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President's Report

Tom Palmer



Dear Members,

Monsoon season is almost over, the worst of the summer heat is behind us, and we have some fun events planned. The National Corvette Museum Caravan is getting back home, some of them made side trips after Bowling Green, all should have good stories to tell. Forecast calls for falling temps next week into the 90s.....woohoo!

A special Teppanyaki Dinner now on Sept. 22nd will be fabulous, and followed by the Prescott Corvette Historic Car Show Driver 9/27 to go see lots of vettes. Coming up in October is the Progressive Dinner, always a favorite (it involves eating), and a Kitt Peak Driver just being announced. Be sure to thank these hosts for planning these events for you, and participate in them to also show your appreciation.

Our Chevys in the Park car show is Sunday 11/3, we'd like all members to sign up on the volunteer sheet for part of the day to help out. US Vets will have a booth with some giveaway swag, and advertise the show. This is the show we have a raffle for baskets full of goodies, in addition to the 50/50 raffle. It's our major fund raiser for the year.

Election season is upon us (not politicians.....whew.....but our club volunteers) for Board positions for next year. We'll be forming a nomination committee now to have the nominations at the October member meeting, and vote on them at the November member meeting. This is your chance to give back to the club you enjoy, talk to a committee member or board member about it.

The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on a nice celebration for Founders Day next year, when our club celebrates 50 years since being founded in 1975, so put April 11th on your calendar and be there or be square.

Yours in vetting,

Tom





From the Editor

Kevin Deihl



Whew! With over 5000 miles driven in the last 3 weeks, I'm tired! But what a thrill it was to unite with fellow enthusiasts from all over the world! From Brazil, Australia, Mexico, United States and Canada, the Corvette is **THE** car of choice for so many. I joined fellow CCA members and surrounding Phoenix area drivers in Albuquerque, NM on Friday, Aug. 23rd at the Drury Inn. I would highly recommend, if you have a choice, to stay at a Drury Inn. They have what they call a "kickback" where food and drinks are offered with your room stay (like a happy hour) and a free warm breakfast in the morning. Having never been to the NCM before, I can safely say I was amazed at what the museum had to offer. From witnessing Museum deliveries, the sink hole display, to seminars and to the drawing for the raffle for a special one-of 2024 ZO6 30th Anniversary Museum celebratory car. Unfortunately the winner was not in attendance at the time of the drawing. I spent some time shopping, went to the racetrack across the road and drove around the Assembly plant. By the end of my 3rd day, I felt I had seen enough. Thanks everyone for a safe, fun trip!

Our next "Big Adventure" is hosting our biggest fund raiser of the year, Chevy's in the Park! This year we are hoping for a large turnout to fill up our coffers for next year's 50th Anniversary celebration! This entails EVERYONE'S participation by donating time, gifts, and labor to make it a success. Signup sheets will be at the member meetings. Finally, I couldn't tell you how many times I heard "gosh, I wish our club was that active"! CCA is one of the best clubs to be in, so **GET INVOLVED!**

Membership

Howard Katz



Let's all welcome former members Dave and Kathy Golec back to CCA. After being without a Vette for a while, the Golecs purchased a beautiful 2011 blue coupe, applied to rejoin the club, and were voted in at the last Board meeting. Our membership roster now stands at 109.



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Vice President's Report

Ron Gliot



It seems like the temperatures may be starting to move down and with that, a lot of car events will begin starting up. Step up and plan a new fun outing as we cherish the year-round driving season we enjoy here in Arizona!

Over the week of 9/1, most all of us who attended the 30th National Corvette Museum Anniversary Caravan returned home. We saw many sights across our great nation culminating in a number of days of events and fun in Bowling Green, KY. The event started in Mesa, AZ with the attendees being on Fox10 News for an interview to kick off the event. From there, we toured AZ, and NM, drove sections of old Route 66 in TX, enjoyed a BBQ lunch with about (100) other caravanners in OK, to a Corvette street party in MO and then on into KY! There was a lot of seat time, but that is the point of enjoying your Corvette. We all made many new friends and now have a number of great stories & tales to tell! I know one of my new sayings is "there is a lot of weird things going on in New Mexico". We only had a few casualties, a couple of punctured tires, a cracked rim, and a thermostat problem to name a few. We all got by the problems and returned home safely. Those who didn't go, I will say you missed out on one of those once in a lifetime Corvette adventures.....maybe next time!

Get ready as Chevy's In The Park is rapidly approaching on November 3rd. Make sure you sign up and enjoy the fun. Kevin Deihl is doing a crack up job of taking the reigns to host the best show ever!!!!

I am encouraged to see so many of our newer members stepping up to volunteer and help with many of CCA's activities. This is everyone's club and it takes all of us, pitching in to make CCA a successful, fun place to be.

Keep the shiny side up.....Ron



Ron and Caravan Captain Hoyt Davis
Thanks for a Great trip Guys!





Activities Report

Dom Lovino



Susan and I just returned from the Caravan trip to the 30th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. We traveled 4959 miles and 12 states for this trip. We extended our trip to visit my parents, family and our friends in Illinois. We took a northern route through Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and finally ventured into Utah to visit Monument Valley, before heading home. This trip was the highlight of our summer. We enjoyed traveling with our fellow CCA members who also attended this event. We meet people from Sedona, Yuma, New Mexico and California who were also part of the 35 cars in our group. Our members took a different path home and I'm sure there will be plenty of stories that we told with many pictures to share soon.

Our summer has been hot with over 100 days of 100+ degree days. Our club activities for July and August were mostly indoors, meetings, chick and rooster lunches, vette set dinners, and the Chateau. The Caravan allowed us some outdoor activities in some cooler weather. I have to say, Kentucky was no bargain, as the NCM saw 103-degree temperatures with 85% humidity. Our club did not have a MMT (Magical Mystery Tour) this year as I believe the Caravan took its' place.

I'm excited the summer weather is breaking into our second spring (as some people call it). Our northern friends will be heading back to beat the winter weather heading their way. As we enjoy some of our better weather in Arizona, our activities are turning back to outside and more driving opportunities. September brings a backyard Teppanyaki dinner, and the Prescott Car Show/driver, the Progressive Dinner and Kitt Peak Driver in October.

There is still time and open dates in our calendar if you wish to host or co-host and add an activity to our calendar. I am happy to say I am seeing more members stepping up and contributing to our calendar of events. Bring us your activities and we can pair you with another member/couple to help you plan, provide their experiences and answer any questions you may have. Our website is also a great resource to help you and give you ideas from previous activities our club has held.





Activities Calendar

January 1-New Year's Day Dinner (Rock) 4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Packages from Home (Pivar) 18-Board Meeting (Lovino) 21-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 27-Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show/Driver (Platten/Lovino)**	February 1-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 8-Lake Pleasant Cruise (Katz) 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 14-Vette set Lunch @ Horny Toad (Campise/Pivar) 15-Board Meeting (Rock?) Singing Panda's Vette Set Dinner (Rock)*** 18-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock)	March 7-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 3-ND Picnic and Car Show (Hedahl) 10-Gaslight Theatre, Tucson (Lombardo/Campise) 21-Board Meeting (Platten) ?? Roadrunner Region Gala* 24-Corvettes in the Park (Gliot) * 28-Lake Pleasant Driver (Katz)
April 4-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6pm, Meeting at 7 5- East Valley Marine Golf – Oakwood Country Club ** 7-Show Series at 3pm Chandler Center of the Arts (Rock) 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 16-Ladies Tea Driver (Elly Palmer) 18-Board Meeting (Eberst) 18-20-Laughlin Car Show/Driver (Platten) 24-Founders Day Driver (Campise/Rock)	May 2-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 4-Waggin Vineyard Driver (Campise/Platten) 10-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 11-Lenny's Classic Car Display (Hedahl)** 16-Board Meeting (Deihl)	June 5-T-Bone Vette Set Dinner/Happy Hour (Bennets/Lovinos)*** 6-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting 7- Show Low Driver (Niemann) 14-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 20-Board Meeting (Campise) 26-29-North Rim Grand Canyon (Campise)
July 11-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 12-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel No Board Meeting 24-Pestos Vette Set Dinner (Lovino's) 26-Chateau di Vie (Hughes)	August 1-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's 6 pm, Meeting at 7 9-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 15-Board Meeting (Hagan) ?? MMT () 22-30 Caravan-Bowling Green, KY	September 5-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 13-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 21-Teppanyaki Dinner (Hagan/Campise) 19-Board Meeting (Campise) 27-28 Prescott Car Show (Civaliers)
October 3-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 5-Progressive Dinner (Lovino, Dahlstrom, Lombardo) 11-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 12- Kitt Peak Driver Bartell/Platten) 17-Board Meeting (Katz) 27-Spooktacular Car Show **	November 3-Chevys in the Park (Deihl) 7-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting 7 8-Chick's & Rooster's Lunch @ Stone & Barrel 9-Marine Ball (Lott) ** 10-Ladies Corvette Clinic (Hughes) 21-Board Meeting (Hughes)	December 5-Membership Meeting @ Floridino's at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 No Chick's & Rooster's Lunch 8-Thank you, Party (Lovino/Campise) 15-Christmas Party (Godina/Sample) 19-Board Meeting (Palmer)
*NCCC event	** Non CCA event	***Vette Set Dinner



Pesto's Vette Set Dinner

Lovino's



On a warm summer evening on July 24th, 21 CCA members and 3 guests embarked on a short journey in Chandler, AZ to a great Italian restaurant. The Lovinos hosted this vette set dinner at Pesto's Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar. The evening started at 5:30pm to allow ample time for a happy hour drink or two as well as some time to meet and greet everyone at our event. We sat at tables of four to keep our dinner conversations unobtrusive to the rest of the restaurant.

After reviewing the menu, our dinner party chose their meals and salads to soothe their gourmet palate. I chose my favorite, the Low Carb Entrée (Sausage and Chicken, with peppers and onions, covered with melted cheese and a light red sauce, and a dinner salad with house dressing. Susan had spinach-stuffed shells. We shared the carrot cake for dessert with our table.

The group enjoyed their meals and conversations. The ambiance of Pestos is inviting and welcoming. The service is excellent as well as the food.

Many didn't know this place existed and stated they would return. Susan and I spoke with the manager after everyone left. They were delighted to have us and very appreciative that our group visited their restaurant. They invited us to come again any time. Pesto's is one of our "go to" restaurants for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. If you are looking for Italian food, please give Pesto's a try. Dom



Chicks and Roosters



The “Roosters” all chipped in to get their favorite server, Michelle, her own Roosters shirt. To say she was excited would be a major understatement. She even wore it to our August member’s meeting. Thanks Michelle!

If you’re interested in joining the chicks and roosters for lunch, it’s held every 3rd Friday of the month at Stone and Barrel restaurant in the Oakwood Country Club.

Chateaux di Vie

Hughes



We didn't travel far, but we went back in time to visit the Chateau de Vie and its Lavendar Farm. Located in Tempe on Kyrene Rd, the Chateau was built in the 1980s when the land there was only a citrus orchard. The Erickson family bought that land and built the mansion in the style of old European architecture. The Ericksons loved stained glass, carved wood, secret hidey-holes, toy trains, music and rooms for all. There are nine bedrooms and six bathrooms. Additionally, there is a media room, music room, library, billiard room, and more.

When the Ericksons five children were grown and gone, the home was sold to an individual who enjoyed displaying dark art. Murals which had featured cherubs and fluffy cloudy skies were painted over. The gold light sconces were painted black. The tone of the home certainly changed. Perhaps thankfully, that owner did not have the house for long.

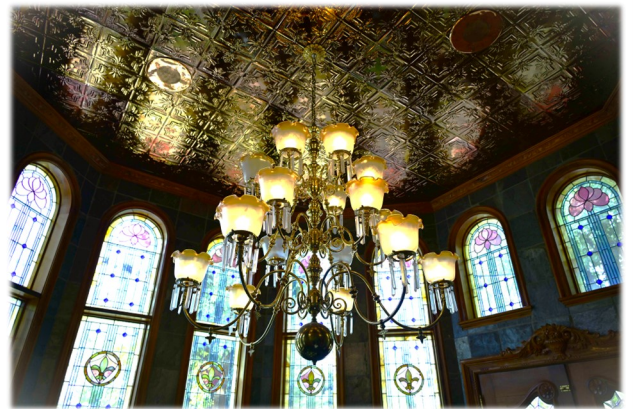
It was vacant for several years and, once again it was sold, this time to the Goodman family. Their task was to restore the chateau to its former glory. Most of the original furniture had been stolen and/or ruined. Part of the restoration included finding replacement pieces for each area.

Very recently, the Goodmans decided to utilize some of the land for a lavender farm. The citrus orchard is long gone, but there are some fruit trees and terraces of lavender which bloom in the spring and fall. Even more recently, the farm manager, John Sisk began to distill the "essence" of lavender for use in products they sell in the Farm Store. The store offers all types of lotions, potions, soaps, and other lavender products.

Oh, yes....the Corvette Club of Arizona group of 13 had their photos taken, toured the chateau, and then travelled to Mimi's Restaurant on Chandler Blvd for a lunch organized by Onalie Minahan and Gordon Stewart. Great food and lively conversation was shared around the table in a private room. It was a different sort of driver, but seemingly, one enjoyed by all! Charlotte

For more information about the Chateau location and tours there check out: <https://thelavenderfarms.com/#>

For more Beautiful pictures, click [here!](#)



C8 ZO6 LT6 Build at NCM

Ron Gliot



When attending the 30th National Corvette Museum Anniversary there are a number of seminars and events one can attend, which are included with your registration. This year my friends and I picked out one, one morning that turned out to be very interesting.....if you are a "car guy". That seminar was a two-hour seminar demonstration of the assembly of the world's largest flat plane crankshaft engine the Corvette LT6.

The room filled up quickly with spectators and over the next couple of hours a team of (4) factory technicians took turns assembling the engine while being narrated to the audience. It was noted that while much of the engine is hand built, a number of robotics and build fixtures are used in the factory itself. The team started with a short block and took the assembly step by step through each phase until it was a complete drop in engine assembly, short of transmission. Being having gasoline in the auditorium would be a safety hazard, they stopped short of actually firing up the engine. What amazed me the most is that while this is a state-of-the-art engine, the assembly was very straight forward and the engine was amazing simple broken down into sub-assemblies. It was noted in the end that while normal LT2 engines are built at the rate of around (220) per day, (170) for Corvettes, the LT6 is produced at a rate of around (2) per day. The biggest difference is that the LT2 is a higher volume, more robotic built engine, whereas LT6 is mostly hand built, also leading to an increased cost.

This was one of the most interesting seminars I have attended at the NCM over the years and my interest was held the entire time.

To read more about the LT6, click [here](#)





National Corvette Caravan

Here are some of our participants favorite photos from the caravan . It was a great trip as you will see;





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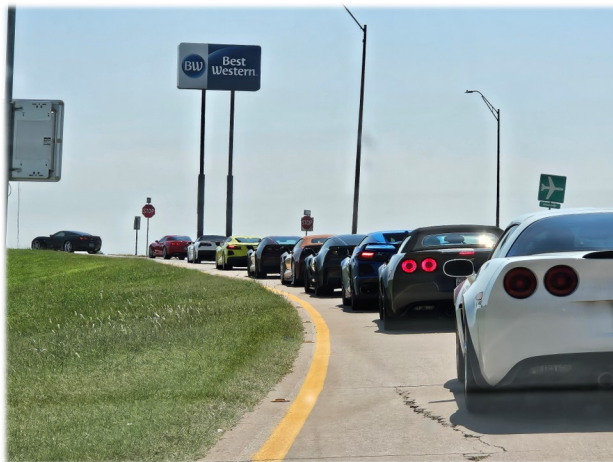
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Upcoming CCA Birthdays

September

- 7 Nancy Hagan
- 14 Bob Golec
- 17 Sandy Sample
- 18 Frank Hagan
- 19 Heinz Platten
- 19 Jerry Jordan
- 19 Kenneth Alejandro
- 28 Bob Bassett
- 29 Bill Kell



October

- 3 Muffy Bennett
- 4 Norm Riffel
- 10 Larry Maiorano
- 12 Diana Campise
- 12 Mark Smith
- 14 Pat Jenkins
- 16 Janet Ray
- 20 Don Smith
- 22 Jan Mundy
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