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From the President – 2025



Gordon Stewart

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a festive holiday with family and friends and lots of Christmas cheer. I was honored to have had the opportunity to be your President for this past year and will continue as a member for the future.

We had a wonderful year full of exciting events. Our 50th year Anniversary party in April was enjoyed by all who attended. Two very successful car shows, the Corvette Show in the spring and the Chevy Car Show in the Park in the fall, were well attended with exceptional fund raisers. Our \$1,500 donation to the US Veterans Homeless Vets was the highest we have ever made. A very successful MMT (Magical Mystery Tour) to Williams, AZ/ Grand Canyon and a Progressive Dinner program with a Greek theme was enjoyed by all attendees. Also, a record for pizza dinners was enjoyed by those who attended.

Kevin Deihl was awarded the Member of the Year for his tireless work as head of Membership and Chairman for both car shows. Congratulations to him. Dennis Hughes is closing his shutter on his role as CCA photographer, and Ron Brennan/Secretary, Cis Eberst/Member at Large, Ken Rock/Public Relations, Howard Katz/Tech Support will not be returning.

Newcomers to the Board and Volunteers are Eva Platten/Member at large & CCA photographer, Mark Godina/Vice President, Don Smith/Secretary, Bob Bassett/Webmaster, and Mark Dahlstrom/Public Relations Director.

Thank you to all those not returning to their posts, and congratulations to all newcomers to the new Board of Directors who have been elected and confirmed, working with selected volunteers now to make this year another successfully fulfilling experience for everyone. Check the activities schedule on our website for frequent updates and your viewing pleasure. It is filling up with many events for you to participate in. With your support and participation this year can be a grand success for CCA. It's your membership and participation that makes it what it is. This is where the fun is found.

Thank you for supporting me as your 2025 President. I will now always be your Past President.

Yours in Corvetting,

Gordon Stewart

From the President – 2026



Dom Lovino

Hello CCA,

I hope you had a joyous and wonderful holiday season. As we start 2026, I am truly honored to be the president of our club this year. My objectives will be to promote opportunities to have fun driving our Corvettes; a friendly, social environment; and continue to build friendships among our membership.

We will face some challenges this year, finding a new venue to support our car show(s) and perhaps revamping our car show overall, promote activities to accommodate the interests of an aging membership, and incorporating more social media in providing timely information about our club/activities to our membership.

You have assembled a great board of directors for this year. We are always available to hear your ideas or issues to help improve our club. We encourage everyone to provide as many opportunities as possible to have fun and friendship this year.

Thank you,
Dom

From the Editor



Michelle Civalier

Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and your start to 2026 has been a delight.

This issue marks a year under my belt as editor as Crosstalk! (Disclaimer... I am late this issue and apologize. My time management over the holidays was not the best, and then we went out of town.) I have really enjoyed putting these together, the best part is really getting to see all the photos and articles from events. Sometimes they make me go “awww”, sometimes they make laugh out loud, but they always make me think of how great our members are!

Dan and I so appreciate your kind words and encouraging responses to our work on Crosstalk. That is our ultimate goal, for our members enjoy our newsletter, it is a piece of all of us and our times together!

We look forward to continuing our roles in 2026, and all of the events we will be able to “ooooh”, “ahhhh”, and “hahaha” at.

We will see you out there!

Michelle & Dan



From the Activities Director

Charlotte Hughes

Activities 2025

CCA membership hovers around 100 throughout the year. In 2025 we enjoyed social times, lots of laughter, earned a bit of money to support ourselves, saw many beautiful cars at our two car shows, and drove our cars to places we knew and some we didn't.

In our working lives, we've likely heard of the 80/20 rule. Essentially, 20% of the members provide 80% of the work towards an outcome. I've found this to be accurate in several organizations.....not CCA!

The Thank You Party held recently honored those who contributed time, effort, and leadership for CCA during 2025. If we have 100 members, and 50 members were included at the Thank You Party, we've beaten the 80/20 rule for sure. For us, in 2025, the rule would have been 50/50. Good on us!

The Activity Calendar for 2026 is growing already with new hosts, locations for drives, and places to eat. If you weren't included in the Thank You Party invitations this year, now is your chance to be included in 2026! Contact me to share what ideas you have and what you will contribute as an activity. I look forward to talking with you.

Charlotte



New Members

Kevin Deihl

Welcome to 2026! I hope you enjoyed shoving 2025 out the back door to let 2026 come right in the front door. A new year is equated to a new start. With that in mind, I want to welcome our newest members,

David and Beverly Freet

Dave and Beverly originated from Pennsylvania. Dave is mostly semi-retired from automotive rehabilitation and enjoys tinkering with vehicles and RC cars.

Beverly is still employed locally in the semiconductor industry and in her off hours, you might find her enjoying hiking, gardening and traveling.

Together, they love driving their '96 Silver Convertible. You may find their contact information on CCA's website under Roster and Profile.

Please welcome the Freet's when you can!



With the new year, we have some who will not be renewing their membership for 2026. We wish them well as we continue for 2026. We will have about the same number of Corvetters that we hung out with in 2025, around 100 members.

Happy New Year!!

LOVE, KEVIN

Upcoming Activities



January

- 1- Dragon Wok New Years Dinner (Bassett)
- 8- Membership Meeting Floridino's**
6pm dinner/7pm meeting (date change)
- 9- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- 15- Board Meeting (Hughes)
- 17- Gilbert HS Drumline Car Show (Diehl/
Godina)

February

- 12- Membership Meeting Floridino's**
6pm dinner/7pm meeting (date change)
- 13- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- 19- Board Meeting (TBD)
- 24- Vette Set Dinner @ Va Bene (Rock)**
- 28- Fairservis Car Collection 10am (O'Boyle)

March

- 1- North Dakota Picnic/Car Show (Hedahl)**
- 5- Membership Meeting Floridino's
6pm dinner/7pm meeting
- 12- Brunch & Game Day 10am
(Baumiller/Eberst)
- 13- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- 14- Pancake Breakfast (Hagan)
- 19- Board Meeting (TBD)
- ?? Corvettes in the Park TBD (Diehl)

April

- 2- Membership Meeting Floridino's
6pm dinner/7pm meeting
- 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- 16- Board Meeting (TBD)
- 18- Laughlin Gambler's Classic Car Show**
- 18- Founder's Day (Campise/Lovino)

May

- 3- Gaslight Theatre Tucson (Lombardo &
Campise)
- 7- Membership Meeting Floridino's
6pm dinner/7pm meeting
- 8- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- 21- Board Meeting (TBD)
- 29-31 Williams/Grotto Cavern Driver
(Campise)

June

- 4- Membership Meeting Floridino's
6pm dinner/7pm meeting
- 12- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am
- No Board Meeting

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KEY * CCA Event **Non CCA Event

*****Vette Set Dinner**

Halloween Party



Frank & Nancy Hagan

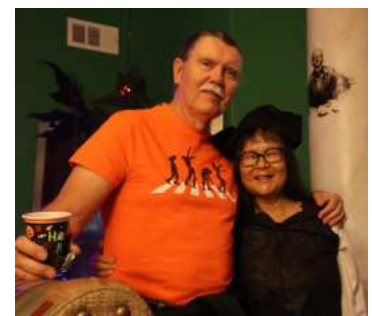
The 2025 Hagan Halloween Party was a success! This annual event brings out ghouls and goblins, witches and skeletons, and many other friends of the holiday. With delicious food, amazing decor and special friends, a spooky and fun time was had by all!!



Halloween Party



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Chevys in the Park



Kevin Diehl

Hey CCA Family!

November 2nd was nothing short of epic! Over 140 killer cars rolled into the park, making this our biggest, boldest, and best show yet. This wasn't just an event—it was a full-throttle celebration of teamwork, passion, and pure Chevy love.

We hit the ground running at 6:15 a.m., and from the first smile at registration to the last slice at Floridino's Pizza Party, our volunteer crew crushed it. Huge props to Tom Palmer and the registration squad for setting the perfect welcome vibe—fast, friendly, and flawless.

Shout-out to our sunrise warrior Mark Godina holding down the gate, and Mark Koehler keeping traffic flowing like a well-oiled machine. Our parking heroes rocked it, slotting cars by class and tradition, even handling late arrivals like pros. The lot was buzzing!

The raffle? Off the charts! Led by Susan Lovino, the team raised a whopping \$1,600 from 50/50 and raffle baskets. Special thanks to Jennifer Schmitt and crew for the stunning basket displays that pulled in over \$1,100 alone. You all crushed it!

And how about those Chevy Lowriders? Hydraulic magic, battery banks, and classic style brought serious swagger to the show. Can't wait to see them back next year!

Massive gratitude to every member and guest who pitched in. You're the heart and soul of CCA, making a real impact for Veterans through our donation to U.S. Vets—a proud \$1,500 raised and counting. Let's hear it!

Looking ahead to 2026, I'm fired up knowing we'll top this and keep the Chevy spirit blazing. Let's roll, CCA!

Kevin Diehl Show Chair



Chevys in the Park



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Chevys in the Park



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Chevys in the Park



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Chicks and Roosters Lunch



November



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

Roosters Hosted by Dennis Hughes



Greek Progressive Dinner



Mundy, Minahan-Stewart & Hagan

The Progressive Dinner was hosted by Bruce and Jan Mundy, Onalie Minahan and Gordon Stewart, and Frank and Nancy Hagan in Tempe, Chandler and Mesa on November 15th. The theme for the evening was Greek. The hi-light of the evening was the 29 guests that attended, which included the 6 hosts. Appetizers at the Mundy's was a delicious spanakopita as the main feature along with meatballs, cheese and crackers and some veggies and fruit. On to Onalie Minahan's home and the main meal consisted of a Greek Orzo Salad with Marinated Chicken Skewers and Shrimp, a Seven Layer Salad, Grapes, Greek Black Olives and Greek Rolls. Finally, we rolled ourselves to Frank and Nancy Hagan's for dessert, baklava and coffee with ice cream sandwiches. Included was a special cake for Dennis Hughes to celebrate his birthday. It was a delightful and memorable event for all.



Appetizers – Bruce & Jan Mundy



Greek Progressive Dinner



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Entree – Onalie Minahan & Gordon Stewart



Greek Progressive Dinner



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Dessert - Frank & Nancy Hagan



Vette Set Dinner – Spinato's



Jim & Patti Kerber/Bob & Barb Bassett

On November 18, 27 CCA Members dined at Spinato's in Gilbert. We were initially limited to 20, but Spinato's was able to accommodate the full wait list. Spinato's has good Italian food and pizza. Unfortunately, the service was not up to par. It was chaotic with food delivered randomly with no idea who ordered a particular item. As a result, some people only had a salad or appetizer and skipped their main course.

The best part was spending time with CCA friends.



International Auto Show



Howard Katz

Headline: CCA Invited Again to Exhibit at the Phoenix International Auto Show

This year, former CCA member Mike Terrey contacted me once again to invite our club to exhibit our Corvettes at the Phoenix International Auto Show at the Convention Center in the heart of downtown Phoenix. Vehicle manufactures set up elaborate displays and selected local car clubs are invited to participate too. This show is held over the Thanksgiving weekend and has been an Arizona institution for many years. Many families, after eating their Thanksgiving feast, headed downtown to walk the show. Unfortunately, Covid ended the annual show in 2020 but it was revived in 2024. I was able to cajole up an impressive collection of Corvettes for our CCA display, with every generation represented!

With a little arm twisting, a group of eager CCA members was recruited. In addition to me showing our yellow 2019 coupe, Llyla Alejandro brought her 2003 "Marylyn" C5, Bob Bassett brought his 2014 C7 convertible, Dick Hedahl brought his 1968 show stopper Guards Red C3 convertible, prospective member Randy Hubbard showed his black 1963 split window C2 coupe, Jim Kerber drove his Crystal Red 2015 C7, and former member George Ray journeyed all the way from Queen Creek in his 1959 C1 convertible. It was a colorful display only missing a C4 and C8.

Logistics for exhibiting are a bit complicated. Dropoff for the cars was on Wednesday evening 11/26. The cars must be left parked inside in place on display until Sunday evening 11/30 after the show closes to the public.

Our group of cars and transport vehicles met downtown at a local school parking lot. It is a requirement to have less than 1/4 tank of fuel, per Fire Marshall regulations, before we could enter the Convention Center! Once inside, we were directed into the exhibit hall where Mike and I assisted everyone with parking and disconnecting all of the vehicle batteries (another fire regulation). We also made sure that nobody accidentally locked their key fob inside their cars! That little hidden key inside the fob is the only way to get back into locked modern Corvettes!

After dropping off the cars and setting up, our little Sun Lakes group headed to a restaurant for a bite, then met our driver for the ride back home. Everyone had to arrange for transportation back home, so I reserved a driver service car to pick up the group of us. It was a fun ride!

All of us received a handful of free passes to the Show, and some of us went back later in the week with family and friends to enjoy time walking the exhibits. Our local TV station AZTV once again covered the event too.

On Sunday evening, our shuttle drivers brought us all back to the Convention Center to reassemble our Corvettes for the ride home. Fortunately, there were no incidents gaining entry to our cars or reconnecting the batteries. Nearly everyone headed over to the nearest gas station to fill up for the drive home.

International Auto Show



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A good time was had and I want to extend a big
THANK YOU to everyone who
participated this year!
Thanks to Dick Hedahl for the photos



Hosts Thank You Party



Diana & Roc Campise, Dom & Susan Lovino

The CCA Host Appreciation party was held on December 11th at Organ Stop Pizza. It was hosted by the Campises and the Lovinos. There was a total of 52 hosts for 2025 and 40 of those members were able to attend. The group enjoyed salad and pizza and were entertained with holiday music from the pipe organ. There was also an ugly sweater contest where the 2 winners each received a gift card. Some of us even had ice cream for dessert! CCA wants to thank the members that put together an event in 2025 and hope even more members will consider hosting something in 2026. If you have never hosted an event and need assistance in how to get started, please reach out to our Activity Team. Charlotte, Diana and Nancy will be able to provide ideas (if you need one) or any assistance to put an event together.



Thank You



Hosts Thank You Party



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Thank You



Acapella Syndicate Christmas Show



Tom & Elly Palmer

Saturday, December 13th CCA was represented by half a dozen members (Palmers, Campises and Hughes) at the Acappella Syndicate Christmas Show. It was held at the Orangewood Presbyterian Church in north Phoenix on a simply beautiful afternoon, making the drive positively awesome. We dined at the Orchard Tavern, enjoying some excellent food and drink before the show. The restaurant is laid out with a couple cozy semi private rooms with sound deadening that made conversations really pleasant. Then we drove less than a mile to the facility. The church layout is a semi circle, giving all seats a good view of the singers and the action. Padded seats were provided. Acappella Syndicate rolled out an amazing number of holiday songs, everything from Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer to O Holy Night, all delivered in wonderful 4 part harmony. Their arrangement of the Twelve Days of Christmas? Priceless. Will we do this again? Absolutely.



CCA Christmas Party



Dean & Sandy Sample/Bruce & Bonnie Wyres

THE CCA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 14TH AT 2:00 PM. I WANT TO THANK BONNIE AND BRUCE WYRES; MY CO HOSTS; KEVIN FOR THE MUSIC, AND DENNIS AND EVA FOR TAKING PICTURES. A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUE FOR ALL OF HER HELP. THE FOOD AND DESSERT WAS GREAT.



YOUR HOSTS- SANDY AND DEAN



Your Hosts



CCA Christmas Party



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Christmas Party



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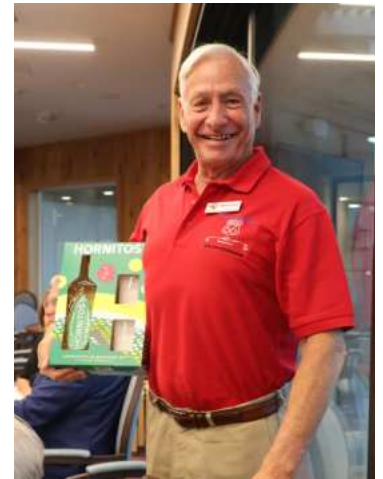


Christmas Party



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Gift Exchange!!



Christmas Party



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Member of the Year



Kevin Deihl

Every year, our CCA Member of the Year is announced. For 2025, the fabulous Kevin Deihl was the recipient! Kevin's extremely hard work as Membership Chairperson AND organizer of TWO fantastic car shows, in addition to other assistance he gives without hesitation, makes this a very well deserved recognition!

Congratulations, Kevin!!!



The award was presented to Kevin by our 2024 CCA Member of the Year, Dennis Hughes

Happy Birthday!



January

10 – Kathy Teixeira
12 – Randy Hubbard
18 – Lylla Alejandro
21 – Jess Alberts
22 – Barb Bassett
23 – Sharon White
26 – Beverly Freet
28 – Rick Peterson
30 – Patti Kerber

February

3 – Tom Palmer
6 – David Freet
9 – Judy Hoffman
9 – Oscar McSpadden
10 – Ron Brennan
13 – Roger Craig
18 – Joyce Ennis
20 – John Marsh
20 – Mike Mileskiewicz
21 – Joan Nieman
24 – Norma Lombardo
28 – Dean Sample





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2025

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**Many thanks to our
CCA 2025 Board of Directors
for your hard work and dedication!**

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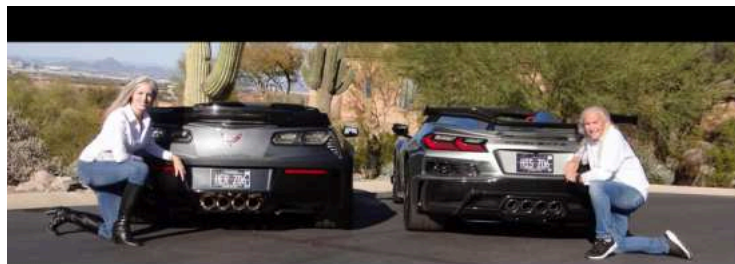
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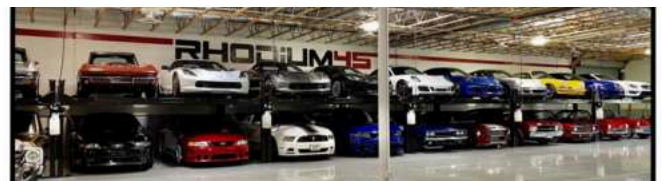
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