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2025

**Welcome and thank you to our new and continuing
board members and volunteers!!**

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From the President



Gordon Stewart

Here we are at the end of February and activities in the Club are brewing well (no beer pun intended) for a great year ahead. Check out the CCA Calendar for the full content of current events and dates. I'll touch on a couple of big ones later in this letter.

But first, I'll tell you a little about myself and my background as I am rather new to the Club. I became a member a little more than a year ago after meeting Tom Palmer who I golfed with for quite some time. On my personal life I am Canadian by birth. I've been in the US approximately half of my life. I am a dual citizen. I was married, lost my wife five years ago and now a widower. I have two children, a daughter, and a son I lost three years ago, and I have four grandchildren. As life and time passes, I met a fabulous gal most of you know, aka Onalie, a year and a half ago. She is a co-member of the Club and is a keen & qualified Corvette driver. We're having fun!

Now a little information on my work-life. I was in commercial building specialty products where I was employed for over 50 years with the same company. I started in estimating and ended as Executive Vice President. I travelled extensively in expanding that business worldwide, everywhere except Antarctica. I retired in a Chandler community 12 years ago and served 5 years on their HOA Board, and as President for three. So, that's my brief life file, now for the Club.

During my short tenure I am amazed at the energy and pace the active members operate on. They are exceptionally skilled at planning and participating in activities. Visit the website frequently for new events and updates.

On Sunday, March 30th our annual Corvettes-in-the-Park Show is scheduled in Historic Downtown Chandler. If you haven't shown your Corvette in this event, now is the time to do it. If you haven't registered for it, now is the time to do it. You will enjoy it immensely. We need your support to help us fill the parking lot with Corvettes, and with our commitment and donation to the US Vets/Phoenix for those serving/homeless/veterans.

The 50th Golden Anniversary Party is being held on Saturday, April 11, 2025 at Colby Falls Event Center, in Gilbert. Much is planned for an exceptional celebration. Tickets are still available. Sign up now, and don't delay and miss it because the next one isn't until 2075!

Keep driving and enjoying your Corvette, that's what it's there for! Have happy days ahead.

Gordon

From the Editor



Michelle Civalier

Welcome to 2025 and the **50th Year of the Corvette Club of Arizona!!** Although we haven't been Corvette owners long, and members of the CCA for just a year and a half, we are super excited to be here to celebrate such a great milestone with all of you!!

Before I get too far, let me share a little about myself and my Crosstalk partner, my husband Dan. We are also celebrating a milestone this year...30 years married! We own a manufacturing business, (you may have seen the drinkware we produce in one of the raffle baskets from Chevys in the Park) which keeps Dan busy. I work at the San Tan Village Macy's, managing the Fulfillment (online ordering) department. We have one daughter, 2 years out of college, who lives in Tucson. Dan is a third generation Arizona native, I moved here from Jamestown, NY in 1973. Dan's family had many Corvettes when he was younger, my family just had many, many, many cars. A Corvette was always his dream car, but a stay at home wife, a competitive gymnast and private college put owning one on the backburner for a while. Finally, in 2020 we started looking seriously and boom...Covid...once again, put on hold. But then, 2021...there she was, the perfect Corvette for us, a 2017 Blade Silver Grand Sport with only 4500 miles. He was nervous, but we did it and I've only seen him happier 2 other times (marriage and kid's birth, good thing).

I immediately told him he needed to find a Corvette club to share his never ending enthusiasm with others (and not me all the time). We came to a CCA meeting and immediately felt welcomed and at home. And here we are, digging ourselves in as the newsletter editors. We've participated in multiple events, helped at the car shows, led a driver to Prescott and even went on the Corvette Caravan last year. I hope you all can participate in some way in this celebratory year to continue the camaraderie of the CCA and share the love of Corvette for another 50 years!!

The CCA newsletter may look a little different, but it's purpose is still the same, to share information with the CCA Family. Please share any questions, comments or concerns with me by clicking the email the Editor button on the Crosstalk page on the website or directly on our personal emails. We hope you enjoy your time spent with Crosstalk!

Cheers, Michelle

From the Vice-President



Dom Lovino

Welcome to 2025!

I have served on the board for several years in different capacities. It is an honor to be your VP for our club. I will strive to support our club and board positively to encourage us to have fun with our Corvettes and enjoy ourselves sociably.

I would like to encourage more of our members to participate in our events. Consider being a host or cohosting an event. This can be accomplished by sharing to your favorite venue with our members. Your event doesn't have to be grandiose or super spectacular. Smaller events with 8 members are a great way to start. It is much easier to plan a Vette set dinner or open your home for a game night.

Although our calendar has many events already, let's fill it up. Most of our big events already have hosts and are being planned. This is the best time of the year to get your Corvettes cleaned up (I'm sure most of your Corvettes are always clean) and drive them for some fun and adventure.

The Corvettes in the Park car show is Sunday, 3/30 at AJ Chandler Park. Please enter your car, either for an opportunity to win a trophy or in exhibition class (park, shine and show). If you're not entering your car, sign up to help us out for part of the day. We need participation from our members to make this event successful.

This year we are celebrating 50 years as a Corvette Club. We have a spectacular celebration planned for April 11 at a very nice venue. We have been working very hard to make this Founder's Day an event to remember and one not to miss. The cost for our members is about the cost of going out to dinner at a nice restaurant.

The Magical Mystery Tour is planned for September 14-17. The Plattens, Mike Bartell and Anne Nelson are the hosts. More information will be coming out shortly with the details they can provide without telling you where you are going. It is always a great event. There are still spots available. Don't just hear about the fun afterward, sign up and be part of this event.

I would like to see you at our Monthly Membership Meetings and as many of our calendar events as possible.

Let's have fun this year!
Dom



From the Activities Director

Charlotte Hughes

CCA Activity Update!

Two months already gone as I write today....and we have already had ten activities! Of course, some of those are eating events, like Dragon Wok and monthly favorites at Floridinos. But for others we could drive our cars!

On one occasion we had a Pop-Up drive to Carefree on a cool/cold morning to the Corvette Cars and Coffee there. Pop-Up because we learned of this event late and gathered those interested and just popped up there! Upon arrival we joined the group of 100+ Corvettes. Friendly folks and beautiful cars.

During the rest of this year, I am hopeful that we will continue with a variety of activities. Drive somewhere on winding roads or just down the street to a restaurant. Continue those events that are CCA Traditions, like Game Nights, Chicks, Roosters, and northern Arizona summer trips to escape the heat.

If you are an “experienced” CCA member, please befriend another member and plan an event for the months to come. If you are a newer member, let us know that you want to plan something. I have lots of information on possibilities. Just ask!

You will see new and old events on our calendar. Ken Rock has discovered a Hawaiian Luau location where we can enjoy Hawaiian food and dance. Kevin has the honor of chairing the March Corvettes in the Park Car Show. Be sure to register and shine up your car.

Since this year is CCA’s 50 th birthday, a very special party is on the calendar for April 11 th . Diana Campise and Susan Lovino began planning this party last year and it sounds like it will be a delightful time for us all. Please plan to join in.

May will bring a drive to Tucson with the Lombardos and Campises. The destination is the Gaslight Theater....then a really good dinner place....then (for those who wish to stay the night), an overnight at the Hampton Inn. Flyers and information on all these events are on our website. Talk with the hosts/coordinators to learn more, call me if you have any questions about activities, and finally, enjoy your car and your Corvette friends!

Charlotte

Upcoming Activities



March	April
1- Pancake Breakfast (Hagans) 2- North Dakota Picnic in AZ (Hedahl) 6- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 14- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 15- Luau (Rock) 20- Board Meeting (Stewart) 30- Corvettes in the Park (Deihl)	1- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 11★ CCA 50th Celebration★ <i>No Chicks & Roosters</i> 7- Board Meeting (Rock)
May	June
1- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 4- Gaslight Theater (Lombardo/Campise) 9- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 10- Tacos & Tequila (Hughes) 15- Board Meeting (Platten)	1- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 13- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am No Board Meeting
July	August
3- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 11- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 17- Board Meeting	7- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 8- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 21- Board Meeting
Upcoming... Magical Mystery Tour September 14-17	Looking for something to do in this awesome Spring weather?? Click the link below for a current listing of statewide car shows to enter or visit! www.arizonacarshows.com

KEY * CCA Event **Non CCA Event ***Vette Set Dinner



50 Years Ago...

Prices of Basics in 1975

- First Class Stamp 10 cents
- Gallon of Regular Gas 57 cents

- Minimum Wage \$2.10
- Average Family Income \$13,720
- New Home Average \$42,600

- 1 Dozen Eggs 77 cents
- White Bread 36 cents
- 1 lb Sliced Bacon \$1.76
- 10 lbs Potatoes \$1.34
- 1/2 Gallon Milk 79 cents

• The 1975 Corvette

RPO #	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RETAIL
1YZ37	Base Corvette Sport Coupe	33,836	\$ 6,810.10
1YZ67	Base Corvette Convertible	4,629	\$ 6,550.10
	Total	38,465	
-	Custom Interior Trim	-	\$154.00
A31	Power Windows	28,745	\$ 93.00
A85	Custom Shoulder Belts (std with coupe)	646	\$ 41.00
CO7	Auxiliary Hardtop (for convertible)	2,407	\$ 267.00
CO8	Vinyl Covered Auxiliary Hardtop (conv)	279	\$ 350.00
C50	Rear Window Defroster	13,760	\$ 46.00
C60	Air Conditioning	31,914	\$ 490.00
FE7	Gymkhana Suspension	3,194	\$ 7.00
-	Optional Rear Axle Ratios	1,969	\$ 12.00
J50	Power Brakes	35,842	\$ 50.00
L82	350ci, 205hp Engine	2,372	\$ 336.00
M21	4-Speed Manual Trans, close ratio	1,057	\$ 0.00
M40	Turbo Hydra-Matic Automatic Trans	28,473	\$ 0.00
N37	Tilt-Telescopic Steering Column	31,830	\$ 82.00
N41	Power Steering	37,591	\$ 129.00
QRM	White Stripe Steel Belted Tires, GR70x15	5,233	\$ 35.00
QRZ	White Letter Steel Belted Tires, GR70X15	30,407	\$ 48.00
U05	Dual Horns	22,011	\$ 4.00
U58	AM-FM Radio, stereo	24,701	\$ 284.00
U69	AM-FM Radio	12,902	\$ 178.00
UA1	Heavy Duty Battery	16,778	\$ 15.00
UF1	Map Light (on rearview mirror)	21,676	\$ 5.00
YF5	California Emission Test	3,037	\$ 20.00
Z07	Off Road Suspension and Brake Package	144	\$ 400.00

Would you be willing to pay for some of these options? How about Power Windows for \$93 and Power Brakes for \$50? Open that piggy bank for the \$4 Dual Horns and \$5 Map Light.

There are a few RPOs that you would surely want, such as Air Conditioning for \$490 and the AM-FM Stereo for \$284. Adjusted to today's dollars, those are \$3,000 to stay cool and \$1,700 so you can listen to Rhinestone Cowboy in stereo.

Dan

Dragon Wok Vette Set Dinner



Bob & Barb Bassett

Dragon Wok New Years's Day Vette Set Dinner

Once again, the Bassetts hosted the first Vette Set dinner of the year. A Bassett family tradition since 1951, celebrating all that our parents have done for us, the annual event has been a Vette Set dinner several times. This year 36 CCA members attended to take part in a wide variety of traditional Chinese dishes. The friendly staff served us well and everyone appeared to enjoy a wrap up of the holiday season. An early Kung He Fat Choi and a Happy and Successful New Year to all! Bob & Barb



Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show



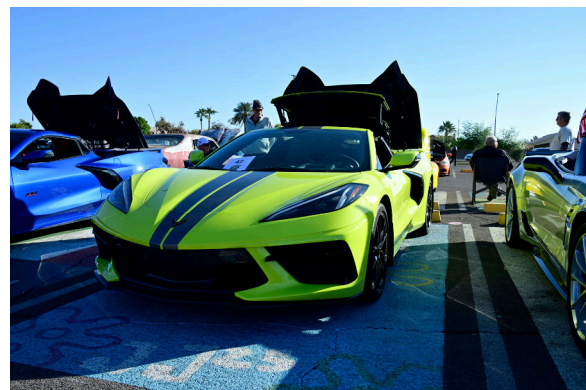
Cis Eberst

Saturday, January 18 started out as a very chilly morning for the Gilbert High Drumline Car Show, but despite the chill, 13 of our members brought their corvettes to display. We were there to support the drumline of Gilbert High School who organize this event every year to raise funds to help offset the cost of the winter programs and competitions.

It was a great day to view the different vehicles, visit with some of the vendors and socialize with many who attended. We were entertained with the melodic sounds from the students performing who gave us a glimpse of the upcoming competition event at the end of February.

As the morning warmed up and prizes awarded, our club ended up winning four. Because of the participation from our club's members, we once again won the Appreciation Award for the club with the most participation. Lylla won, once again, the Drumline Choice Award for her glamorous car. A raffle basket from State 48 Steak House was won by Jennifer Jankowksi, daughter of Cis Eberst and last by not least, Ron Gliot won the big 50/50 raffle amounting to \$367.

After the car show ended, 16 of us had lunch on the patio at Zinburgers in Downtown Gilbert enjoying good food, laughter, conversation and ending with a Happy Birthday song to Lylla.



Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show Cont



Cis Eberst



Corvettes and Coffee



Kevin Deihl

On February 2, 5 CCA'ers and a guest met at the McDonald's on Chandler Blvd, near the 101 Hwy. We caravanned up to the Corvettes and Coffee in Carefree, AZ. We were invited to experience this event, held monthly in the Basha's shopping center in Carefree. Free coffee and donuts were promised to be available and let me tell you, it was worth the drive!

Approximately 80 cars were already parked by the time we arrived, mostly Corvettes, but there were other makes also. About a dozen C-8 Z06's were on display, 1 E-Ray, and a Beautifully Restomodded C-1 by famed car fabricator and TV personality Dave Kindig of the show "Bitchin' Rides"

Sunny blue skies and temperatures in the 70's provided us a perfect opportunity to do some drop top driving after the get together. Lunch together had been brought up, but we decided to make our own adventurous way home. Members Ron Gliot and Sue Henry were met at the event. Kevin had a guest with him, a friend of over 40 years joining him. Just by chance, they had the same shirt in their wardrobe choice!

Great time with CCA'ers and a guest was enjoyed immensely.



Chicks and Roosters Lunch



January and February

January



Chicks Hosted by Eva Platten,
Mary O'Connor and Beth Godina



February



An attendance record for the
Roosters!!

Roosters Hosted by Dennis Hughes



Happy Birthday!



March

7 – Rich Hoffman
11 – Mark Godina
15 – Bob McDougall
31 – Dick Hedahl

April

14 – Lonny White
18 – Michelle Civalier
20 – Jennifer Deihl
21 – Sheryl Katz
22 – Mary O'Connor
26 – Tom Marks
28 – Terry Banjac



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