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From the President



Gordon Stewart

Hello Members,

We have just completed six months of 2025, and began the celebration of our 50th anniversary of the CCA. The party in April was a sensation. The next six months are going to be equally exciting with lots of events. Car shows are our major fund raiser. We began the year with our annual Corvettes in the Park in March. Plans are being worked on now for Chevys in the Park this fall in November.

Dinners, Exhibitions and Drivers continue to happen at a steady pace. Pick your pleasure and enjoy. Get involved. Help host something you like doing. They are fun to organize and fun to attend.

We have a steady stream of new members joining the club, having heard of our organization and all the social benefits we offer. While our snowbird members are gone for the summer, we have a few empty chairs to occupy. It may be a little tight this fall and winter when our northern members return. It's a logistic issue we can handle. Your support and participation are appreciated. I hope to see you at our next Member meeting. Have a nice summer and enjoy every get together with the CCA and your faithful Corvette.

Enjoy vetting, and have fun!

Gordon



From the Editor



Michelle Civalier

It's hot.

That's pretty much all I have to say in this summer edition of Crosstalk. For all of you hardy souls reading this while braving the Arizona heat, we can and will do this. For all of you reading this in the cool, yet probably humid areas of the northern United States, enjoy your time away. Wherever you are, I hope you are reading Crosstalk and staying up to date on what's happening with your fellow Corvette enthusiasts and maybe discovering something you want to participate in when you return to Arizona or if you're already here, when you are ready to leave your house! Keep your fans on and think icy thoughts, October will be here before you know it.

Until then, please enjoy these photos of our members enjoying themselves in cool, air-conditioned comfort.

Michelle



New Members



Kevin Deihl



Hi Everyone!

We have new members to welcome into CCA. They are Jim LeRoy and his wife Jess Alberts.

Jim is a semi retired psychologist enjoys shooting pool, shooting pistols, dining out and movies. He originally hails from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan.

Jess enjoys theater, improv, dining out, movies and traveling after retiring from being a college professor.

Welcome to CCA Jim and Jess!



Upcoming Activities



July	August
3- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 11- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 17- Board Meeting (IHOP)	7- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 8- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 21- Board Meeting (Diehl)
September	October
4- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 12- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 14/15/16/17- Magical Mystery Tour (Bartell/Nelson/Platten) 18- Board Meeting (Lovino) 27- Prescott All Corvette Show (Platten)	2- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 11- Progressive Dinner (Mundy/Minehan/Stewart/Hagan) 16- Comm Air Force Museum (Friesz) 16- Board Meeting (Eberst)
November	December
6- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 14- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 20- Board Meeting (Brennan)	4- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting NO Chicks & Roosters 14- Christmas Party 18- Board Meeting (Stewart)
	Click the link below for a current listing of statewide car shows to enter or visit! <u>www.arizonacarshows.com</u>

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

50 Years Ago...

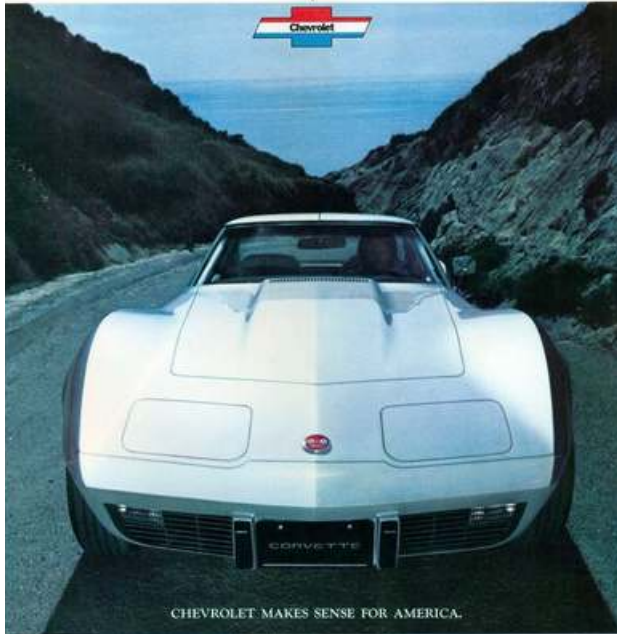


1975 Corvette Advertising

'75 CORVETTE

Here's this year's version of last year's "Best All-Around Car," as selected by

readers of Car and Driver magazine. Corvette makes excitement make sense.



CHEVROLET MAKES SENSE FOR AMERICA.



That's it on the right, the 1975 Corvette.

It has something no Corvette has ever had before: The Chevrolet Efficiency System.

Efficiency System!

We're talking about a series of significant engineering improvements working together for the very first time to help lower the cost of operating your Corvette while, at the same time, improving engine performance. No small accomplishment.

System components include High Energy Ignition, catalytic converter, Early Fuel Evaporation, outside air carburetion and steel-belted radial ply tires.

High Energy Ignition.

With High Energy Ignition, there are no breaker points, there is no ignition condenser.

More important, the solid-state circuitry, plus a special High Energy Ignition coil, provides a



better spark than conventional ignition systems do. Advantages: reliable firing and starting, especially in cold or wet weather, plus longer life

INTRODUCING A MORE EFFICIENT CORVETTE.

for spark plugs. (Recommended replacement is now up to 22,500 miles.)

Tune-ups, as we've known them, will be simpler and further apart.

Catalytic converter. As you probably know, a catalytic converter is part of the exhaust system on every 1975 Corvette.

Essentially, it involves a core of porous pellets coated with platinum and palladium which helps complete the oxidation of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons.

Using unleaded gas, the 1975 Corvette should emit the cleanest exhaust



of any Corvette ever. And with the converter on the job, the factory can now tune your Corvette more toward smooth, responsive, efficient performance.

Incidentally, GM's catalytic converter development program included 1,000 vehicles, going over 20,000,000 miles.

Chevrolet

The roll of radials.

Corvette's Efficiency System extends right to the road and those special CR-70-15 steel-belted radial ply tires.

Above and beyond the handling and durability characteristics offered by steel-belted radials, they roll with less resistance.

The result is a slight but real contribution to improved fuel economy.

Extended service intervals. We mentioned earlier that you'll have no points or ignition condenser to replace, and your spark plugs should now last up to 22,500 miles.

The 1975 Corvette will also go longer between recommended oil changes, oil filter changes, chain lubrication, transmission fluid changes.

Example: We now recommend oil change and chassis lube every six months or 7,500 miles. Last year it was four months or 6,000 miles.

Free catalog. The 1975 Corvette is described in detail in the 1975 Corvette catalog which is available free at any Chevrolet dealership.

We invite you to go in and pick one up, and if your dealer has a Corvette in stock—ask him for a test drive.



Air trapped under the hood of a running automobile is hot stuff.

Outside air carburetion. Air trapped under the hood of a running automobile is hot stuff.

Outside air is cooler and denser.

We have found that, after warm-up, the use of a carburetor induction system that puts outside air in the fuel-air mix contributes to improved performance.

Consequently, both Corvette engines employ outside air induction.



The role of the dream car in an age of reality.

Dreams. They sustain us, they spur us. Sometimes they simply help soften the rough edges of our days.

In that noble regard, Corvette has performed with true distinction through the years.

To own such a fabled car as this one day, one time. Now that's a dream.

that ranks with scaling tall mountains and sailing wide seas.

For most, for sure, it's a dream that remains unfulfilled. But remains, nonetheless.

Corvette, America's only true production sports car. With a shape and a stance and a spirit all its own. A classic.

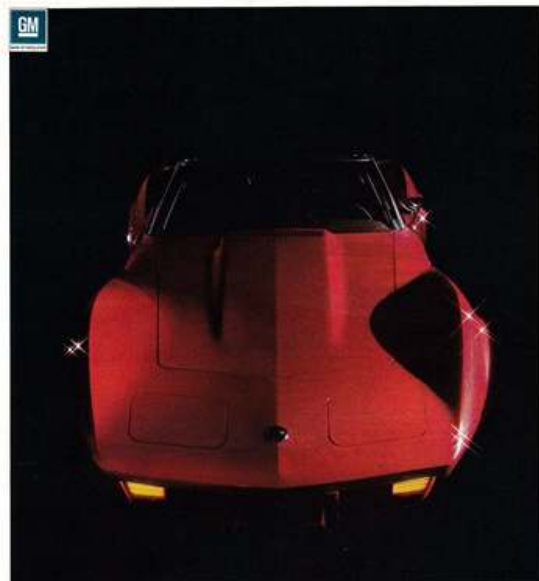
cockpit, disc brakes all around, fully independent suspension. And roof panels you can lift off to see the stars.

Our dream car is not without its practical aspects, of course. It has among other things a body that simply cannot corrode. (It's made of fiber glass.)

And there are just two seats. One for you, one for her. Does a dreamer need more?

Corvette. Not just a car, an inspiration. Sweet dreams.

Chevrolet



CORVETTE IS A VERY CAR.

Lord knows we tried. We tried and we tried, but just couldn't agree on one word that would do justice to this one-of-a-kind car.

We tried exciting, special, honored, dramatic, legendary and inspired. Also coveted, remarkable, low, lean, tough, quick, handsome and revered. All true, but some-

how inadequate. After all, we're talking about an automobile that's been inspiring dreams and quickening pulses like no other American car since 1953, when Corvette first came out.

Corvette has always been a...car. And this year we've managed to make it even more so

with the addition of the Chevrolet Efficiency System which is designed to help improve Corvette's engine performance and lower its cost of operation, all at the same time.

Specific benefits include an extension of recommended service intervals, simplified tune-ups, and quicker starts

on cold or wet mornings. For the 8th time in 12 years, the readers of Car and Driver magazine have voted Corvette "Best All-Around Car."

Visit a Vette, at your Chevrolet dealer's. And if you happen to think of a worthy word, be sure to let us know. Maybe we'll use it in our next ad.

Chevrolet

Gaslight Theatre



Lombardos & Campises

We had 25 participants including three CCA Guests traveling to the Gaslight Theatre in Tucson to see a melodrama called “Beach Blanket Bee Bop”. We left McDonald’s in Sun Lakes shortly after 9:30 on Sunday, May 4th. We traveled the scenic routes of 87 and 79 South, meeting up with Heinz and Eva Platten, near Florence. After a pit stop in Catalina, we arrived at Little Anthony’s Diner at noon for lunch. Little Anthony’s is a 50’s/60’s themed diner with memorabilia both inside and outside of the restaurant next to the Gaslight Theatre. They welcomed us by setting up “Corvette Only” designated parking spots. Outside there were numerous classic vehicles including a 1960 pink Cadillac, 1960’s VW bugs, VW “hippie” vans, 1957 Chevy wagons and a vintage pink travel trailer. They had group seating and a full menu of delicious entrees in large portions. The food and service were excellent. After lunch, some people elected to check in early at the Hampton Inn before proceeding to the Gaslight Theatre for the 3:00 p.m. show.

We took up two full rows of seats in the middle section of the theatre, which provided an excellent view of the stage. The live house band got the whole crowd singing oldies including “Do Wah Diddy Diddy”, “Breaking Up Is Hard to Do”, “I Want To Hold Your Hand”, “Sloop John B”, “Sooner or Later”, and “Bye Bye Love”.

After the warmup music was over, we were treated to a beach and surfing show reminiscent of early 1960’s beach movies featuring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello. The melodrama featured both clean cut heroes and less than ideal villains. The audience cheered the heroes and enthusiastically booed the villains. We sang along with all the live songs played by house band including the Beach Boys classic “Surfin Safari”. The villains sang an adaptation of the Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs song “Wooly Bully” by changing the theme to “I’m a Bully”.

The cast was enthusiastic, and they mentioned Corvettes in their act.

After the play ended, we were treated to two actors imitating Sonny and Cher, who introduced multiple singing acts in between jokes.

After the show ended at 5:00 p.m., we traveled to Piazza Gavi for dinner, which had an extensive menu of Italian foods. The service and quality of food were excellent.



Gaslight Theatre



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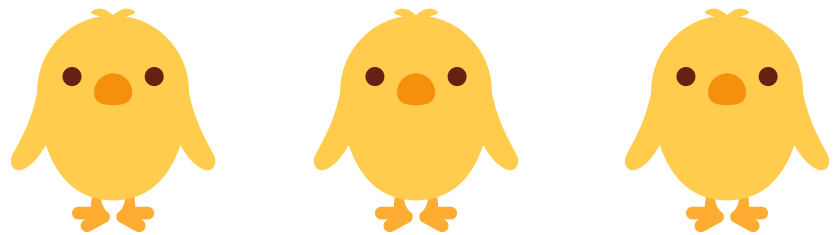
Chicks and Roosters Lunch



May



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



Roosters Hosted by Dennis Hughes

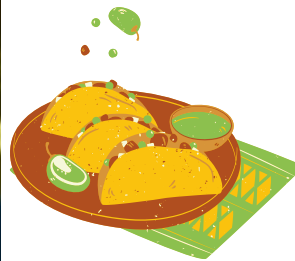


Tacos & Tequila



Dennis & Charlotte Hughes

The CCA Taco bell rang again at the Hughes House. Celebrating the 4th Annual Tacos and Tequilas evening on May 10th, thirty-two CCA members showed up with food and were ready for conversation with friends. This event's title is accurate as far as it goes. However, you don't have to drink tequila, but you are encouraged to eat the tacos! The evening's temperature was lovely and dining was outside as the moon rose over the nearby palms. Abbie, the dog, encouraged Beth to chase her down the slope to the lake. Thankfully, Beth was able to stop before landing in the water! To our knowledge there were no other exciting happenings. Dennis and I thank each of you who came for fun, brought great food and drink, and helped SO MUCH in the organization, preparation, serving and clean up! Should there be another?? (Editor's Note: YES, please! We were out of town!)



Vette Set Dinner–China Chili



Roc & Diana Campise

On May 18th, CCA members lead by Roc and Diana Campise took a short drive to Phoenix for a dinner at China Chili Restaurant. There they were able to enjoy their highly rated and award winning renditions of Chinese cuisine in Cantonese, Szechuan and Hong Kong styles. With friendly and attentive staff and generous portions, the group left happy and full.



Driver to Show Low



Joan & Jeffrey Nieman

The gang met up at the Shell gas station at the Beeline just north of McDowell Road for the drivers meeting. Everyone arrived early so we got on the road right away. There was a quick pit stop in Payson for a break before getting back on the road again.

We met up at Monica's Cafe in Show Low for an early lunch. The food and service was good and the portions were large. After lunch, we met up at the Nieman's place to enjoy some fresh air and camaraderie on the back deck.

Those who were staying the night went to check into their hotel rooms while I made dinner reservations at Cattleman's Steakhouse. The food was good and after dinner we went to the Holiday Inn Express to hang out in their lobby and play mexican train.

It was getting late and everyone was tired so we said our goodbyes
A good time was had by all!



Driver to Show Low



Continued



Chicks and Roosters Lunch



June



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



Check out the new mascot!!



Roosters Hosted by Dennis Hughes

Martin Auto Museum



Gary & Muffy Bennett

Arizona Corvette Club Visits Mel Martin's World-Class Collector Car Museum

The Arizona Corvette Club recently had the unique honor of visiting Mel Martin's extraordinary collector car museum, a hidden gem that continues to dazzle automotive enthusiasts from around the country. Located in Glendale, the museum houses an astonishing variety of impeccably preserved classic cars, rare models, and automotive memorabilia that spans decades of history.

What truly sets The Martin's Auto Museum apart is its one-of-a-kind interactive experience.

It is the only collector car facility in the nation that invites visitors to sit in and truly experience the vehicles – offering an unforgettable, hands-on connection to automotive history. From muscle cars and hot rods to vintage luxury sedans, guests aren't just observers – they're participants.

Beyond its remarkable car collection, the museum is also equipped with a free arcade, a carousel, and several meeting and banquet rooms, making it an ideal venue for private events, club gatherings, and celebrations. It also operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with a mission to educate, inspire, and preserve automotive heritage for future generations.

Mel Martin's dedication to preserving automotive excellence, paired with the museum's immersive and welcoming environment, made the Arizona Corvette Club's visit a truly memorable experience – one that will surely inspire many returns.



Mr Mel Martin



Martin Auto Museum



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Martin Auto Museum



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Happy Birthday!



July

1 – Susan Lovino
3 – Neil Pivar
8 – Carol McDougall
14 – Bob O'Connor
18 – Sue Henry
22 – Howard Katz
28 – Bruce Mundy
30 – Tina Pivar
31 – Mary Ellen Hayden

August

3 – Mark Koehler
5 – Jim Thorne
11 – Kevin Deihl & Sue Henry
& Edwin Armatys
17 – Dennis Cox & Gordon Stewart
24 – Bill Hayden
25 – Eva Platten
26 – Gary Radvany
28 – Cecile O'Boyle & Gloria Hedahl
31 – Mike Bartell





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All existing advertisers will be grandfathered, and their ads will be reduced to a quarter page.

The only exceptions will be Freeway Chevrolet, the First Credit Union and Haggerty Insurance. which will continue to receive a full-page ad for their support for our car shows

Any member who wishes to advertise their business or service in Crosstalk will have to submit "the Advertising Request Form" to the board. The form will ask the member to define their business or service and how it is related to our club's interest in corvettes, is it car related and offer a benefit to our club members in the form of discounts for products or services. The club members can also recommend a business or service they have used and feel it would offer a benefit to our members by having the owner submit the "Advertising Request Form". The board members will review all requests and determine whether the business or service requesting an ad is related to our club's mission statement, our corvette interest or car related! With approval by the board members, the business or service will be given a quarter-page ad at no charge.

Crosstalk Advertising Request Form

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Many thanks to



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