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President's Message

All of us know the Corvette Club of Arizona was founded in 1975. My guess, though, is few of you know who has been in the Club the longest? If you said the McCartys, Duhaimes, Pavliceks or Lunds, you would be close. Actually you would have chosen the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th most tenured members, respectively. However, the record for longest running current membership is Frank & Nancy Hagan.

With the Club's growth and influx of new members in the last few years, I thought it would be interesting to visit with Frank and get his perspective on the Club, over the past three decades.

The Hagans joined the Club in 1979. I asked Frank why he joined and he said: it was because of his "first love, an affair which started at age 17", and no doubt continues until today. Yes, you guessed it. He was referring to the Corvette. He was quick and wise to add that, "once Nancy came along, she became my (next) first love". His goal was "to meet people who had the same interest and passion for the Corvette". I did not ask Nancy why they joined, but I suspect she would have said it had something to do with Frank and his Corvette.

Frank estimated CCA had 60 members when he and Nancy joined. He made an interesting comparison between the growing average age of the Club's members and the age of the Corvette marque. "In 1979, the membership's average age was early thirties and the car was in it's 20's. Now our members are in their late 50's, early 60's, and the car is in its 50's, nearing 60 - a lot in common there". Using that reasoning, our membership has gotten younger, I think.

I asked Frank if he was surprised the Club has lasted so long and to what does he attribute this feat? He said, "No, (he was not surprised) the heart of the Club and its members has kept it going" and "the love of the Vette and its members" has been the driving force in the Club's longevity.

Looking to the future, I asked what he predicted for the Club going forward? His answer, "canes and walkers... as long as there are people that love the Corvette, it will carry on..."

I found it telling, though not surprising, that Frank attributes his continued active participation in the Club to "the great people we have met and the fond memories we have in our life with them, especially with the people we were forced to sit with."

That last line is an inside joke, and if you know Frank, not surprising that he mentioned it. For those of you that don't know, the story goes as follows: the Lunds were new CCA guests in 1996, sitting by themselves at a restaurant table on a CCA event, and the only open seats when the Hagans arrived were at the Lund's table. That "forced" seating arrangement was the beginning of a very long and close friendship!

Over their 33 years in the Club, Frank and Nancy have served over 30 terms on the board between them, from four terms as President to Member-At-Large. They have hosted seven MMT's, literally countless activities and founded the Annual Pancake Breakfast at their home, which is now in its 12th year.

I think Frank said it well, "as long as there are people that love the Corvette, it (CCA) will carry on". I would only add that members like Frank & Nancy are needed as well!

Scott





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San Diego/Plastic Fantastic Driver, By Garry Mion

On Saturday, May 5th sixteen CCA members took off for a 3-day driver to San Diego to enjoy cooler temperatures, ocean views, and to attend the All-Corvette car show Plastic Fantastic. We all met up at the Circle-K in Maricopa, where we arranged for exclusive Corvette-only parking (perhaps a bit of a stretch on the exclusive part), and after a brief drivers' meeting, took off on the first leg of our trip which took us to Yuma for "cheap" gas and lunch. Lunch was at Applebee's, where again, due to our early (like just opened) arrival, provided us another exclusive Corvette parking opportunity. With full tummies and gas tanks, we took off for the coast. Traffic on Saturday was pretty calm and relatively free of trucks and those dreaded "enforcers of speed."

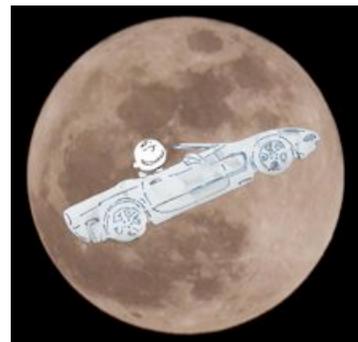


Our arrival at the host hotel, the Dana Inn, was right on time at 3 pm. Everyone checked in to their rooms, and the men proceeded to spend an hour or so cleaning the bugs from the front bumper of the cars. With the dirty work done, most everyone sat back and enjoyed a drink or took a nap, as we waited until 6 pm when our chariot would be ready to take us to Luigi's at the Beach – home of the 30" pizza. Luigi's is



telephoto lens, we were able to capture this rather surprising shot at right. Who knew? Our chariot returned at 9 pm to take us back to the hotel.

located in the heart of Mission Beach, across from Belmont Park. After dinner, everyone spent an hour walking around the park and the ocean front – some even taking part in riding the roller-coaster. This evening happened to also be the time the moon was closest to the earth, and with luck there was no fog, so we got a "full moon shot." Oh Behave! In fact – with the aid of a



The next morning everyone was up early as we departed the hotel at 7 am to head to the Plastic Fantastic car show at Embarcadero Marina Park North, next to Seaport Village. Getting there early helped to ensure we could park together on the south end of the park, along the water. After getting parked, some folks had breakfast at the car show, while others headed to



Seaport Village or just sat tight. Most cars arrived by 9 am. In all there were around 250 Corvettes at the show – about 100 less than last year, but still an impressive number. Awards were provided for each generation of Corvette, along with Best In Show.

After the car show, we headed back to the hotel and hung out around the cars/marina until we headed out to dinner at Tony Roma's at Pacific Beach. The food was great, and a few of us took one last walk along the ocean front boardwalk before heading back to the hotel. On Monday, after breakfast on the beach, we headed back to Phoenix.



Plastic Fantastic is an annual car show, and while it may not be a CCA driver again next year, it is something to consider attending regardless if it is your first time – or like Karen and I, our fifth time.

Cheers!

Garry & Karen Mion

Click the following link to view a slide show of this event:

<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/pK7dz2aR/>



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Progressive Dinner

By Jim & Esther Enriquez

The annual Progressive Dinner, which is traditionally held in May, was hosted this year by Al and Jackie Yarusso, Jim and Esther Enriquez and Mark and Beth Godina.



The evening of May 19 found 15 CCA couples driving to north Mesa to begin the festivities at the Yarusso's. Al and Jackie had arranged to have Lisa Salazar, a sommelier with Orangewood Wines, educate the sophisticated palates of CCA wine aficionados with a wine tasting paired with the delectable appetizers prepared by the Yarussos.

About 6:30 pm, the caravan of Corvettes headed south to Gilbert where Jim and Esther had prepared the dinner entree of smoked pork and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and beans. The wine tasting continued as additional wines were offered that paired with the dinner selections.

After dinner, everyone piled back into their cars and headed south – way, way, south to Queen Creek, where the Godinas had set out an entire dessert buffet. Cakes, cookies, bars, fruit, mini-cheesecakes and more had everyone making multiple trips to try a little sample of each tempting treat, along with a sample of the dessert wines that were chosen to accompany the dessert menu.

Although the original plan for the evening included a rousing round of Bunco, full tummies and a long drive had everyone content to sit, visit, and enjoy the beautiful evening before heading back home.

By all accounts, it was another successful Progressive Dinner. First time progressive hosts the Yarussos and Godinas did an outstanding job of making sure weary travelers were sustained with ample provisions for the evening's journey across the southeast valley.

We are already looking forward to securing hosts and participating in the club's 2013 Progressive Dinner!

On behalf of our co-hosts the Yarussos and the Godinas, we hope those who attended the event had as much fun eating and socializing as we did hosting the event.

Click the following link to view a slide show of the 2012 CCA Progressive Dinner:

http://www.photoshow.com/watch/Pr6Mp8Ng?source=em_ps_show/



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Terrey Terrorizes Taylor

By CCA Staff Writer



Taylor, AZ. CCA's Cool Five Autocross event June 9 & 10th in Taylor, AZ, was well represented by a variety of clubs and a total of twenty-three participants. Not only was the event well attended, but participants raved about the overall quality of the two day event. Not bad for CCA's first effort to conduct a NCCC Sanctioned autocross. Mike Terrey and Jim Enriquez were chair and co-chair respectively for the event. According to Jim, Mike put in a lot of work setting up the program. Mike is the first to acknowledge it would not have been possible without the support of Paul Hamersly with Arizona Competition Corvettes. Paul was unable to run in the event, but he lent his expertise and equipment to insure all aspects of the show ran smoothly. In addition to Paul, CCA owes a big thanks to Kim Kemper with the Porsche Club of America, along with Fred Zust with the Sports Car Club of America, for their unselfish efforts in support of the event.



Eight CCA members entered the weekend event, with first time autocrossers Dave Lott and Mike Schussman battling for the novice title for the weekend. Pat "Speed" Jenkins did not let her recent leg injury slow her down. She used her walker to get around but had no problem behind the wheel. In addition, Joe Grassel, Bruce Mundy and Ray Jenkins made the trip to Taylor for a great weekend of hard running and fun times.



Not only did Mike Terrey lead the way by chairing the event, he also terrorized all NCCC competitors by sweeping Fast Time of Day (FTD) for all five events. Mike has raised the bar within CCA and the Roadrunner Region for anyone trying to walk away with FTD's going forward.

There is already excitement building about conducting the next autocross for our club. Hopefully we'll see it happen in 2012. Great time, great weekend, great group.



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Bunco Night for CCA Ladies

By Marge Rhode

Ladies from CCA arrived at Jackie Yarusso's house at 7:00 on Thursday June 14th for some fast dice throwing, aka Bunco, but the group of eight was missing a participant. Denise Lott couldn't make it and she offered some flimsy excuse that involved Dave and emergency surgery . . . ;)



Luckily, Jackie's daughter, Britni, was available to fill in the empty spot and the games got started after everyone threw \$5 in the pot. So after an evening of camaraderie and snacks, the final tally showed that the Bunco pro, Darlene, was the high scorer and Marge, with the Irish luck, had the most Buncos.

Everyone seemed to have a good time, even the Bunco newbies. And we're happy to report that Dave is doing fine now!

Marge



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Greer Driver & BBQ

Event Hosts:
Dave & Patty Friesz
& Jim & Joey Wilson



13 CCA Vettes rounded up in Mesa and were led by the Frieszes through the Superstition Mountains and the Apache Indian Reservation to Whiteriver and on to the Rim. Along the way we viewed the Salt River Canyon and the Tonto National Forest and thrilled at driving the winding switchback roads in and out of the Canyon. We made a colorful parade that drew much attention.

We arrived right on schedule at the Wilson's log home that they personally have spent many years designing and building in Greer. Our hosts had bountiful appetizers awaiting their hungry guests. The appetizers were quickly devoured while we spent time admiring and enjoying their beautiful home as well as lounging on the decks. Jim fired up the Barbie and grilled chicken, burgers and franks. Joey had prepared numerous delicious salads and desserts that we consumed voraciously. After lunch, several members attempted to play horseshoes or swing on the tire hung in a backyard pine tree. Prizes were awarded to the Poker Run winners, top hand holders being the Rhodes, followed by the Mundys, Marshes and Caccamos.



For the night, CCA members chose different locations for lodging in the area. Some stayed in Greer, and others stayed at Hon-Dah Casino or local motels in Pinetop. Each group joined up in their respective areas to dine at local restaurants and to enjoy local entertainment.

The Wilsons and the Frieszes enjoyed planning and executing this event for CCA members. We appreciate all the enthusiasm that the participants expressed for our efforts.

Patty Friesz



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Corvette Club of Arizona, NCCC Governor's Corner



Arizona summer is here and no Road Runner Region NCCC Events are scheduled until September. Try to stay cool and plan to take some trips to the High Country of Arizona.

The Corvette Club of Arizona is on its way to being the most active Club in the Road Runner Region this year, with the three NCCC sanctioned events, Gimmick Rally, P.C. Corvette Show and an Autocross Event. We are currently the #1 Club in the Road Runner Region for NCCC points.

By more CCA members participating in these Club events and events of other Clubs, the CCA should have no problem getting the #1 Club Region award for 2012. Lets all get out and make it happen!

New NCCC Members for the CCA since my last Report are: Patty Friesz, Al & Jackie Yarusso and Bill & Kathy Berryman.

As a CCA & NCCC members, check out the Region and NCCC web sites linked to the CCA web site. You will see that you are part of a great organization that has benefits that you can enjoy. An excerpt from Hal Bellamy's (NCCC President) 2012 Welcome Letter says, "A membership includes our quarterly magazine "Blue Bars" which features member's cars, club activities, results and Regional news. It is a great source of information and a substantial historical record. We support the Future Corvette Owners Association for younger enthusiasts up to age sixteen. We have local clubs that support worthwhile charities and sponsor countless events to the benefit of their communities. Nationally, we support the National Kidney Foundation by a new Corvette Raffle."

Be proud to belong to NCCC and display their logo along with the CCA logo on your Corvettes. I will have some static cling decals at the meeting.



Ray Jenkins
CCA NCCC Roadrunner Regional Governor



2012 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Last Update: 6/22/2012

July	August	September	October
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">4-Independence Day</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">7- BBQ & NewlyVette Party Mion & Hitzel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swanson's</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">21- Go Kart Racing Rhode</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">11- Cool Arts in the Park Kerber & Swanson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16-Board meeting 7:30PM at Ray's</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">Your event goes here!</p>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">3-Labor Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">14,15,16- Magical Mystery Tour - Lott</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20- Board meeting 7:30PM at Jenkins</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">Still room for an event here!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominations of 2013 Officers</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">7- Monopoly & Poker Rallys In Cottonwood - Jenkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18-Board meeting 7:30PM at Lott's</p> <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">27-Thorobred Thunder Bill Rhode/Garry Mion</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">31-Halloween</p>

2012 NCCC ROADRUNNER REGION EVENTS CALENDAR – Last update: 6/18/12

			7/21/12	Q3 RR Gov Mtg	
RR-241-026, 027, 028, 029	EPCC	Gimmick Rallye	7/21/12	Ruidoso NM	CANCELLED
RR-241-030	EPCC	TSD Rallye	7/21/12	Ruidoso NM	CANCELLED
RR-241-031	EPCC	Gimmick Rallye	7/21/12	Ruidoso NM	CANCELLED
RR-241-032	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/22/12	Ruidoso NM	CANCELLED
RR-241-033	EPCC	Chance Rallye	7/22/12	Ruidoso NM	CANCELLED
	NMCA	TBD	9/1/12	Albuquerque NM	
	NMCA	TBD	9/2/12	Albuquerque NM	
	NMCA	TBD	9/3/12	Albuquerque NM	
			9/7-9	NCCC Nat'l Mtg St. Louis MO	
RR-426-018	VVV	Rallye	10/7/12	Cottonwood AZ	
RR-426-019	VVV	Rallye	10/7/12	Cottonwood AZ	
RR-426-020	VVV	Rallye	10/7/12	Cottonwood AZ	
RR-426-021	VVV	Rallye	10/7/12	Cottonwood AZ	
RR-332-002	CCA	PC	10/27/12	Chandler AZ	
	TVS	PC	11/3/12	Vette Thunder, Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	Rallye	11/3/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	LS Autocross	11/4/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
	TVS	LS Autocross	11/4/12	Sierra Vista AZ	
			11/9-11	NCCC Nat'l Mtg St. Louis MO	



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LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

[Upcoming CCA Events]

July 7th – Post 4th of July Bash at the Mion's

Hosts: Karen & Garry and Jennifer & Joe
\$10.00 per person will cover: appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda & water

After dinner – play the *Newly Vette Game*.

RSVP - the deadline was 06/29.



July 21st at 4:00 pm – Go Kart Racing

Hosts: Bill & Marge Rhode

K1 Speed Phoenix, 2425 South 21st Street, Phoenix

\$60.00 per person (3 driving events)

Dinner arrangements being arranged

RSVP to Marge Rhode by **July 17th**

August 11th – Escape the heat and Drive to the Cool Ponderosa Pines in Prescott

Hosts: Jim & Patti Kerber & Bob & Pam Swanson
The Palace Restaurant & Saloon - No host lunch on historic Whiskey Row

62nd Summer Festival of Fine Arts & Crafts on the Yavapai Courthouse Plaza

RSVP to Jim & Patti Kerber by August 6th



September 14, 15, & 16th

Magical Mystery Tour (MMT)

Hosts: Dave & Denise Lott

24 couples have already sent their initial deposit.

The balance is due on or before **August 7th**.

CCA Members ... To view the event flyers, visit the Corvette Club of Arizona Website: > Members Only > Activities and Flyers



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