



# Crosstalk September-October 2011

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## President's Message

Congratulations are in order – it's September and you've survived another summer! Now that the weather is cooling off, club activities are definitely heating up. MMT is just around the corner and plans are all set for a great trip to ?. Nancy and Frank Hagan have guaranteed a great, fun trip which is no surprise since anywhere the club goes for MMT turns out to be a lot of fun.



In addition, final plans are coming together for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Thorobred Thunder All Chevy Car Show. The show is under the direction of Bill Rhode and Garry Mion with the help of a talented staff of club members. Look for a record-breaking year in terms of the number of vehicles registered for this year's event and the amount of money we contribute to our selected charities for the event.

The club always seems to run rather smoothly throughout the year. Our Business Meetings tend to be fun evenings and enjoyed by club members based on the number of people attending each and every month. There always seems to be one form of activity or another scheduled during the year with different members stepping up to support the activities. However, there is a price to be paid for the club running so smoothly. Namely, it's the extra commitment a small number of members make each year filling one of the eleven elected positions we have on our Board of Directors. If you've never been on the Board, now is a great time to find out more about the various positions and consider serving. It's a rewarding opportunity to become more active in your club and share the experience with fellow board members. I can personally attest to the fun and rewards there are in being a member of the board. I can't really think of anyone who only served a single term on the board. That in itself is a pretty strong endorsement that Board membership is something every club member should consider. We've had several members of our current board serve multiple terms and who feel it's time to step aside so other club members will have an opportunity to serve as well. So come to October's Business Meeting knowing which offices you are interested in filling and let people know you are interested. If you prefer, just let me know and I'll have no trouble nominating you for the office of your choice.

Let's finish 2011 on a strong note and prepare ourselves for an even better 2012!

*Jim*



## 2011 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Last Update: 08-25-2011**

September	October	November	December
1- Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	6-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	3-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM	1-Business meeting at Thorobred 7:00PM
<b>5-Labor Day</b>	<b>Nominations of 2012 Officers</b>	<b>Election of 2012 Officers</b>	
	<b>15-Covered Bridges of Navajo County Jenkins</b>	<b>11-Veterans Day</b>	<b>3-Year End Awards Banquet Sharon Lund Nancy Hagan</b>
15-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swansons		<b>Your Event goes here</b>	
<b>9,10,11-MMT Hagans</b>	20-Board meeting 7:30PM at Feck's	17-Board meeting 7:30PM at Swansons	<b>17-Christmas Party Hills</b>
	<b>29-Thorobred Thunder Bill Rhode/Gary Mion</b>	<b>24-Thanksgiving Day TBD- CCA Highway Cleanup Meyers</b>	15-Board meeting 7:30PM at Enriquez's
	<b>31-Halloween</b>		<b>25-Christmas</b>

**See Other Roadrunner Region Events on the Next Page**

## ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

**Last update: July 14, 2011**

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## ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

			2011		
Sanction #	Club	Type	Date	Location/Description	Info/Results
RR-154-048	NMCA	Funkhana	9/3/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-154-049	MNCA	TSD Rallye	9/3/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-328-050	TVS	Chance Rallye	9/3/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-328-051	TVS	LS Autocross	9/4/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-328-052	TVS	LS Autocross	9/4/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-328-053	TVS	Matching Times Autocross	9/4/11	Sierra Vista AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
			9/10-11/11	Q3 NCCC Governor's Mtg St. Louis	
RR-303-002-NS	DCA	Caravan	9/19-23/11	Trip to Durango CO (open to all)	
RR-543-026	ACC	LS Autocross	9/24/11	Taylor AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-454-027	ACC	LS Autocross	9/24/11	Taylor AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-454-028	ACC	LS Autocross	9/24/11	Taylor AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-454-029	ACC	LS Autocross	9/25/11	Taylor AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-454-030	ACC	LS Autocross	9/25/11	Taylor AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
			10/1/11	Roadrunner 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Governor's Meeting @ Cottonwood	
RR-426-031	VVV	Gimmick Rallye	10/1/11	Monopoly Rallye Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-426-032	VVV	Chance Rallye	10/1/11	Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-426-033	VVV	Chance Rallye	10/2/11	Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-426-034	VVV	Chance Rallye	10/2/11	Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-426-035	VVV	Chance Rallye	10/2/11	Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-426-036	VVV	Chance Rallye	10/2/11	Cottonwood AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
RR-530-044	SDC	LS Autocross	10/15/11	Marana Airport, Tucson AZ	
RR-530-045	SDC	LS Autocross	10/15/11	Marana Airport, Tucson AZ	
RR-530-046	SDC	LS Autocross	10/16/11	Musselman Circuit, Tucson AZ	
RR-530-047	SDC	LS Autocross	10/16/11	Musselman Circuit, Tucson AZ	
RR-332-002	CCA	PC Show	10/29/11	Thorobred Thunder Chandler AZ	<a href="#">Info</a>
			11/11-12/11	Q4 NCCC Governor's Mtg St. Louis	



August Altitude Adjustment

## LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD



August Altitude Adjustment

### Magical Mystery Tour Hosts: Frank & Nancy Hagan Tour "36", September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Magical Mystery Tour - A Reflection  
By Jim Enriquez

September means another Magical Mystery Tour for CCA members. To get everyone in the mood, here are few questions relating to the history of MMT.

1. What was the destination of the MMT trip in 2003?
  - A. Safford, AZ
  - B. Winslow, AZ
  - C. San Diego, CA
  - D. Jerome, AZ
2. How did the name Magical Mystery Tour for the weekend driver come about?
  - A. A naming contest was held within the club
  - B. The trip was named after The Beatles Magical Mystery Tour album
  - C. The name evolved based on the blind destination established for the trip
  - D. Alcohol was involved
3. Why were initial MMT trips limited to nearby Arizona destinations?
  - A. Some members were not allowed to leave the state under court order – alcohol was involved.
  - B. The gas shortage of the early 70's
  - C. It was convenient and easy since many club members were young and short on cash.
  - D. Have you ever tried driving an early model Corvette on a long trip? Enough said.
4. Why is MMT held in the fall?
  - A. Better accommodations were available after the summer months
  - B. A cooler time of year was important since early Corvettes were not air-conditioned.
  - C. Members were seeking one last major party before school started for the kids.
  - D. It was late one night and alcohol was involved.

## LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD - Continued

### Magical Mystery Tour - A Reflection

5. Why was MMT started?
  - A. The club was composed of hard core Vetter's looking for cheap thrills.
  - B. It was a driver set up by CCA to recruit club members
  - C. It sounded like a good idea.
  - D. It was as an excuse to get away from the kids for a weekend.
  
6. In the early years of MMT, a non-Corvette always accompanied the caravan to:
  - A. Carry spare parts (clutches, fuel pumps, transmissions, anti-freeze, etc).
  - B. Carry provisions such as food, beer and snacks
  - C. Serve as a decoy for speed-traps
  - D. Answers A and B
  
7. Unlike MMT trips in recent years, the early years focused on:
  - A. Being real simple and not a hell of a lot of planning.
  - B. An excuse to run "all out" across the open desert.
  - C. A recruiting tool to increase CCA membership
  - D. None of the above
  
8. Which of the following are true statements about the early MMT experience?
  - A. It was a no frills weekend
  - B. If it was free we tried to do it
  - C. The trip included a cheap hotel and one meal
  - D. All of the above
  
9. What was the impetus for keeping the MMT destination a secret?
  - A. The mystique
  - B. A contest to see who could guess the final destination
  - C. A frustrated host responding with: "You'll find out when we get there".
  - D. It sounded like a fun thing to do
  
10. Today's MMT trips are a reflection on:
  - A. The improved quality and comfort of late model Corvettes
  - B. The mature and more successful position of today's Corvette owners
  - C. The fun we always have on MMT's
  - D. All of the above

I want to thank long time CCA member Frank Hagan for providing me with background information on the early years of MMT.

Answers: 1 = D, 2 = B, 3 = D, 4 = B, 5 = A, 6 = D, 7 = A, 8 = D, 9 = C, 10 = D. And yes, some answers are open to discussion, especially if alcohol is involved.

Enjoy this year's trip. *Jim*

## LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD - Continued



This year, Thorobred Thunder All-Chevy Car Show will be a memorial show for Pete Golightly, who passed away April 30, 2011. Pete was Service Manager for Thorobred Chevrolet for 21 years and retired in June of 2010. He was an active member of the "Over The Hill Gang" Car Club and their members asked to be part of this year's car show. They have worked with our car show committee. Pete had a passion for cars, especially street rods. He worked in the auto industry for over 40 years. Pete's last Hot Rod was a Lincoln Zephyr with a Chevy motor, which is featured on this year's flyer. He entered it in Thorobred Thunder in the past and won Best Interior. During Pete's final days, Hospice of the Valley provided quality care, so Hospice of the Valley will be added to Packages from Home as the charities we are supporting this year. Based on the number of spectators from last year's show and the addition of the "Over The Hill Gang" Car Club, we have made preparations to handle a larger number of spectators. This year's car show will have fewer vendors with more room for participant parking - but don't worry, the Ice Cream and food vendors are coming prepared for larger crowd.

*Mike Terrey & Bill Rhode*



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## A Hot Ladies Day Out

(Pun intended)

July 2, 2011

Article by Marge Rhode



On Saturday of the holiday weekend, a group of ten CCA ladies met at the San Marcos Resort for a midmorning breakfast. The conversation was lively, the food was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the time together.



After the leisurely meal, the group drove to a nearby theater to watch the newly-released movie Larry Crowne with Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts. Yes, it was a chick flick, but didn't that make sense for this group? It was a light-hearted movie with a happy ending - sort of a beach read in motion.



However, there was one negative that day. A record temperature of 118 degrees greeted us as we left the theater and the hot cars made it a warm ride home for awhile. But everyone took it in stride and didn't let it spoil the effects of a fun, relaxing day with good friends.



## Summer Monsoon BBQ

July 30, 2011

**Hosts: Garry & Karen Mion**

Photos by  
Garry Mion & Bob Swanson



Karen and I wish to thank all those who attended the “Summer Monsoon BBQ.” We set this up before all the hubbub started happening around the haboobs. Given Karen and I have been in the valley now for close to 30 years, we will continue to refer to our dust storms as “Monsoons.” And boy, have we had our share of monsoons this past couple of months. Even the night of the party it looked like we were in for a big one as measured by how dark the sky was to the east. However, it never materialized and everyone’s precious Corvette was spared from dust and water droplets.

Oh yeah – back to the party. There were 30-something people in attendance, and it was nice to have both old-time members and new members. Given the temperature outside was a bit “thick” between the heat and humidity, most everyone enjoyed the coolness of the basement, including hanging out in man cave #2 (#1 being the back garage). For those who heard the story – I actually got that TV working again after 1.5 years of taking up space in the garage waiting to be thrown out (see, that’s why guys never get rid of their “stuff,” including shirts that have bigger holes than a... never mind – the party... need to stay focused). Had fun doing movie trivia at one point, and it looks like new member Howard Katz and I have a lot to catch up on regarding our Laser Disc collection (you remember those, the size of a record with the look of DVD – “higher definition than VHS” of the early 90’s).

Dinner was catered from Joes “Real” BBQ (like we did at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party last year). From the leftovers, it looks like most everyone enjoyed the shredded beef brisket the most, followed by the sliced chicken and then the pulled-pork (not that I’m complaining about having to eat Joe’s chicken and pork for a couple of more nights).



Karen and I again say “thank-you” to all of your compliments regarding our home, as it truly is our pleasure to share it with everyone. As I write this I can’t help but think of two upcoming events: Corvettes at Carlisle, and the MMT. Just can’t get enough of being around Corvettes, and our Corvette owner friends. Our son and future daughter in-law just gave us a custom made bumper sticker to put on our truck, which reads “My other cars are Corvettes.”

*Cheers! Garry & Karen Mion*

To view a slide show, click the following link: <http://www.photoshow.com/watch/fq2rf4kK>



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## AUGUST ALTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

August 13, 2011

Hosts: Jim & Patti Kerber and Bob & Pam Swanson

Eleven cars (18 members and three guests) came together at 7:00 am at the Fountain Hills Dennys. The temperature was already 80+ and the humidity was very high.

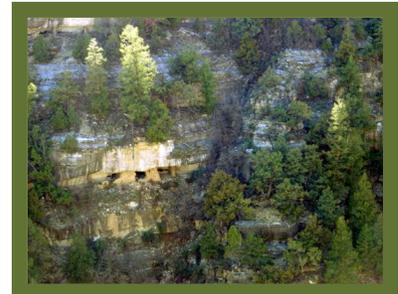
Our first stop was at the Casino south of Payson. This was not a gaming opportunity, although one member made a winning wager during the 20 minute stop-over. Cookies, fruit, crackers and water were provided to all.



Our journey on to Flagstaff was via the scenic route on Highway 87, which took us through Payson, Pine and Strawberry. We reached an elevation of 7,350 feet and along the way, the outside temperature was 66 degrees. At Clints Well we took the Lake Mary Road making our way into Flagstaff. While on the road a very large group of Ninja Motor Cycles felt the need for speed. They passed us like we were standing still. Some even stayed on the proper side of the double yellow line! Jim Kerber, who drove at the rear, mentioned that this was the first driver he had ever been on where the cars were able to stay together the entire caravan route. Just lucky, I guess.



Lunch was at Bun Huggers in Flagstaff. After lunch, some of us continued on to the Snowbowl to ride the Skyride. On the way up, we saw some demonstrators who were protesting the use of reclaimed water to make artificial snow. At the summit, 11,500 feet, there was no wind, no rain, with temperatures in the 60's – heaven!



Another destination for some members of the group was Walnut Canyon National Monument.

And a few members and our guests did their own thing.

It was a perfect day to drive to the cool country. Jim, Patti, Pam and Bob want to thank all those who joined us on the August Altitude Adjustment driver.

To view a slide show of the August Altitude Adjustment driver, click the following link:  
<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/MC4Yf2sj>



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