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Board of Directors

2026

*Please welcome our Corvette Club of Arizona
2026 Board Members!!*

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From the President



Dom Lovino

Hello Corvette Club of Arizona,

As I settle in as your president, it is hard to believe we are at the end of February already. The one message I have that I am adamant about is whatever business the board conducts is for the good of you, our members. We are building this year's calendar, and it is filling up with activities. I would like to see more drivers. Can we set a goal at 2 per month? I know many members have been in the club for more than a few years and have participated in many different drivers and activities. You must have a favorite memory or two from our drivers. Why not pull the driver off the shelf, dust it off and let's do it again. I guarantee it will be different and just as fun. Drivers don't need to be out of state, or multi-overnighters. Just a couple hours of driving, visiting a historic town, museum or place. We live in a beautiful state that has some of the best weather this time of year. Let's take advantage of it to drive our Corvettes. Think about hosting a driver and letting Charlotte know so we can get it on the calendar.

If you attended the last few membership meetings, parking at Floridino's is becoming a problem for us. The place has been great for us in terms of providing a banquet room and service is always excellent. It seems the other businesses are also picking up more customers, and the lot is mostly full by 5:00pm. I see our members getting there earlier each time to find close parking. Many are parking on the other side of the lot to find a spot. We are booked there through the end of 2026. Sad as I must say, we may need to find another venue. I am open to suggestions. There are a couple of things to consider, we may need to rent space (at low cost as possible, free would be nicer), parking needs to be more than adequate, and the establishment can provide food or there are restaurants close by.

We are looking for a venue for a fall car show. If you have driven through downtown Chandler, AJ Chandler Park looks drastically different and will not facilitate any car shows this year. We have some ideas that we are putting together. However, we haven't found the right location.

I want to finish with a positive note. Let's continue to build on our calendar to have fun, enjoy driving our Corvettes and continue building friendships. Hope to see as many of you all at our next meeting.

Dom



From the Activities Director

Charlotte Hughes

Our President, Dom Lovino, has shared that one of his goals for CCA during 2026 is to have FUN! One of the ways to do this is to have more drivers! As you think about the great days of the past where you had a wonderful drive, please let me know! How about a drive that you've always wanted to do? Let me know. Together we can make it happen.

In our club's governing documents, there are helpful pages about how to plan, lead, and conduct a driver. There are quite a few members who have extensive experience and stand ready to offer suggestions and advice if you have questions.

Our CCA website is kept up to date. Look at upcoming planned events and find a slot for one you'd like to lead or join. There are several long-time members who have files already written giving suggestions, routes, and guidance for drivers. Take your pick!

And, with some of your Corvette friends, go Big!

Plan a Magical Mystery Tour for CCA!

These are the drivers under consideration for the future. If you're interested in going, let me know and I'll let the member host of your interest.....Pima Air Museum, Boneyard, Sonoita overnighter with visits to vineyards, Bedillions in Casa Grande, Carefree Meal followed by a Distillery Visit.

Come Drive With Us!



From the Webmaster



Bob Bassett

In October, I accepted the challenge to take on the Webmaster position for 2026 from Eva Platten, who as you know, made the job look easy. Like a salmon swimming upstream, I eventually got there, but felt battered and bruised, and sometimes surprised by the joke electrons can pull on an unsuspecting victim. It is now mid-February, and I feel that I have a good mastery of the daily tasks but I am a long way from mastering the WYSIWYG program.

What I have accomplished, apart from finding my way, is removal of the exposure to Bots scraping our website for email addresses, etc., utilizing some different types of slideshows, and a minor tweaking of a lot of pages, attempting to add some more uniformity to the entire website.

One important thing I would like to convey is that as the website is continually being updated, it is important to clear your "Browsing Cache" so that your computer will go and get the newest pages, instead of just loading a previously stored copy of an old page.

To clear your Browsing Cache, open your browser.

- In Windows, look for the Ellipsis (three dots) in the upper right-hand corner. Click on it and scroll down to "Settings".
- Click on that and then click on "Clear Browsing Data" in the upper middle of the page.
- Scroll down and UNCHECK everything except "Cached Images and Files".
- Click "Clear Now" and your Browser will download all new files.
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- Click on that and then find Privacy and Security on the left,
- then click on Clear Data beside "Cookies and Site Data". Click on "Clear Data" to the right.
- UNCHECK everything except "Temporary cached files and pages". Click "Clear" and your Browser will download all new files.

In both cases, if you uncheck everything else, you will not lose any other data or cookies.

- For Safari on iPhone or iPad, To clear cache/cookies but keep your browsing history – Go to Settings → Safari. – Tap Advanced. – Tap Website Data. – Tap Remove All Website Data.

That's my big request. Have fun reviewing our website! While you are at it, drop me a note with any suggestions or requests you may have.

What is Founder's Day?



Susan Lovino

WHAT IS FOUNDER'S DAY?

Founder's Day celebrates the month that the Corvette Club of Arizona was founded in 1975. Although the exact date is unknown, we do know it was formed in the month of April.

This year for Founder's Day (our 51st year), the Campises and the Lovinos are hosting a lunch and boat ride at Lake Pleasant on Saturday, April 18th! The cost for each member will be \$10 each. Please have your money to Susan and your RSVP to Diana before March 25th. We will have lunch before the boat ride at Dillon's Bayou (which will be on your own dime). Parking at the marina is also \$10 unless you have a Veteran ID, then parking is free. Details to follow on the flyer.

Regarding the origins of Founder's Day, one of our former members, Bob Logan, did an exhaustive investigation back in 2021 and this is what he discovered:

Surprisingly our club had it's beginnings back East in Boston where a middle-aged Catholic priest named Father M.O. Shenanigan was having some difficulties with the direction of his life. One of his parishioners was a sweet, young lady with a '75 Red Vette Convertible. The father prayed for guidance...left the priesthood, married the lady and went on his first Driver to sunny Arizona where he and his bride started CCA in April of 1975. So, let's have a fabulous driver with lots of Shenanigans for our beloved founder!

Upcoming Activities



March	April
1- North Dakota Picnic/Car Show (Hedahl) 5- Tortilla Flats Driver 10am (Lovino) 5- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 12- Brunch/Game Day (Baumiller/Eberst) 13- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 14- Pancake Breakfast 9am (Hagan) 19- Board Meeting (Godina) 21- AAUW Spring Fling (Platten) 24- Vette Set Dinner Sage & Barrel (Palmer) 26- Casa Grande Mini-Driver (Platten)	2- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 16- Board Meeting (Lovino) 18- Laughlin Gambler's Classic Car Show 18- Founder's Day Lake Pleasant Cruise & Lunch (Campise & Lovino) 24- Vettes for Vets Car Cruise (Campise)
May	June
3- Gaslight Theatre Tucson (Lombardo & Campise) 7- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 15- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 21- Board Meeting (Deihl) 29-31 Williams/Grotto Cavern Driver (Campise)	4- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 12- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am No Board Meeting
July	August
2- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 16- Board Meeting (Smith)	6- Membership Meeting Floridino's 6pm dinner/7pm meeting 14- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 20- Board Meeting (TBD)
See flyers on the CCA Website for more information and details on how to register for all of the listed activities!!	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



Vette Set Dinner – Dragon Wok

Bob & Barb Bassett



Dragon Wok New Years Day Vette Set Dinner

Once again, the Bassetts hosted the first Vette Set Dinner of the year. Going out for a Chinese dinner on New Year's Day has been Bassett family tradition for years. Around 2012, Bob & Barb began inviting a few CCA Friends to join them, and it has since grown to a full-sized Vette Set Dinner event.

We hold this dinner annually to recognize our parents for all that they have done for us. They say good kids come from good parents, and Bob commented that all of the attendees had turned out great and must have had great parents!

This year, 36 CCA members attended to sample 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.

Here's wishing you all a Happy and Successful 2026! Bob & Barb



Chicks and Roosters Lunch



January



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



Roosters Hosted by Heinz Platten



Gilbert HS Drumline Show



Kevin Deihl & Mark Godina

Gilbert Drumline Car Show 2026: Milkshakes, Music, and Motorheads

Sunshine, chrome, and a whole lot of CCA spirit—Gilbert High School played host to another fantastic Drumline Benefit Car Show, and the Corvette Club of Arizona rolled in with 11 cars and 14 members ready to shine. Sure, we missed a couple of scheduled rides, but the squad still showed up strong, proving once again that CCA doesn't just attend events—we elevate them.

The organizers gave us prime parking real estate so we could mingle, admire each other's rides, and soak up the band-friendly vibes. Food trucks were out in full force, slinging coffee, breakfast, and everything from pizza to burgers out of a "prison bus" that looked like it escaped a culinary lockdown. Bonus points to Kevin for sweetening the morning with donuts—CCA runs on horsepower and glazed sugar!

Among the showstoppers: a Pink Camaro allegedly once owned by Nancy Sinatra (cue "These Cars Were Made for Cruisin'"), a Weed Wagon that had everyone doing double takes, and a 1930 Ford 4-Door Coupe whose owners went full vintage cosplay. Their period outfits were so on point, they snagged Best of Show—and probably a few selfies too.

After the chrome parade, we cruised to Zinburger in Downtown Gilbert for lunch and laughs. The food? Top-notch. The company? Even better. Larry Mairano made a bold move with a chocolate milkshake-as-lunch strategy, but alas, the shake won. Meanwhile, Mark Godina kept the fun rolling with a trivia showdown. David Freet and Gordon Stewart emerged victorious, each earning a 3D-printed F-Bomb—because nothing says "winner" like a tiny plastic explosive!

It was a day of music, motors, and memories. Big thanks to Mark and Kevin for hosting, and here's to next year's show—where the cars will be shinier, the trivia tougher, and maybe, just maybe, Larry will finish that milkshake.



Gilbert HS Drumline Show



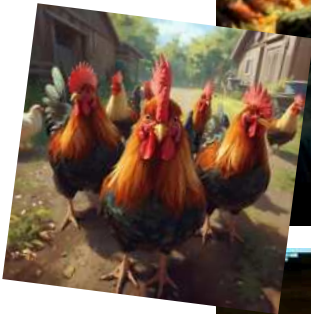
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Chicks and Roosters Lunch



February



Vette Set Dinner – Va Bene'



Ken Rock

On March 24th, 28 members of the CCA gathered at the Va Bene' restaurant in Chandler, Arizona for a Vette Set Dinner.

The evening started in the bar (as usual) with a majority of the group arriving early to take advantage of the restaurant's happy hour. We then gravitated into the private dining room and the festivities continued with everyone talking and enjoying each other's company. We all placed our orders for a homemade Italian delight.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and at the end of the evening we all parted ways and headed home with some members taking leftovers for lunch the following day!

Everyone had an enjoyable time and we're contemplating doing a Va Bene' II Vette Set Dinner next year!



Fairservis Garage Tour



John O'Boyle

Private Auto Collection Tour

Thirty+ club members enjoyed a tour of two private collections of modern American cars. The collections are housed in two adjacent buildings in Chandler. The collections were mostly muscle and high performance cars. Although for the foreign car fans there was a vintage VW and a BMW Isetta, remember the little car with the door being the front of the car?

The collection included everything from Camaros, Mustangs and Corvettes to Mo-Par and even some vintage and "late model" Cobras.

Among the 2 collections were four latter day Ford GT40 vehicles covering 2019 to 2021. Two of these were one off versions and the options and color scheme are now "locked" and only exist as one-off vehicles. Ford will not make any subsequent matching vehicles.

Besides these exclusive GT40s were several highly modified C8s including 2 Cunningham C8s. The modifications are too numerous to mention but the engineering and overall workmanship for these cars is excellent.

In one building part of the showroom was remodeled as an exact replication of a 1950's Texaco service station complete with display racks for lubricants, gas pumps, and even a service rack with a vintage (period correct) pick up on the rack for service on the steering rack.

The visit ended with lunch on the mezzanine/private bar of one of the buildings with a selection of sandwiches from Panera Bread complete with several dozen cookies.

CCA host John O & collection owner John L



Fairservis Garage Tour



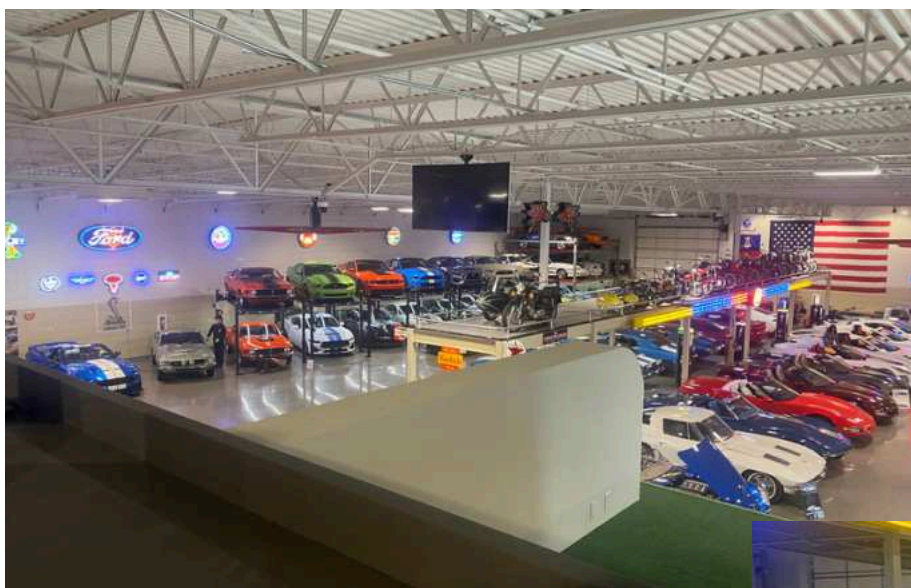
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Garage Tour



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Meet a Member



Barb Bassett

In 1977, Bob presented me with a 1975 yellow roadster and said, "Thanks for doing my laundry!" We concoured and raced the car until 1983 when, having 3 corvettes... chose to sell this 1975, "due to Pregnancy". I had won "Over-All-Men-and-Woman Racer" in the Corvette for 1979 – our organization - Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs – Western Region = Manitoba West. I missed it by 1/2 a point in 1978! The other cars were a 1960 yellow-on-black roadster, our first Corvette, with a blue printed, balanced and magnafluxed custom-built engine. The 3rd Corvette was a 1965 Nassau Blue on Blue roadster – 350 hsp – 327, which Bob had done a complete restoration.

50 years later – restoration started by a gal pal – Lani, in honor of her husband who passed. She found me because my name was written inside the fiberglass door, and when the door panel was removed, she found history! Lani sent me a text of the '75 on the trailer with doors, trunk and hood off. I was shocked and had tears, but was thankful it had been saved and would be well restored. The picture of the doors off on a trailer freaked me out! We were very pleased to know it was in the restoration process.

May 2025 – after 25 years in storage - Lani and her two boys are performing a beautiful restoration of my former 1975. The project will be completed by May 2026, and we will be invited to the unveiling.

2025 – I last raced and won overall woman racer in 2011 – (Our son Rob was the 2011 overall men's champion the same year. We received matching "Championship jackets!) Then, after 14 years, I raced with the CCCC this spring of 2025 and won first in my class – see the picture of my Atomic Orange roadster on Cashmere interior and top. When I turn it on, the dash reads: Happy 60th Birthday, Barbie!



Meet a Member



Barb Bassett

History of Bassett Corvettes:

1960 – 283 (Originally 230 hp) (Mike built a new 283, which is blue-printed, balanced, and magnafluxed. Yellow with white cove.

1965 – 327– 350 hp Nassau blue roadster – on blue - leather – woodgrain steering wheel

1975 – Coupe - L48 350ci 190 hp – Yellow

1978 – L48 350ci 190 hp- Indy Pace car – Black over silver

1985 –L98 5.7L – (230) hp red coupe

1988 – L98 5.7 L –(250) Arctic White on electric blue coup

1989 – L98 5.7L - (250) (Robbie and Mommy car then all Robbie's) Arctic White – on red – coup – signed my: Zora Arkus Duntov, Larry Shinoda, Reeves Callaway & Jim Ingle (Corvette Chief Engineer) Signed at Black Hill Meet in SD.

2003 – LS1 5.7L (346 ci) 350hp 50th Anniversary – Burgandy (Anniversary Red) roadster on slate

2007 – LS2 6L (364ci) – 400 hp – Atomic Orange – on Cashmere – current Corvette – when I turn it on, the read-out says, "Happy 60th Birthday, Barbie!

2014 –LT1 6.2L (376 ci) 460 hp – Crystal Red Metallic on Kalahari



Birthday Wishes!



March

7 Rich Hoffman
11 Mark Godina
20 Wendy Heileman
31 Dick Hedahl



April

18 Michelle Civalier
20 Jennifer Deihl
21 Sheryl Katz
22 Mary O'Connor



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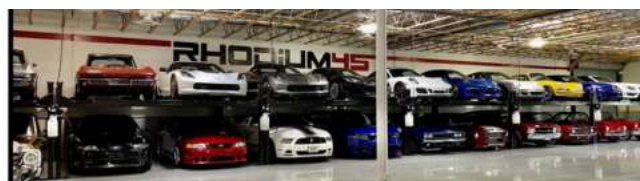
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