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From the President



Gordon Stewart

Hello Members,

At this writing we are getting a taste of Summer Monsoons in the Valley, with sustained high heats and intermittent winds, dust and rain. But hey, in the meantime we see blue skies and hot sunshine. Life in the Valley is still a great place to live and enjoy, and where else to do that with our membership to the Corvette Club of Arizona.

With that in mind, I am pleased to report that your membership dues for 2026 remain unchanged from 2025. Not bad where everything else these days seems to be on the rise. This was approved by the membership at our August Member meeting. Thank you all for your support. Payment for Full Member-Single \$80, Member-w/Spouse or Mate \$130, and can be made on/before 11/01/2025. Payment by check (or exact cash) can be made at the September or October Member Meetings or mailed to our Treasurer, Susan Lovino.

As we entered the summer months the venues were low, but a surge occurred and there are lots of events now and in the fall to participate in. Check the Activity calendar for the latest updates. Sign up for some good times.

The long planned Magic Mystery Tour is scheduled in September 14-17 and sold out. It is still very well protected information where the tour destination is. The mystery continues to be closely held by the Bartell/Nelson/Platten organizers.

The Chevys in the Park show is coming up on November 2nd. Chairman Kevin Deihl is working the event. Raffle baskets are being filled. If you have anything "car stuff" or otherwise, that could be donated please call Kevin to discuss. We need your Chevy cars to show, and your volunteer help at the event. Please respond to Kevin or sign up at the next Member's Meeting.

On a closing note, now is the time to begin looking for volunteers for next year's Board. There are no plans for setting up a committee at this time, but please give it your consideration to see how you may help.

Enjoy your summer Vetting and have Fun!

Gordon

From the Editor



Michelle Civalier

Unfortunately, not much has changed in the last 2 months and it is still hot. On a brighter note, when you receive this issue of Crosstalk, I (Dan too) will be on a plane on our way to Norway. Where, according to my research, will be like our (Valley of the Sun) typical winter weather, although wetter. Which at this point sounds delicious and a welcomed relief from our beloved AZ. Very excited!!

The days of summer are a-l-m-o-s-t over, but not quite. Just like when school is back in session, CCA is picking up the pace and has many things going on in the coming months. Members are returning from their summer hideaways, events are picking up and new members are going through the process of joining us in our fun and frivolity. Activities, dinners, parties, and CAR SHOWs abound. Keep watching Crosstalk for more information and stay in the know. And always remember, this club is what WE, the members make it. Feeling adventurous? Reach out, we're here to help you become an invested member of the Corvette Club of Arizona. CCA made it to 50 years because people like you took ownership and made it their own with their own special contribution.

Dues for 2026 (yikes!) are due soon, see From the Treasurer for more information on how to pay. And as always, be sure to check our Activities page for events coming up. I won't be at the September meeting, but look forward to a full room at Floridino's at the October meeting, and hopefully temperatures under 100.

Michelle



From the Activities Director

Charlotte Hughes

Coming Up at CCA!

The hosts and event planners for the past several months have offered us a variety of events, places to go, and things to see. All of us can recall a meal, a conversation, a new part of Arizona, and a fine time with other members. If you would like to plan something.... a drive, a meal, a game night.... just let me know so we can set a date.

Coming up in September are our regular meetings, along with an invitation from Eva and Heinz Platten to join them on a trip up to Prescott. The Corvette Show will be there September 27th with an impressive showing of Corvettes around Courthouse Square in Prescott. The Plattens have planned a drive up, ways to participate in the show's activities, and they invite you to come along.

Of course, the calendar shows the MMT in September. But we don't know anything about it! Stay tuned for a report after MMT Drivers return! In October Dave and Patty Friesz will introduce us to the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa. Airplanes and Corvettes.... a great combination. The Golecs are planning a Vette Set Dinner in October. Stay tuned for all the details.

Start planning your Halloween costume for 2025. The Hagans are again opening their home to CCA creatures, ghouls, and ghosts on November 1st. The next day will be our annual Corvettes in the Park in downtown Chandler. Kevin is our coordinator this year and he wants your participation.

Finally in November, we'll have our Progressive Dinner hosted by the Mundys, Stewart/Minahan, and the Hagans. Watch for the Mail Chimp Email which is sent (usually weekly) for updates on CCA fun and business. Flyers for events are posted on our website. We aim to keep the news current and interesting!

Charlotte



From the Treasurer

Susan Lovino

It's that time of year when (hopefully) the temperature will start turning cooler, but also to renew your CCA membership for 2026!

Dues collection will start at the end of August and *must be received before November 1st*. You can bring a check to the meetings in September and October or drop it to me in the mail. If you would rather pay by credit card at the meetings, there will be an additional \$3.50 fee for processing. Dues have not changed from last year so a single member will pay \$80 and a couple will pay \$130.

I am looking forward to receiving renewals from every member, but if for some reason, you cannot renew for 2026, I ask that you please drop me an email and let me know. I can be reached at:
treasurer@corvetteclubofarizona.com or
rcbandmom@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Susan



New Members



Kevin Deihl

Please welcome back to CCA Frank and Clara Montanile, who sold their Corvette in 2021, but missed their friends at CCA so much, they bought a 2024 Red Metallic Convertible.



Upcoming Activities



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) 26/27/28 - Prescott All Corvette Car Show (Platten)	2- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 4- Garage Dreams Sloan Field (Deihl) 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 16- Comm Air Force Museum (Friesz) 23- Board Meeting (Eberst)
November	December
1- Halloween Party (Hagan) 2- Chevys in the Park Car Show 6- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 14- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 15- Progressive Dinner (Mundy, Minahan/Stewart, Hagan) 20- Board Meeting (Brennan)	4- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting NO Chicks & Roosters 11- Host Thank You Party-Organ Stop Pizza 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...



...And Today

The Corvette has changed a lot in the last 50 years (like we all have!) Read on to find out more about the latest Corvette, the 2025 E-Ray!

C8 E-Ray

By Heinz & Eva Platten

Since June 2025, we have been the proud owners of a 2025 C8 E-Ray! Since it's the first one in the club, we'd like to share an overview of the car and our first impressions of it.

1. What distinguishes the 2025 C8 E-Ray from other C8s?

In short, the E-Ray is a hybrid car, primarily powered with a gasoline engine but also has a unique 1.9 kWh battery pack in the middle of the car. The E-Ray shares the Z06 body design, wider and lower than a Stingray. But the E-Ray power train really makes it shine; it is based on the 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine used in the C8 Stingray but it is paired with the front-mounted electric motor that contributes an additional 160 horsepower and 125 pound-feet of torque. Combined, the V8 and electric motor generate 655 horsepower. The only component between these two motors is the computer, no other physical connection. The E-Ray has a slight edge over the Z06. The E-Ray goes from 0-60 mph in 2.5 seconds and the Z06 goes from 0-60 mph in 2.6 seconds.

2-What was the ordering process like?

We had to wait a long time for this car. We first contacted Mike Furman and got on his list but had to wait over 2 years until he got an allocation for us. Ultimately, we decided to order it from Freeway Chevrolet and were incredibly lucky that they got an E-Ray allocation just a couple days before Heinz called them! Heinz entered the desired color, wheels and other options into the GM configurator at home. At the dealership, Chuck was not able to use the same specifications and we had to make some serious compromises. For example, the color combination and the steering wheel were not allowed, the carbon fiber ground effects were not in stock at the plant and couldn't be ordered, either. The front splitter could only be ordered with the Z07 package for Z06s and but not with the E-Ray, and they were far too expensive. So, we ordered them after-market and had them installed afterwards (a nightmare and story by itself).

50 Years Ago...



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3-What enhancements have we made?

Like all C8s, the E-Ray has pretty wide doors, making it tough to park in tight spots. Installing lambo doors, or vertical doors, definitely makes parking easier! That's just new hinges that bolt into the original bolts, the rest stays the same. It's still a one-day process that requires taking off the front of the car.

4-First impressions

We are using the front lift quite often, that's a neat option. Just after reaching the 500 mile break-in period, we took it up to Jerome and put it through its paces. It handled very well! We also discovered that when braking at a red light, the engine will turn off. This is normal in many cars but we've never seen that happen in a Corvette! A neat feature is the "stealth mode"; the car will run electric only for 3 to 4 miles, up to a speed of 45 mph, when the gas motor engages. We never ran it at top speed, but according to the manual it's limited to 183 mph; the electric motor turns off around 150 mph since it's starting to spin too fast. Last but not least, there was no physical Owners Manual waiting for us in the glovebox; everything is online. That's bad for a car where almost everything is dependent on settings in the infotainment center.

5-In Summary

We are getting a lot of compliments and drooling over the car. We are hoping its performance on long trips matches its gorgeous looks.



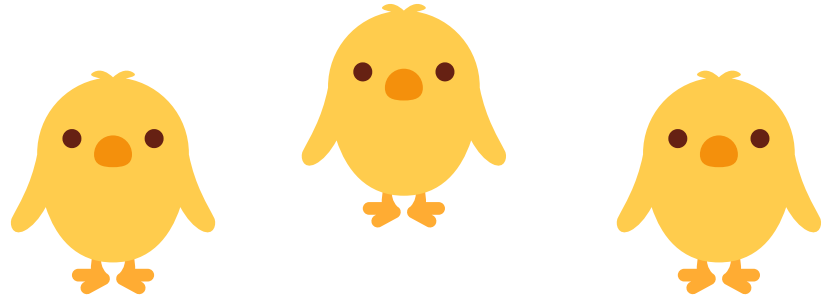
Chicks and Roosters Lunch



July



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



Roosters Hosted by Dennis Hughes



Chicks and Roosters Lunch



August



Brunch at Casino AZ



Sheryl & Howard Katz

A total of 26 members signed up, four had to cancel and on August 10th, we had a wonderful group of 22 (Ron Brennan, Frieszes, Gliots, Golecs, Hagans, Hughes, Katzes, Lovinos, Tom Marks, John Marsh, Mileskiewicz, Montaniles, and Jim Thorne). Five Corvettes showed up to drive in an optional caravan from Chandler north to the Casino.





Brunch at Casino AZ

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Several in our Brunch group were first timers at this incredible Eagles Buffet at Casino Arizona and they had a splendid time. If you've never been, it is a Valley-wide favorite, offering a huge variety of entrees, sides, salads, breads, and desserts. The food is delicious, plentiful, and each Sunday there's always something a little different (featuring specialties of the season). A special treat was the cooking station where two chefs made on the spot custom ordered omelettes. The staff is friendly, accommodating, and food bars are kept amazingly clean. Plus, the \$29.95 buffet includes two glasses of my favorite alcoholic beverage - champagne!



Brunch at Casino AZ



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In the summer, no reservations are taken but we scheduled our arrival early enough so that we could be seated together in one area of the back room. In the non-summer season, seating in that room is only available for large parties/groups. When we were first seated, we had the large room to ourselves for quite awhile. A round of toasts were made as we raised our glasses to our CCA August celebrities: Jim Thorne's birthday, Dave & Patty Friesz's anniversary and to good friends and good times!



As we all started to wind down from feasting, Howard and I held a surprise raffle, for a cash prize of \$22 in Lucky Bucks (representing a dollar for each person in our group). The winner... Dave Golec! The Golecs were delighted with their unexpected windfall. A great time was had by all! Many Thanks from the attendees were received – a good incentive for... Let's do it again!!



Cocktails & ToScany's



Gordon Stewart & Onalie Minahan

The Vette Set Complimentary Cocktails and Appetizers started at 5:00pm and was followed by dinner at our neighborhood ToScany's Pizza Restaurant. Thirty guests attended the event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A comment was made by another guest at the restaurant that all the Corvettes parked outside was a hi-light of their evening.



Cocktails & ToScany's



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Happy Birthday!



September

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

October

1 – Terri Koehler
3 – Muffy Bennett
10 – Larry Maiorano
12 – Diana Campise
13 – Onalie Minahan
14 – Pat Jenkins
20 – Allison Harmon & Don Smith
21 – Tim Harmon
22 – Jan Mundy
23 – Joyce Mileskiewicz
29 – Jean-Marc Teixeira





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2025

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CCA Revised Advertising Program

Effective April 17th 2025, the Corvette Club will no longer be charging for advertising in Crosstalk.

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.

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