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From the President



Dom Lovino

Hello Corvette Club of Arizona,

It's hard to believe we have reached the end of April so soon. We have said goodbye to our snow friends and we are quickly moving to our hot summer months. Our calendar started out a little slow but picked up momentum the last couple of months. I see the summer month's activities are fewer. Summer is the perfect time to set up drivers to the high country. We have several activities that are scheduled for several overnight trips. I know these will be great drivers. I would also like to mention, day drivers can also be made to compliment these events. If you need help planning or putting an event together, please ask. We have many members who have put together a number of events. I know they would be happy to assist you or co-host with you. I don't expect everyone to attend every event. Make the ones you can and share your experiences with those that could not attend.

We are planning a Salute to Service – All American Car Show for November 8th at the Martin Auto Museum in Glendale. This show will be quite different from our traditional car shows of the past. As the title suggests, it will be open to any American made vehicle. We are still finalizing the contract, flyer and media promotions. We will communicate more information as it becomes available.

Finally, I would like briefly mention the proposed Legacy Membership to the by-laws. Recently, a mail chimp was sent out to the membership with the write up to be reviewed a minimum of two weeks prior to the next membership meeting. The board of directors recommends approval at our next membership meeting on May 7th. During the meeting, there will be time to review, ask questions, and discuss the change prior to taking the vote. A majority of the members in attendance is required to pass this change.

I look forward to seeing you at the May membership meeting.

Dom



New Members



Kevin Deihl

Welcome our newest members to CCA, Henry and Sue Walker!

Henry is originally from Pennsylvania and is retired from being a Medical Equipment Tech. He served as a pilot in the US Navy from 1959–1963 and has taught flying lessons.

Sue is originally from New Jersey and is retired from working in the retail industry. She enjoys a variety of crafts while Henry enjoys planes and computers in his spare time.

They currently own a White C5 and a Silver C4.

They discovered CCA through friends of friends of Rich and Judy Hoffman.
Please welcome them into CCA!

Welcome



Upcoming Activities



May	June
3- Gaslight Theatre Tucson (Lombardo & Campise) 7- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting 15- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am (Palmers) 21- Board Meeting (Deihl) 29-31 Williams/Grotto Cavern Driver (Campise)	4- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting <i>11-15 Monument Valley Driver (Platten)</i> 12- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am No Board Meeting
July	August
2- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting 10- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 16- Board Meeting (Smith) <i>17-19 New Mexico Wine Tasting Driver (Platten)</i>	6- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting 14- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 20- Board Meeting (TBD)
September	October
3- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting 11- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 17- Board Meeting (TBD)	1- Membership Meeting Floridino's 4:30pm social/6pm meeting 3-4 Wine Tour in Sonoita Driver (Platten) 9- Chicks & Roosters Stone & Barrel 11am 24- Progressive Dinner (Campise/Smith/ Henry/Palmer)
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 ***Save the Date

North Dakota Picnic/Car Show



Dick Hedahl

2026 North Dakota Picnic – Sunday, March 1st – Mesa Red Mountain Park



Tortilla Flat Driver



Dom & Susan Lovino

March 5 was a gorgeous day for one of our first drivers this year. We gathered for the driver's meeting, 17 members and 9 cars. Our goal was to have a nice leisurely drive to Tortilla Flat, lunch and homemade prickly pear gelato.

We drove the winding route AZ88 to our destination. The drive is not fast, since the speed limit is 45mph on the straights. The speed limit may be slower than a few of us would like to drive. However, It does not lack excitement. Traffic was rather light that day and there were few trucks, boats and campers on the road. The only oddity was a vehicle that must have miss judged the turn, because the abandoned vehicle's front end was planted square into the right side of the mountain and into the ditch before the road turned right behind mountain. We made it through the two one-lane bridges with hardly any waiting. We made the 21 mile drive in just 45 minutes and easily parked our vettes.

Lunch was at Tortilla Flat Saloon. You have probably been there. It is the place with all the dollars on the walls and ceiling. If you want to try to figure out how much money is in the building, just think 11 square feet equals 100 one-dollar bills. Hope you are good at math.

After lunch we checked out the rest of the block long town, from the merchandise shopping to the gelato parlor (our final stop before the drive back). By this time the Flat was abundant with tourists. Glad we picked a Thursday. We stopped for prickly pear gelato and to our surprise, no prickly pear gelato, all sold out. Perhaps we should have started with dessert than lunch. Maybe next time.

It was a great trip and everyone had fun.



Tortilla Flat Driver



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Brunch & Game Day



Anna Baumiller & Cis Eberst

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, Cis Eberst and Anna Baumiller hosted a game day at Anna Baumiller's home in Maricopa.

There were a total of 14 CCA members who gathered on a beautiful day to enjoy visiting with each other, sharing delicious food and learning some new games.

Cis brought her Pegs and Jokers. Anna taught a fun game called Swoop. Anna's friend Pam taught a fun game called Sevens.

We met at 11 and people started leaving about 3:30. The time was perfect to avoid the 347 Hwy traffic.

Thank you everyone for joining us and we look forward to hosting another game day next year.



Brunch & Game Day



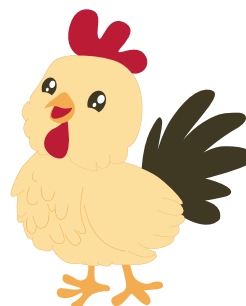
Anna Baumiller & Cis Eberst



Chicks and Roosters Lunch



March



Pancake Breakfast



Frank & Nancy Hagan

Another beautiful Arizona day for a CCA pancake breakfast number 30 plus. We had 40 people sign up but 10 had to miss it due to illness. Here's what was on the menu: scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, corn beef hash, fruit and breakfast sweets. Of course there was a bar manned by Diana Campise. The bar options were white wine, orange juice, pineapple juice, cranberry juice and champagne which can be turned into a Mimosa. We also offered bottled water and coffee too which went great with all foods.

It was a great day on the patio with umbrellas shading the many tables to keep the members comfortable while eating their breakfast. As most of you know we also had a large table providing the shade under the patio overhang.

We want to thank special volunteers for all the help. Dom Lovino and Kevin Deihi on the pancake grill, Diana at the bar and Nancy scrambling the eggs plus Frank cooking the corned beef hash. Susan Lovino checking in the members at the door and collecting the money. Thanks also to 20 plus members who brought a side dish to share for the breakfast. CCA'ers, you know who you were, Thank You! We couldn't have done another breakfast without the help that is always been offered.

Special thanks to Mark Godina for making a special trip to bring the Bloody Mary mix even while injured.



Pancake Breakfast



Frank & Nancy Hagan



Vette Set Dinner – Dragon Wok 20th



Howard & Sheryl Katz

In early March, Howard and I stopped by Dragon Wok for lunch and owner Lola asked us if we were bringing the Corvette Club to their restaurant to celebrate their 20th Anniversary the weekend of the March 20th. What? 20 years?!? Time sure flies by... it was a total surprise. We said we'd try.

On the way home, even though it was a very short turnaround time for the club, we decided we HAD to whip up an outing. CCA has patronized their restaurant for most of those years. At the beginning, the club used to go there for dinner

AFTER the meeting, which was held at Thorobred Chevrolet, and we usually almost filled the restaurant. Over time though, dining out after CCA meetings got to be too late for the club so we started planning separate club events like dinners, luncheons, New Years Day etc. because we love their food, service, and ambiance. They certainly enjoy having us dine there and would always stop by and chat.

Owners Sam and Lola know our club well and requested that we come celebrate on Friday, 3/20 – that would be the evening that they could accommodate the most. We were limited to 30 and the RSVPs poured in fast. We even had a wait list. As usual, at the last minute a few were unable to make it so we had a total of 27 members which included guests Henry and Sue Walker.

To our delight, special cheesecake desserts were served and Lola gave all the gals lovely rhinestone bracelets. On behalf of the club, Sheryl made a special presentation to our club's good friends Sam and Lola and gave them a card that everyone present signed.

So... when's CCA's next outing?!?



AAUW Spring Fling



Eva Platten

AAUW (American Association of Women) is a women's group that supports women and girls wishing to continue their education. Our efforts are to primarily provide scholarships for women attending college or workshops for girl's attending STEM workshops. This year, on March 21 st , our fundraiser was held in the Ballroom at the Cottonwood Country Club with a "Spring Fling" theme. It was a smashing success with excellent speakers from the Chandler area. Guests enjoyed several hearty appetizers, \$5 delicious cocktails, lovely music and fun auctions for wine and colorful baskets. And we made \$14,500, enough for 14 scholarships!



The Palmers and the Plattens having a fun time!



Lots of unique and interesting raffle baskets



Festive table settings and goody bags



Joe Lombardi entertained

The wine pull was very popular, tickets sold out in under an hour!



Two tables of silent auction baskets; shoppers had a field day!



Vette Set Dinner–Sage & Barrel

Tom & Elly Palmer



25 CCA members gathered for a Vette Set Dinner at the Sage and Barrel Craft Eatery in Queen Creek Tuesday March 24th. Tom and Elly Palmer hosted. It was a first time event at this restaurant. Making the arrangements was a piece of cake. We had a private dining room. The restaurant set the tables for groups of 5-6 allowing conversations to bubble all around. Sue and Henry Walker, prospective members, attended. They turned in their application to Kevin Deihl. From what we saw, they will be terrific new additions to our club.

A few ideas for future events were shared, adding to the club's possible events. When the rank and file were polled, everyone was in agreement the food and service were excellent and it was worth the trip. We had a great time.





Casa Grande Mini Driver & Lunch

Heinz & Eva Platten

Heinz and I wanted to introduce our members to two of Casa Grande's historical landmarks, the Neon Sign Park and BeDillons Cactus Garden.

On Thursday, March 26, 2026, 15 cars roared off from the McDonald's in Sun Lakes and headed off on a short jaunt to Casa Grande. Unfortunately, we hit some road construction and were delayed by 10 minutes to get to our first destination: the Casa Grande Neon Sign Park. There we were met by Marge Jantz of the Grande Central Station, a non-profit organization dedicated to preservation of the park. Marge, adorned in vintage fascinator hat and lace gloves, escorted us to the Casa Grande Event Hall. Marge had the extraordinary vision for a sign park and began collecting the signs in 2008. She was really thrilled to be able to speak to our group about the park, which opened in September 11, 2024. More information about the park and its signs can be found here: <https://www.neonsignpark.com/>

At the Casa Grande Event Hall,
with our speaker, Marge Jantz



Dom at the Dairy Queen one-of-a-kind oversized "Lips" sign, originally in Holbrook, AZ. It was saved from going to the landfill after a new DQ corporate branding campaign deemed it obsolete.



Specially crafted Burma Shave signs with winsome jingles about the Neon Sign Park.

Casa Grande Mini Driver & Lunch



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Next, we headed off to BeDillons Cactus Garden and Restaurant for lunch. BeDillons is an off-the-beaten-path gem and possibly, one of the best restaurants in Arizona. We had planned to eat outside on the patio in view of the garden which is filled with cacti of all shapes and sizes. However, because it was so hot, they decided to place us in their private dining room! After lunch, some of us proceed to grab some ice cream for dessert at a local café before heading home.



Horny Toad & Carefree Distillery



Sue Henry, Mark Dahlstrom & CeCe Davis



On April 1, a group of ten Corvettes headed north from Chandler to Cave Creek via Highway 101, enjoying great weather and scenic desert views along the way. The drive set an easygoing tone for a day focused on good company and shared enthusiasm for the road.

The first stop was The Horny Toad, a popular Cave Creek spot where everyone enjoyed a relaxed lunch and lively conversation. It was a great chance to catch up, share stories, and take in the local atmosphere.

From there, the group visited Carefree Spirit Distillery for a tasting of locally crafted vodkas and bourbons. The tastings offered a unique opportunity to explore regional spirits and discover several new favorites among the impressive selection of the distillery.

Overall, the drive to Cave Creek was a fun and enjoyable outing that combined a scenic drive with good food, local spirits, and great company – a reminder of what makes these club events so enjoyable.



Horny Toad & Carefree Distillery



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Horny Toad & Carefree Distillery



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Chicks and Roosters Lunch



April



Laughlin Car Show/Gamblers Classic



Heinz & Eva Platten/Doug Ray

The Gamblers Classic car show was hosted by the Bakersfield Corvette Club from April 16th to April 18th. This was a special year for them; it was the club's 25th anniversary and Route 66's 100th anniversary. The event is limited to 330 people, primarily because the venue, Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin, cannot accommodate a larger crowd in their ballroom. 207 Corvettes and 330 people from 36 clubs attended.

We had three cars register for the show: Heinz and Eva Platten in their 2025 C8 Gray E-Ray, Gordon Stewart and Onalie Minahan with their 2019 Elkhart Blue Grand Sport Convertible, and Doug Ray with his 2024 White Coupe. Doug's brother, Gary, joined us for the fun.

We all arrived on Thursday in Laughlin, taking separate routes from our respective homes. Heinz and Eva took the scenic route through Needles, CA, and Parker, AZ stopping to have lunch in Don's Cactus Bar in Salome, AZ, a historic dive bar that's frequented by bikers. Great food! Everyone else was delayed, due to an accident that shut down I-40.



View of the parking lot from Gordon's room.



Cheers! A bit of socialization before the event's dinner

Group photo at Davis Dam



Laughlin Car Show/Gamblers Classic



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Day of show, Ron Gliot & Tom Marks came by to say hello!



Photo op at the event's dinner



Under the arch near the Route 66 Museum in Kingman



Ready for dinner!



Long line of Corvettes waiting near the arch for their photo op.



Heinz receives and Award of Excellence for the C8 E-Ray



Souvenirs!!

Founder's Day at the Lake



Roc & Diana Campise/Dom & Susan Lovino

Saturday, April 18th, another great day for a driver. We met at the McDonald's in the Pavilions in Scottsdale. What a great turnout for Founder's Day; 26 Cars, 38 members and 4 guests were part of the driver. We originally had 51 sign up, but due to circumstances we had 9 dropped out.

The caravan was too big for 26 cars so we planned an easy route and two groups to limit traffic delays to help keep the groups together. Well, it didn't necessarily work very well. Lesson learned, know the Corvette you are following. It just may not be part of the group going to Lake Pleasant. So, the first group splintered at a stop light and made the lead three cars the smallest caravan of group 1 to get to Lake Pleasant. Luckily, the rest of the group figured it out quickly, stayed in contact with their radios and phones to make the right course corrections to get to Lake Pleasant.

We arrived with plenty of time to meet at Dillon's for lunch. The main parking lot was under resurfacing, so we ended up parking further than we would have liked to. There was shuttle service (oversized golf carts) to take us to the pier. Some didn't want to wait and decided to walk. The walk to the pier was flat through the parking lot and downhill to our destination.

Dillon's did a fantastic job seating us right away. Drinks and lunch orders were taken by the servers flying around our tables. Once again, we beat the crowds which were quickly filling the restaurant. It may have slowed some of the orders coming out, but we had plenty of time to socialize and get caught up with everyone. We usually have a traditional cake, but due to the size it would need to be, and trying to get it to this destination in one piece, we decided to try something different. We served mini Nothing Bundt Cakes. They were delicious and enough for some to have two. The dozen that remained were given to the service staff who happily accepted them.

After digesting lunch, we boarded the Phoenix for a 90-minute boat ride around the lake. Captain Matt narrated the facts and interests about the lake and wildlife. Many of our members sat in the open-air upper deck to enjoy the perfect breeze and the sights and sounds of the lake. Some chose to stay inside and close to the refreshments.

Let's just say some allergies may have played a part in this decision.

The boat ride ended and we tried to take a group photo. There was very limited space to do so. Everyone, except a few, decided to take the shuttle back to their vettes.

Another great Founder's Day was had by all who attended.

Founder's Day at the Lake



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Founder's Day



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Birthday Wishes!

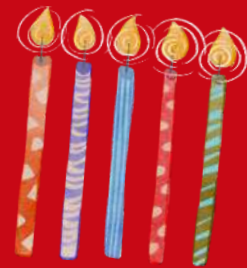


May

10 Mark Dahlstrom

11 Cis Eberst

27 David Friesz



June

1 Bonnie Wyres

8 Gerhardt Banjac

15 Dominick Lovino

20 Mary Rock

21 Carol Smith

21 Dan Civalier

27 Roc Campise

28 Charlotte Hughes

28 James LeRoy





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