

# CROSSTALK

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another ten or so opportunities for fun and camaraderie have come and gone in the last two months. What a great group of which to be a member. We have a great variety of cars, although it has been suggested that we change our name to the CCA-C7 club and yes there does seem to be some sort of C7 epidemic out there. The comment I get from new members and prospective members is they were drawn to our club by the friendly welcoming nature of the members and the activity level of the club. Keeping up activity levels as we head into warmer months is always a challenge, so we need to think outside the box. The club has a group of tenured members willing to help other members, new and old, develop ideas

for new events. If you are creative or suddenly have an idea pop in your head, develop it yourself, use another couple, the event group, or all of the above to plan an event. We have already lost some of our winter members and will lose more in the next few weeks. I hope all is well in your summer homes and look forward to your return.

Our return. Dave

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### HIGHWAY CLEANUP

CHAIRED BY THE SAMPLES

Sixteen club members (plus a few prospective, ala C9 or C10, members) came out to clean up our two mile stretch of HWY87 north of Hunt Hwy. Some of us started off with breakfast at Hoosiers before meeting up at McDonalds where we strapped on our bright yellow vests to go with our baby blue mega-strength cleanup bags. Didn't hear anyone jumping up and down that they found \$100 bill, but Garry did find a penny. The weather was warm but not too bad for late April. All-in-all a job well done by everyone.



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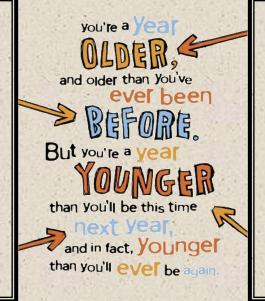
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#### UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### May

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#### <u>June</u>

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## **UPCOMING CCA EVENTS**

#### May

- 1 Eucher Night Davenport
- 2 Vette Set Dinner Grassel/Enriquez
- 7 Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm
- 9 Progressive Dinner Appetizer—Katz Dinner—Riffel Dessert—Hagan
  - 10 Mother's Day
- 15-18 San Diego Driver Mion/Katz
  - 21 Board Meeting Kerber 7:30p
  - 25 Memorial Day
  - 22 Euchre Night TBD
- 30 Pima Air Museum Driver Campise

#### June

- 4 Membership Meeting Floridino's 7pm
- 17 Corvette Museum & Assembly Plan Tour Katz/Swanson
  - 21 Father's Day

No Scheduled Board Meeting

26 - Euchre Night TBD

30 - Happy 62nd Birthday First Production Corvette

#### July

- 2 Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm
- 4 Independence Day
  - 16 Board Meeting Hitzel 7:30p
  - 24 Euchre Night TBD



#### August

- 6 Membership Meeting Thorobred 7pm
- No Scheduled Board Meeting
  - 28 Euchre Night TBD

# ROADRUNNER <u>EVENTS</u> CALENDAR 2015 Schedule of Upcoming Events

RR-426-001	Verde Valley Vettes	May 16, 2015	Peoples Choice Concours
RR-426-003	Verde Valley Vettes	May 25, 2015	Chance Rallye/Poker Rally
RR-587-001 thru 004	Phantom Corvette Club	July 18, 2015	Ken Daby Great Summer Escape
RR-587-005/006	Phantom Corvette Club	July 19, 2015	Ken Daby Great Summer Escape
RR-426-004 thru 007	Verde Valley Vettes	Oct 11, 2015	Monopoly/Poker Runs
RR-303-003	Desert Corvette Association	Oct 24, 2015	Peoples Choice Car Show
RR-328-006	Thunder Vette Set	Nov 7th, 2015	TVS Corvette Thunder/Peoples Choice Concours
RR-332-001	Corvette Club of Arizona	Nov 7th, 2015	Thorobred Thunder XVI/Peoples Choice
RR-587-007 thru 010	Phantom Corvette Club	Nov 14, 2015	Ken Daby Mission Trail

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#### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

I'm Stephen Navarro originally from Hawaii and spent a lot of time in the Pacific Northwest growing up. Graduated out of Washington State University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing in 1996. I also obtained my Masters of Healthcare Administration degree in 2013. I've spent 11+ years in the Active Duty U.S. Air Force and transferred to the US Public Health Service where I have been currently attached to the Indian Health Service for 10 years where I am the sole Health Professions recruiter for the whole SW Region.

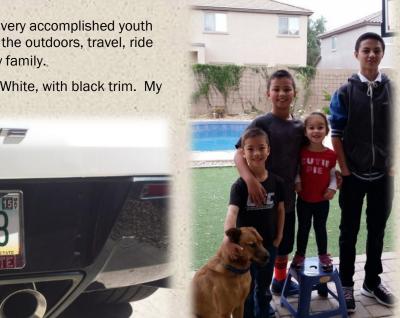
I have five children Sabrina, Ryan, Aaron, Avery, and Sommer. Although I have lived in the Phoenix area for 5 years, I have never really investigated the city and it's wonders. Now that I can carve out a little free time in my life, I'm able to participate in events and join wonderful groups like the CCA. I

am very active with my children and their activities. My 3 sons are very accomplished youth wrestlers. I'm a foodie and always up for new flavors of food, love the outdoors, travel, ride motorcycles, boat, going to the movies, and spending time with my family.

Currently I own my first and only 2014 Corvette Stingray Z51 Artic White, with black trim. My

license plate reads UCANDO8 - Which translates to (You Can Do It). I put this on my license to be an inspiration to my kids and anyone really. If I can reach my goals through hard work and effort, you can do it too! I look forward to getting to know and spending time with members of the CCA.





#### **CCA ONLINE**

FROM WEBMASTER JIM KERBER

We are well underway with the membership profile update project mentioned in the last issue of Crosstalk. The response and support from our members has been great, and new profiles should be posted on the Members Only section of the website around the time you receive this issue of Crosstalk. The breadth of the updates was such that we needed to revise the membership roster which is also posted on the Members Only section of the website. The updated roster will be posted at the same time as the updated profiles are posted.

We are also making changes to better protect member privacy. One of these changes will be posting event photos on the Members Only section rather than the Public section of the website. This change should take place in May.

Please remember, if you have any problems with the website, need changes to your logon information, or need changes to your member information please contact me.



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#### OSTRICH FESTIVAL PARADE

CHAIRED BY BILL RHODE

What a response! 23 cars and four trucks the largest CCA parade event ever. All drivers met at Thorobred for an orientation followed by the taping of the signs to the cars (accompanied by small round edibles provided by our sponsor). Everyone then proceeded out to AZ Ave, following that great little Corvair, to their assigned positions.. The parade went off without a hitch except for the de-staging, which will be addressed next

year.. Many then adjourned to Rosati's for lunch. Great day only one snafu as one driver locked himself out of his truck on AZ Ave... but I'll let G-Ray tell folks about that. Chamber of Commerce officials were most happy with our response to their changes and promised that next year they wil refrain from doing so at the last min. I hope everyone had a good experience... and Dean, no more princesses.





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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

HOSTED BY THE HEAVLINS & THE RHODES

'Twas a beautiful Arizona evening as CCA members turned out in force for the wearing o' the green. Appetizers & drinks (especially green Maggies) were served while guests had time to try their luck at Beer Pong, the Shamrock Toss and an updated version of last year's favorite 'In the Sack'.

Traditional Shepherd's Pie and Corned Beef & Cabbage were the main attractions for dinner along with side dishes that included potatoes (of course!) and Irish Soda Bread. While everyone was still seated at the tables, they voted for the best dressed fashionistas of the evening. Then we passed out the quiz for the evening called Forty Shades of Green, a fill-in-the-blanks list of all things . . . green (what else!?)

Lots of games, so lots of winners:

- Beer Pong Mike Mileskiewicz
- In the Sack Barb Bassett
- Shamrock Toss Patty Friesz, Joe Hitzel & Sharon Lund all tied - Sharon won the dice throw
- Forty Shades of Green Quiz Karen (& Garry) Mion
- Best Dressed Lassie Nancy Hagan
- Best Dressed Lad Jim Kerber
- Best Dressed Couple Jim & Patti Kerber







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#### DRIVE GRUB AND YUKS

HOSTED BY THE KATZES

On Saturday, March 21st, our posse donned our western duds and ventured off to the Mining Camp Restaurant in Apache Junction for a delicious family style dinner, and to see the McNasty Brothers show. After serious Renaissance Festival traffic warnings from ADOT and others, a few days before the event, the original "scenic drive" to Globe was scrapped, so we met and drove straight to the restaurant. It was an exciting turnout: 54 participants including our newest members John and Cathy Dunton, and two out of town relatives visiting Bill and Mary Ellen Hayden. Most caravanned to the Mining Camp while a few met up at the restaurant.





At the "Meet Up", we celebrated Bob McDougall's Birthday and two Anniversaries: Tom and Nancy Hill tied the knot the same day as Bob and Barb Bassett! After Carol unwrapped Bob's birthday 'lariat', we sang and ensured Bob blew his horn! Then CCA partners Gail Baldacchino and Bruce Mundy lassoed each couple with some hefty rope, to remind them of the day they tied the knot. We're glad they're still hitched!

Then it was time to 'head 'em up, move 'em out' for a scenic ride to the restaurant, located at the foot of the Superstition Mountains. After parking, we all moseyed up the hill to the restaurant. The dinner show was sold out -160 seats so it was a bit crowded. The food was deli-



and the jokes, yup... pretty corny but knee slappin' fun!

Esther Enriquez won the drawing and received a McNasty Brothers CD. Although a photo op was planned after the Show with the McNasty Brothers, it was too crowded so we all headed home. A good time was had by all, YEE-HA! For a glimpse of the event, check out the slideshow on the CCA website.

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#### VETTES & BOMBERS

CHAIRED BY BILL RHODE

Gathering at Tumbleweed park early on the morning of April 12, Ten Vettes and 5 Vairs made the extended quarter mile drive to Chandler Air Park where we were met by two more Vettes that just could not wait to get into the Hanger Cafe for breakfast. We displayed the cars in the area near the cafe and preceded to sign up for breakfast. The temp was great, with a slight breeze that blew most of the day as we sat around and chatted. Around noon I took those who expressed an interest out to the bomber for pictures with their cars. We packed up and were out of there by 2pm. A relaxed and good time was had by all.



#### VETTE SET DINNER

HOSTED BY THE CAMPISES





Dinning under the stars, sounds like the beginning of a romantic novel. It certainly seemed that way when the Fecks, McDougals, Riffels, Samples and Campises sat in the garden at "House of Tricks" restaurant in Tempe. The weather was perfect, the company was great and the gourmet food was at its' best.

Recently, the Tricks garden was recently listed as one of the top 10 restaurant gardens in Arizona by the Arizona Republic.

The restaurant is located on a side street in one of the old homes built somewhere between the 20's and 30's and partially hidden from the street providing a more relaxing and intimate atmosphere.

And guess what, you could actually talk to one another in a serene setting even with the number of guests attending. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and got to know one another a little bit better.

As the Four Seasons song says, "Oh, what a night, a very special time for us".



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#### **CORVETTES IN THE PARK 2015**

CHAIRED BY DAVE LOTT

Corvettes in the Park proved to be another successful event with our biggest spring show ever.

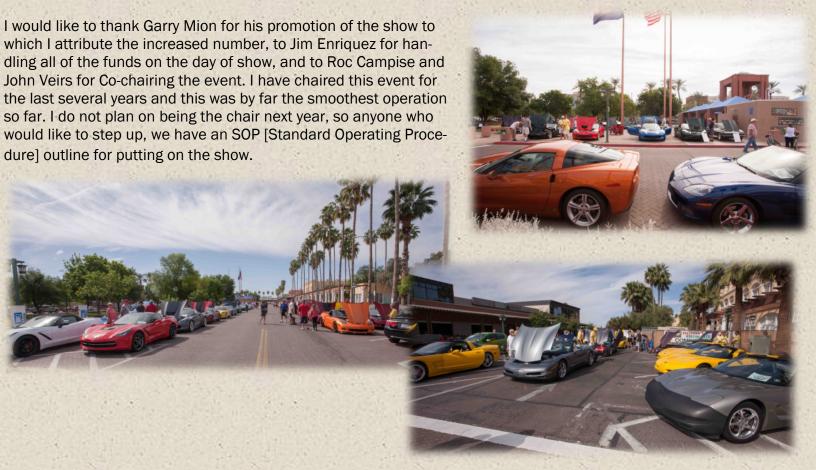
We had 102 registered entries and 100 cars on the field. I was amazed at the almost even number of C6's and C7's in the show, but I'm still a sucker for the C1-C2 cars which were also in attendance.





It is always nice to see old friends and make new ones. Many of the participants come every year. There were a lot of positive comments about this show and I heard no negatives. We raised enough from ticket sales and fifty-fifty sales to provide Packages from Home with a \$2000 donation.

We were forced to work with several issues in the show, i.e., cars parked overnight in the field and part of the field taken up by a construction area, but the parking staff managed to get all the vehicles parked in a logical order and probably could have gotten as many as ten more.



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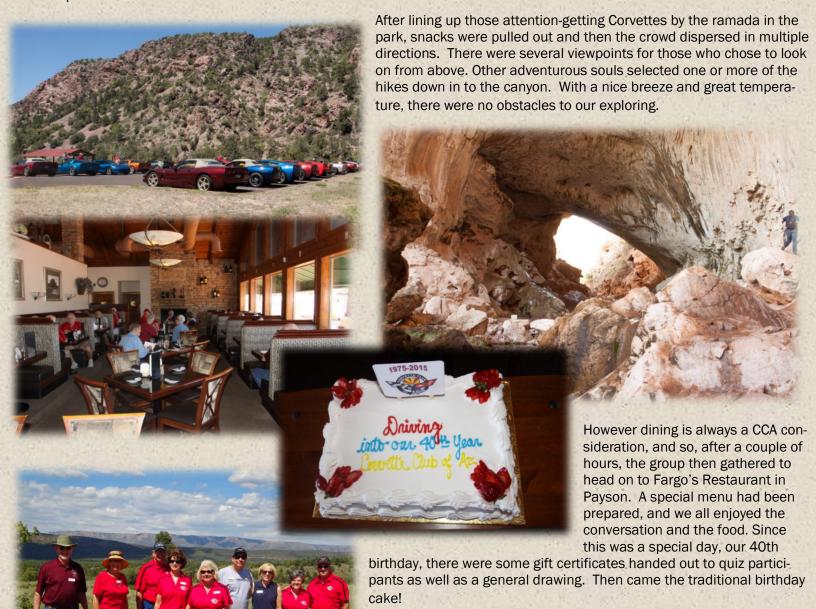
## FOUNDER'S DAY DRIVER

HOSTED BY THE LOTTS & THE FRIESZES

As CCA continues driving into its 40th year, 22 cars set out to celebrate the club's birthday. Heading in the direction of Payson, the group easily navigated through construction and then drove past town and on for another twelve miles to the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park.

Tucked away in a tiny valley surrounded by a forest of pine trees, Tonto Natural Bridge State Park has been in the making for thousands of years. It is believed to be the largest natural travertine bridge in the world. The bridge stands 183 feet high over a 400-foot long tunnel that measures 150 feet at its widest point.





When lunch was ended, several members of the club made an extra stop at the Shoofly Ruins, walking through the remains of a village that was created in around 1000 A.D. The stop provided us with an incredi-

ble view of the Mogollon Rim as a wrap-up to the day.

Check out the photoshow by going here.



#### MEMORIES FROM THE PAST 40 YEARS

ARTICLE BY ESTHER ENRIQUEZ

To honor CCA's 40th Anniversary year, memories and events from the past will be highlighted in each issue of the Crosstalk. This month, the highlights focus on a comparison of traditional activities, "Then and Now."

Progressive Dinner - In 1989, the event was produced with a Luau theme. The big surprise came at the Furbees home where the main course was being served. Guests were "greeted" (some appalled) with a whole, pit-roasted pig (head and all) sitting on the dining room table. By the end of the evening, members had shed their squeamish feelings and were taking souvenirs - ears, tail, etc. Perhaps the drink of the night - Blue Hawaiianshad something to do with this! Wonder how this will compare to this year's Progressive Dinner hosted by the Katzes, Riffels, and Hagans?



MMT - For many years, the MMT destination was announced in advance, and the "mystery" part of the event was reserved for the planned activities. 1990 was one of the first, true "Mystery Tours" since the location was not announced [turned out to be Cottonwood]. In 1993, another "Mystery" tour was held with the theme "Planes, Trains, and Automo-

biles." This MMT involved a visit to Falcon Field, a ride on the Verde Valley Railroad, and of course, a long drive through Payson to Cottonwood and Sedona. This was such a hit with most club members participat-

ing (49 - almost the entire membership) that the hosts suggested keeping the destination secret in the future. Some MMT destinations have included Tombstone, Sedona (with the Duhaimes as co-hosts), Pinetop/Lakeside (where some of the group arrived on Friday, and another group arrived Saturday morning), San Diego, Lake Havasu (hosted by the Duhaimes), Newport Beach (hosted by the Hagans) and the Grand Canyon. Hmmm, maybe it's time for the Duhaimes to host another MMT??? Since the Mundys have assured us that this year's destination will be a new adventure and not one that the club has previously visited, maybe we can begin narrowing down the options.

Dining Out Events - Today, the club hosts a variety of dining out options. We traditionally have at least one Club Dinner, dinners after meetings, and the Vette Set Dining Out Group. In the past, members were fond of "cruising" to dinner. One of the popular cruises included a drive to the local Sonic Drive In for dinner.

In addition, a popular event was the "Just for the Hell of it" parties where a member would call people mid-week and invite anyone who was available to come over "just for the hell of it" and a party or dinner ensued.



Pancake Breakfast - The Hagans have been hosting this traditional activity since 1988. That's a lot of pancakes Frank has flipped!



Speaking of Frank Hagan - he hasn't always been a Corvette owner exclusively. In 1989, he won an award at the World of Wheels Car Show with his '34 Ford Tudor Sedan (at left) in the Altered Street Sedan class. The '39 at right is the first full car Frank did (including paint) after moving to Arizona.



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#### LOLO'S RESTAURANT MINI-DRIVER

HOSTED BY THE MCDOUGALLS

On April 28th, ten CCA Members traveled to LoLo's Restaurant in downtown Gilbert to taste "Soul Food", that is better known as chicken & waffles fare.

This is a result of these members that had a "Vette Set" dinner together on April 4th at the House of Tricks restaurant (very nice place) that was organized by Roc and Diana Campise. During the course of the dinner conversation the topic of "chicken & waffles" came up and most attendees had not ever tasted this gourmet delight. Carol and I had been to LoLo's in Scottsdale twice before, and had experienced the food and fun there, and so we decided to organize a trip to LoLo's new restaurant in Gilbert so everyone at the Vette Set dinner could experience this food.

So... at 11:00 AM where we were treated to a 4 page menu with every variation of chicken & waffles available, with some other alternative menu items also. I think most of us all overate and the food was delicious. In short we had a fun time together, had great conversation, and the food was excellent. Sadly we didn't have room left for the desert items that were available to us, and by the way raspberry Kool Aid (served in mason jars) is the official drink of the house.

If other CCA Members are looking for a dining alternative we believe you should try LoLo's. Kids love the fun, lively atmosphere (so do golden oldies), and the menu prices are quite reasonable. It is located at 366 N. Gilbert Road which is downtown Gilbert.

The attached photo shows The CCA Members looking up from their large food plates! (left to right, front to back) & Denise Lott, Norm & Joyce Riffel, Roc & Diana Campise, Bob & Carol McDougall, and Dean & Sandy Sample.





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#### NCCC GOVERNOR'S REPORT





This is my second report representing the Corvette Club of Arizona as NCCC Governor. As in the past, being NCCC Governor is an interesting position.

The 2015 first quarter NCCC Roadrunner Region Governor's meeting was held Mar 14, 2015 at Corvette Arizona. The need for a regional secretary was discussed and this search is on-going. A new NCCC Roadrunner region logo was approved and a patch with the new logo will soon be available.

The new patches are projected at a price of \$5. Road Runner region will have some on hand for those who are interested so, let me know your re-





quirements and I will get you some.

Our CCA Corvettes in the Park was held April 11, 2015 in Downtown Chandler. We had a record breaking number of entries as 102 Corvettes showed up on a

very nice day. Kudos to Dave Lott and Rocco Campise for a well-organized event. Due to book entry errors with the NCCC Database the Sanction number for this event had to be changed to RR-332-002 (it had been RR-332-R01).

The date for Thorobred Thunder has been changed to Nov 7, 2015. This change was necessitated by the rule book to avoid conflict with the National Governor's meeting the weekend of Nov 14. Also, due to the aforementioned book entry errors in the NCCC data base the sanction number for Thorobred Thunder has been changed to RR-332-001 (was RR-332-R02).

Currently, Roadrunner Region has twenty-five Competition Events on the calendar comprised of twenty-thee sanctions. These and other events are detailed at the Roadrunner website. Click on 2015 Sanctioned Only Events Calendar under **EVENTS-ALL RRR.** 

#### LOOKING FOR MEMBER ARTICLES

BY GARRY MION

Everyone has a good story to tell about their Corvette (s). It could be about when you rode or purchased your first car and the experience that went with it. It could be about modification or enhancements you have made to your car and other members could benefit from how you did it or where it was done. It could be about where you have traveled with your car and would like share the experience. Whatever it is—it is something you are excited or passionate about and worth sharing with other members.

Writing an article is simple. You don't need to have any word processing skills, and you don't have to be the best speller or have a PHD in creative writing. If you can write an email—you can write an article. About the only technical skill you need would be to take digital photos—and that is only if you have pictures you would like to add to the article (they are a nice addition—and if you have trouble attaching them to an email I can help you out).

So how about it? Here are the latest dates by which I would need your article in order to make it into an upcoming newsletter.

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I look forward to reading your article and including it in a future newsletter!



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