & Grill,



a car enthusiasts' hang-out decorated with street signs and license plates. While waiting for our lunch orders, we gave out a prize for the oldest Corvette on the tour, Brad Ryan's '67, and presented Mary O'Connor with a camera charm necklace for being the club's unofficial photographer. We also had a "tour participation" drawing that symbolized the fact that since Chevrolet created their first mid-engine prototype in 1960, it had been sarcastically said that pigs



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## Dwarf Car Museum Driver (Cont'd)

would grow wings and fly before Chevrolet would produce and sell a mid-engine Corvette. Guess who? Jim and Patti Kerber were the drawing winners of a winged pig statuette. We very much appreciated the opportunity of doing a CCA tour event and we think it was enjoyed by the participants.



## CCA Events in Google Calendar      Dom Lovino

If you attended the February Membership meeting, you heard about the new option to view CCA events and flyers. The new calendar can be viewed either using the CCA website or using a Google Calendar app for your smart phone. The biggest advantage is CCA events and flyers can be viewed in real time. As soon as the Activities Chair adds an event to the calendar, it is immediately available to all members using this calendar, no electronic paper to pass, no printing or being out of date. I have had about 10 members testing this out, all with favorable comments before bringing it to our last meeting. However, there are a couple caveats with using the calendar.

The CCA Events Calendar is a private account and permission to view this calendar must be granted by the CCA webmaster to have access to it. You need a gmail account to view this calendar. If you have an android phone, you probably already have a gmail account. If not, then you need to create an gmail account (it's free). Then, send your gmail address to [webmaster@corvetteclubofarizona.com](mailto:webmaster@corvetteclubofarizona.com). I'll grant you permission to see the calendar. You'll receive an email from [corvetteclubofarizonagroup@gmail.com](mailto:corvetteclubofarizonagroup@gmail.com).

Click on Add this Calendar in the email. The calendar should be able to be viewed on the CCA website. We found in testing that if you use an iPhone or Mac computer, Apple does not allow access to CCA Google calendar, so you cannot see any of the specific CCA events. It does work great for all Windows computers. There are no issues when adding the Google Calendar app on either iPhone or Androids phones. There is a "how to" in the works to help you in setting up the gmail account and Google Calendar app to view the new CCA Events Calendar.





## Ken's Corvette Quiz

Ken Rock



1. In 1970, John Greenwood was the GT class winner at Sebring along with what Hollywood personality as co-driver?

A James Gardner; B Dick Smothers; C Jay Leno; D Steve McQueen;

2. The side mounted exhaust was introduced in which year Corvette?

A 1963; B 1964; C 1965; D 1966;



3. When you ordered "dual quads" on a C1 or C2 Corvette what did you receive?

A Twin 4 barrel carburetors; B Eight tail lamps;

C A two-barrel carburetor; D Twin disc brake calipers in the rear;

4. In 1986, Chevrolet agreed to run off a special limited edition of 50 Corvettes to honor a specific dealer. This Commemorative Edition had its own special two-tone paint of silver beige and black. What dealership was so honored?

A Harry Mann Chevrolet; B Nickey Chevrolet; C Dana Chevrolet; D Malcolm Konner Chevrolet;

5. What controversial color were the wheels on the Indy 500 pace car Corvette of 1988?

A white; B Silver; C Yellow; D Chartreuse;



6. The 1970 Corvette was the first year for what?

A Rectangular exhaust tips B ZR-2 package C Detachable rear spoiler D Temporary spare tire

7. What year saw the Corvettes being produced simultaneously at two different GM plants in two different states?

A 1963 B 1961 C 1981 D 1984



8. What year did the catalytic converter become standard equipment on the Corvette?

A 1971; B 1972; C 1973; D 1974; E 1975;

9. The original 1953 Corvette came with only one color interior which was red. By 1954 there was a second color choice added. What color was it?

A Black; B Beige; C White; D Tan;

10. Given the choice in 1967 between a big block and a small block, which size engine sold more?

A big block; B small block;

11. On July 2, 1992 in Bowling Green Kentucky, a white Corvette roadster with red interior rolled down the assembly line. It marked what milestone in the number of Corvettes built?

A 750,000; B 1,000,000; C 1,250,000; D 1,500,000;



12. Zora Arkus-Duntov, the legendary Corvette engineer, came on board at GM on what date?

A May 1950 B May 1953 C April 1954 D May 1955





## Club Calendar

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change. For the most up to date information and flyers for various events, please go to the [Website](#) and Login or Contact Webmaster, [Dom Lovino](#) to access the Google Calendar. [Last Update: 03/01/2020](#)

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<p>4 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh</p> <p>5 Membership Meeting Chandler Chamber</p> <p>7 Caywood Farms Driver Lotts</p> <p>8 Groovin' Thru the 60s w/ Rocks</p> <p>13 CCA Chicks Lunch – w/Hayden/Lott</p> <p>14 Game Night - Riffels</p> <p>14 Happy Hour at Hagan's</p> <p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>19 Board Meeting w/ O'Connor</p> <p>22 Prof Bull Riding w/ Rock</p> <p>29 Corvettes in the Park TBD Chandler Ostrich Festival</p>	<p>1 CCA Chicks Coffee w/Marsh</p> <p>2 Monthly Membership Meeting @ Chamber</p> <p>10 Chicks' Lunch w/Hayden &amp; Lott</p> <p>16 Board Meeting w/Palmer</p> <p>18/19- Sonoita Kitt Peak Tour w/Platten</p>	<p>7 Monthly Membership Meeting @Floridino's</p> <p>8 Chicks' Lunch w/Hayden &amp; Lott</p> <p>17/18 Cottonwood Driver w/Lovino &amp; Campise</p> <p>21 Board Meeting w/Hagan</p>

## Answers to Ken's Corvette Quiz

1. B; 2. C; 3. A; 4. D; 5. C; 6. A; 7. C; 8. C; 9. B; 10. B; 11. B; 12. B;





## AlloyGator Wheel Guards

Bob Bassett



While at Barret-Jackson this year, Jim Kerber, Howard Katz, Garry Mion and I, found a new product that really impressed us. It is called AlloyGator and is a nylon ring that fits onto your tire rims and prevents very costly curb rash. They come in a dozen or so colors, and can be almost invisible, or act as a color accent for your wheels. I was so impressed that I approached Patrick Fletch, their Director of Business Development, about offering a discount to our CCA members. He agreed to do so, and I have secured a 40% discount that is good to April 15. That brings the landed cost with taxes and shipping to \$104, and installation will be \$129 at Tire Pros in Chandler. I bought a black set and had them installed on our C7, and displayed them at a short presentation put on by Patrick just before lunch at Packages From Home. If you are interested, you can click [HERE](#) to go to their website. Use Promo Code CCA40 to get your 40% discount. You can enlarge this page so you can read the details on the flyer they produced. I have samples of all the colors, and a fitment gauge which I will bring to the March Membership Meeting.



The image shows a promotional flyer for AlloyGator Wheel Protection. At the top left is the AlloyGator logo with the tagline "WHEEL PROTECTION". Below it is a circular graphic with the Corvette Club of Arizona logo and a small image of a blue Corvette. To the right of the Corvette logo is a close-up of a car wheel with a red AlloyGator ring installed. A call-to-action button says "ACT NOW" with the code "CCAA40" and the note "Valid for members of the Corvette Club of Arizona only. Offer expires MAR 15 2020". At the bottom left is contact information for AlloyGator USA: phone number 1-800-524-2007, email info@allogatorUSA.com, and website www.allogatorUSA.com. The bottom right corner of the flyer has the text "Engineered with Teeth".





## CCA Governor's Update

Ray Jenkins



A new year has begun with the anticipation of CCA Activities and Roadrunner Region Club events to look forward to.

The 2020 NCCC Sanctioned Events for the Roadrunner Region Clubs are:

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



The flyers for these Club events will be on the Roadrunner Region Calendar which can be accessed from the CCA web site.

I will be the CCA contact for all these Region Club events and will lead all, who are planning on going, to these Club event locations.

Owning a Corvette is much more than driving it to CCA events. Another way is to attend other Roadrunner Region Club events to enjoy meeting other Region Club members and having a great time at their NCCC Sanctioned events. I'm looking forward to a great year for our Corvette Club and all other Corvette Clubs in our Region.



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## Lake Pleasant Driver

## Sheryl & Howard Katz



February 29, 2020... Leap Year – a day that all of us who participated in the Lake Pleasant Driver will remember fondly for years to come! It was a spectacular sunny day that started out with a grand drive through beautiful desert and mountain scenery to Lake Pleasant, for a 1-1/2 hour narrated lunch cruise on the lake, where we were treated to breathtaking vistas, wildlife in action, and shared this wonderful spot with other boating enthusiasts, campers and hikers.

It was an historic, blockbuster Driver – a total of 75 members signed up, with 39 cars (a few solo drivers), making this the LARGEST CCA DRIVER, ever! Unfortunately, four had to cancel at last minute; we sure missed having them with us. We ventured out with 71 fun loving Corvette enthusiasts and 38 cars, including our newest member, Ron Brennan, prospective members Russ and Nancy Van Allsburg, Lonny and Sharon White, Sue Henry, Jim Glass and guest Lina Mimila, and member Kat Bitney's guest, Mark Merithew. This was a first time Driver for several CCA members plus there were 20 first timers visiting Lake Pleasant.



The morning was brisk with beautiful blue skies. At the Meet-Up, Howard and I surprised everyone with water, snacks and... a “Winner Takes All Raffle”! With a crowd this large, it was a grand \$\$\$ opportunity.



**“Who Let the Dogs Out”?!?** To manage the drive, we introduced a new term “Posse Up”, which meant use multiple lanes to help keep us together. These locations were identified in the



driving directions as well as some tourist tips to enjoy along the way. Once we were out of the city, the scenic route we prepared took the caravan on some windy roads through the Desert Sonoran area, hilly and curvy roads in New River though the mountains behind Anthem, and in and around desert mountains with sweeping vistas to Lake Pleasant. A picture perfect day for driving Corvettes!

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## Lake Pleasant Driver (Cont'd)

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The facility at the Harbor waived the parking fee for Veterans. To expedite CCA vehicle entry, we provided each Veteran a small U.S. flag so our 12 flag waving Veterans could zip through the gate quickly. By the time everyone parked in our designated area, it was nice and warm. Most of the group walked down to the Marina together while others took the kitschy golf cart shuttles – both options were a great way to drink in

the incredible views where nature is on glorious display. Arizona is AWESOME; we're all fortunate to have such grandeur in our 'backyard'!

CCA had such a great response that we were granted the entire boat for a private Cruise! After Captain Matt welcomed us aboard his craft, Group Photos were taken, the horn blew and we set sail. Lunch was served lickety splitto. Everyone enjoyed a delicious sandwich, cole slaw, chips, a drink and a cookie catered by Dillons Restaurant. The Cash Bar was open for additional snacks, beverages, and alcoholic drinks too.





## Lake Pleasant Driver (Cont'd)

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Captain Matt treated us to an interesting narrative of the history of this man-made lake and he provided an in-depth description of the lake as well as cruising close to shore at times to see some wildlife (burros, herons, egrets, etc.) up close in their natural habitat.

As we set course back to the Marina, it was time for raffle drawings. The big cash \$\$\$ winner of the day was Nancy Downs, \$300! Cathy Maiorano received two free Cruise tickets while Scott and Brad received gift cards to Dillons Restaurant.



It was indeed a HUGE group, larger than the size of CCA which was <50 when we first joined the Club! Howard and I were thrilled that there was so much interest and everything worked out so well!

A big THANK YOU to our helpers, whose assistance made things run smoothly: Arlene (snacks), Bassett (packets and photography), Brad (banner), Guy (packets), Kat (photography), Kerbers (Cars Monitor), Lovinos (packets and waters), O'Boyles (snacks and waters), Norm (boxed lunches), Oscar (taping Trailer Car signs), Rob (waters), Rocks (snacks and waters), Sandy Sample (snacks), prospective member Sue Henry (Trailer Car), and Tina (boxed lunches). Hope I didn't miss anyone.

February 29, 2020, ... this Leap Year day together was splendid!





## Upcoming Birthdays



### MARCH

**Karen Mion**  
**Rich Hoffman**  
**Mark Godina**  
**Bob McDougall**  
**Jim Eberst**  
**Jennifer Hitzel**  
**Beverly Davenport**  
**Dick Hedahl**



### APRIL

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

## The Last Word

Bob Bassett



I decided that **Crosstalk** should have a new look for 2020. Just enough to show that it is a new year and a new volume, this one being Volume #14. Yup, that means 14 years of **Crosstalk**! I played around a little and made some subtle changes, but didn't want to totally alter its feel. See if you can spot all ten changes, please let me know your feedback.

To begin my second year as **Crosstalk** Editor, I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Dick Hedahl, who has stepped up and taken over from Sheryl Katz as my proof reader. I am always surprised to see how many little things I have missed when I thought I had caught them all! I am very thankful that those mistakes are found and corrected before publication. The final product is much improved by Dick's work. I would also like to acknowledge new, and very active member, Ron Brennan, who volunteered to produce the Russo and Steele article for this issue.

Barb & I are now "short timers", and will be back in Canada just a few weeks after you read this. We will, of course, miss all our wonderful CCA friends, so try to stay in touch and let us know what you are doing. Our US home phone number rings in Canada, but our US cel phones do not. Our email addresses remain the same, so keep those articles coming. Please remember to appoint a person to act as photographer for your event. Trust me, you will be too busy to remember to take photos yourself. One, two or three photos usually go through email just fine, but for larger groups of photos, I have a DropBox account, that you can easily access to upload any number of photos. Just email me and I will send you a link. Thank you and have a great summer ! Next **Crosstalk** Issue - April 30.

