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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's official - we have survived another Arizona summer and our seasonal members, along with thousands of other Snow Birds, are returning. For many of us, the reason we live in the Valley of the Sun is here! The house windows are open in the evening, those with a drop top are lovin' it and the lines for dining on the patio are growing at our favorite eateries.



As for the Corvette Club of Arizona, September brought us the most activity packed MMT in my history with the club. Denise and Dave promised a "progressive" MMT and they delivered! For three full days Denise and her four Captains kept our group of 50 organized as we journeyed above and below ground through Tombstone, Bisbee, Fort Huachuca, Oktoberfest in Sierra Vista and Kartchner Caverns.

Several of us also found the hotel bar to be a pleasant place to conduct *important business*, ranging from designing the upcoming C7, selecting the next president of the United States, improving the job market, to finding next year's MMT host, achieving world peace and getting members to run for the CCA Board. Yes, all became simple subjects with easy solutions for those sitting at the long table. I would venture to say, most of the credit goes to the great service provided by the bartenders.

In October, we had our second annual signature event of the year, Thorobred Thunder XIII. Our show Chairmen, Bill Rhode, with the assistance of Garry Mion, Dave Lott, & Mike Terrey, along with the support of our Car Show Committee, and a couple dozen other club members, pulled off another great show. Of course, without the support of John Simonson and his staff at Thorobred Chevrolet, the show would not be possible. Last, but not least, kudos to the new DJ, Bruce Kelly. He actually made the awards presentation entertaining.

Marge has kept us busy all year encouraging and coordinating activities and she is far from being done. One of the many remaining activities is our third and final signature event of the year, the Annual Awards Banquet in December, hosted by Gail Baldacchino & Rhonda Deacon. It's quickly approaching. Invitations were mailed weeks ago, so RSVP "yes", enclose a check and show up with your dancing shoes. The venue, entertainment, food and hostesses all have an excellent track record, so a good time is guaranteed!

Scott



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Pinnacle Peak Patio - Drive and Dine Hosts: Frank and Darlene Heavlin



On August 25, with 39 people in attendance and 20 Corvettes we headed to Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse for a rip roaring time. Everyone enjoyed a good cowboy dinner, dancing and of course the Rattle Snake display, some more than others!!! Pinnacle Peak is a tradition in the Valley for so many years and it was nice to experience it with CCA friends.



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MMT 2012, September 14 - 16 By Denise Lott



How 'bout that weather we booked? Our annual Mystery weekend took off early Friday morning with 25 cars heading south. Each segment of our three-day journey received an itinerary, and so, with six itineraries handed out as we went along, the mystery continued. Highlights of the days:

Friday

Tombstone:

- **Doc Holliday** teaching us to play (cheat at?) Faro, while he shared his life story, enhancing those familiar historic legends. We played against Doc in relay teams of four, and no matter how hard the players tried to focus, alternating between the cards and the stories, Doc still won in the end (although Joe Hitzel did have a nice stack of chips at one point)!
- **Period photographs**—Who knew we had so many wannabe gunslingers and saloon girls?
- After lunch at Big Nose Kate's, the group split off, most going to the **OK Corral show**, while others toured the **silver mine**, and some wandered through the town.

Sierra Vista:

From our hotel, we got very cozy during the short shuttle ride to the town's annual **Oktoberfest** for the evening.

Saturday

Ft. Huachuca: That morning, we headed west of town. Established in 1877, this currently peaceful, attractive post was a fort to help protect settlers against Apache raids. The home of the 4th Cavalry and Buffalo soldiers back then, it is still an active post today, handling Army communications and intelligence activities. Joe Dziezynski, one of our members in the military, works there now. The three museums gave us great background on the past and present of this significant post.

Bisbee: Our afternoon itinerary found us in the multi-leveled town of Bisbee, with its background of rough miners digging for copper by day and heading for Brewery Gulch with its bars and brothels at night.

- During lunch at the **Copper Queen Hotel**, we were entertained by the “huggin’ mayor”, **LaVerne Williams**, who just celebrated her 90th birthday. She has lived in Bisbee for 86 years, was formerly the mayor, and is now their official ambassador. What a great way to experience the history of growth in Bisbee through her personal anecdotes—and we will all remember her special hugs!
- The **trolley ride** up and down the slopes of the town gave us a perspective on what life would be like there on a daily basis.
- The **Mining Museum** had a great exhibit created by the Smithsonian to explain the uses of the copper that was dug out and also the difficulties associated with those endeavors.
- Then you could head to the **Copper Queen Mine**, traveling down on the iron rails dressed in your slicker with hardhat and lamp. A former miner explained the processes as you actually experienced the vastness, danger, and loneliness of the tunnels and pits.
- After our dinner and awards (that quiz was graded on a *big curve*) at the hotel’s restaurant, which was reserved for our exclusive use, the hotel hosted the Bisbee Blues Jammin’ session, a later evening option for our members.

Sunday

Morning found us headed in the direction of home, but we weren’t done yet.

- **Kartchner Caverns** was our destination and well worth stopping for the tour through the caves.
- Wrapping up the weekend, we enjoyed a picnic lunch in the **hummingbird garden** at the Kartchner Discovery Center.

Dave and I so enjoyed putting this trip together for you. We ourselves had never been down in that region, and we had wonderful assistance from local people in the areas we chose. With 50 CCAers, it could have gotten a little unwieldy, but my group leaders helped to make everything flow smoothly. Everyone was primed and ready for each event. I appreciated your active and enthusiastic participation!!

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CCA October 7th Driver Verde Valley Vettes Monopoly Rally & Poker Runs By Ray & Pat Jenkins



Our day began with a big breakfast at the Good Egg near the meeting place, I-17 and Carefree Hwy. Garry Mion and friend, Mike, arrived about 8:15 am, and Mike Terry arrived about 8:40 am. We took our time on the drive up to Cottonwood and arrived early. The registration was just getting set up for all the registrants.

After everyone registered, there was a drivers meeting about the Monopoly Rally. The line-up for the Tech and map was then started. First car out was at 11:10 am. Everyone had the same map, but we all went in different directions, depending on what number we rolled on the dice. There were eleven Monopoly stops to go to. However, you may not go to all the stops, or visit the same ones several times, depending on your roll of the dice. At each stop the participants drew three cards for the best Poker Hand.

Pat and my Monopoly stops had us going to Jerome and back three times, which took more time than others. Some were done in a little more than two hours, but Pat and I took all the allotted time and got back to the starting point at about 2:10 pm. Larry Green Chevrolet hosted lunch for all participants at the completion of the Rally.

Awards were given for 1st through 3rd place in all categories. All the Monopoly money won or lost by each participant was sorted and the winner with the most money won. No CCA members won in Monopoly. However, CCA members did quite well in the other awards. Pat and I won the 50/50 Raffle of \$41.50. We also took third place, NCCC, in Poker Run #2 with a prize of a thermal mug and a Hot Wheels car. Garry and Mike won first place, NCCC, in Poker Run #2 (King high straight flush) and received an award. Garry also got a 3rd place, NCCC, 3rd Poker Run, with a prize of a thermal mug and a Hot Wheels car. Mike Terry won a first place plaque for best hand in Poker Run #1. I think he probably got a thermal mug too.



We all had great fun!

Ray and Pat Jenkins



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Thorobred Thunder XIII

Bill Rhode, Event Chairman

October 27, 2012 brought a bright sunny day for Thorobred Thunder XIII. A total of 107 vehicles (56 Corvettes) registered for the event. This was not our largest show, but also not our smallest.

Changes were made in the layout of the parking lot and placement of the DJ. Since W. Steven Martin retired after last year's show, a replacement was needed and Gold Mine was the answer. Run by the East Valley Institute of Technology, the station provides training to students interested in radio technology. Our DJ was Bruce Kelly, a long time local DJ, and the operations manager of the Gold Mine. The music and DJ were well received and hopefully will return.

The absence of W's boom box allowed Thorobred to display more new vehicles and we moved the awards presentation over to a location in front of the vendor wall. This allowed those staying for the awards some much appreciated shade. The San Marcos Hotel, through Darlene Heavlin, provided the tables for our show and they were again well received.

Packages From Home and Hospice of the Valley are again the recipients of our charity donations, PFH for the fifth year and Hospice for the second.

Blue Tiger, a new vendor, provided a simulator that received quite a bit of attention. Those trying to 'drive' the course were impressed. This equipment is produced locally at Stellar Air Park in Chandler.

The show was not as large as we had hoped, but was a success. Garry Mion, Dave Lott and Mike Terrey were the prime individuals responsible for the smooth operation. Major support was provided by Jim & Esther Enriquez in the registration process and George Ray cleaned up some PayPal problems. Thank you all!

We certainly appreciate all the club members volunteering their services and participating; it makes for a fun day for everyone. We had a variety of good looking cars and interesting owners. Hope you had a chance to see them all.

Thorobred Thunder XIII Chairman,

Bill Rhode



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Corvette Club of Arizona, NCCC Governor's Corner



Summer is over and Fall has arrived, which means more "cool fun" with our Corvettes going to CCA and NCCC Roadrunner Region Events.

Some of us CCA members just returned from a great Chance Rally put on by the Verde Valley Vettes from Cottonwood. Even though a few went, we came back as winners and received 85 NCCC participation points for our Club.

Overall NCCC Region points for CCA are now 1396 - 420 points ahead of 2nd place, ACC. Our Club needs good participation in the remaining Region Events to capture 1st Place, overall points, for the Region

The following are the remaining 2012 NCCC Roadrunner Region sanctioned events. Click the following link to the NCCC Roadrunner Regional website: <http://www.ncccroadrunner.com>

- CCA Thoroughbred Thunder
- Thunder Vette Set P.C. Show, Rally and Autocross
- El Paso Phantom Vettes Rally
- ACC/CCA Autocross

Since my last report, the following CCA members also became NCCC members: George Baldacchino, Nancy Hagan, Darlene Heavlin, Jennifer McDonald, Mike Schussman, Sheryl Katz, Becky Magee, Norma Marsh, and Nancy Meyers.

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



Ray Jenkins

Corvette Club of Arizona
Roadrunner Regional Governor
National Council of Corvette Clubs



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2012 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Last Update: 10/25/2012

November	December
1- Membership meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM Election of 2013 Officers	1- Awards Banquet at San Marcos Resort Baldacchino & Deacon
10- Vette Set Dinner at Durant's - Grassel	1, 2 - Autocross in Tempe Enriquez & Terrey
10-CCA Highway Cleanup Meyers	6- Membership meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM
11-Veterans Day	15- Christmas Party Lund & Feck
17- Old Pueblo Driver Ray & Caccamo	20-Board meeting 7:30PM at Feck's
22-Thanksgiving Day	25-Christmas
29- Board meeting 7:30PM at Lott's	

2012 ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR – Last update: 10/14/12

RR-328-040	TVS	PC	11/3/12	Vette Thunder, Sierra Vista AZ	Flyer
RR-328-041	TVS	Gimmick Rallye	11/3/12	Sierra Vista AZ	Flyer
RR-328-042	TVS	LS Autocross	11/4/12	Sierra Vista AZ	Flyer
RR-328-043	TVS	LS Autocross	11/4/12	Sierra Vista AZ	Flyer
			11/9-11	NCCC Nat'l Mtg St. Louis MO	
RR-587-044	PV	Gimmick Rallye	11/17/12	El Paso TX NEW	Flyer
RR-587-045	PV	Chance Rallye	11/17/12	El Paso TX NEW	Flyer
RR-543-046	ACC	LS Autocross	12/1/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	Flyer
RR-543-047	ACC	LS Autocross	12/1/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	
RR-543-048	ACC	LS Autocross	12/1/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	
RR-543-049	ACC	LS Autocross	12/2/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	Flyer
RR-543-050	CCA	LS Autocross	12/2/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	
RR-543-051	CCA	LS Autocross	12/2/12	Tempe Diablo Stadium NEW	
		12/8/12	Q4 RR Gov Mtg	Hamersly Residence Phoenix AZ	Agenda

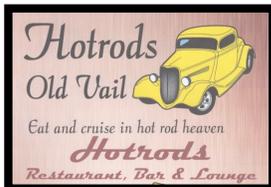
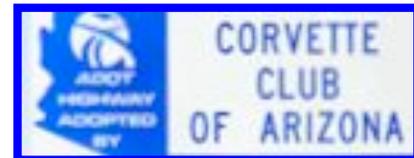


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LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD [Upcoming CCA Events]

November 10th [Saturday]
Highway Cleanup
Organizers: The Meyers



November 17th [Saturday]
Old Pueblo (Tucson) Driver
Hosts: The Rays & Caccamos



December 1st & 2nd [Saturday & Sunday]
Autocross at Tempe Diablo Stadium
Organizers: Jim Enriquez & Mike Terrey



December 1st [Saturday]
Annual CCA Awards Banquet
Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort
Hosts: Baldacchinos & Deacons

December 15th [Saturday]
CCA Christmas Party
Hosts: The Fecks & Lunds



CCA Members To view the event flyers, visit the Corvette Club of Arizona Website: [Home > Members Only > Activities and Flyers](#)



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