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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JOHN RANDOLPH

December was a big month for the Arizona Chapter. On December 1st, the Chapter hosted its annual holiday brunch at Phoenix Country Club and over 30 members attended. It was a perfect day for driving with warm weather in the 70's and plenty of sun – more than enough to make our eastern chapters jealous. Those who attended enjoyed good friends, great food and a great start to the holiday season. A week later on December 7th, the Chapter held its annual holiday tech session at Corvette Performance. Garry Mion spoke on the issue of correct bolt plating and restoration, showing examples of a number of the parts he has re-plated for his 1960 Corvette. Garry also covered the subject of seat track restoration. Garry was followed by David Friesz who talked about the advantages of the modern fuel injection system he installed on his 62 Milano Maroon Corvette. The tech session was well attended and Garry and David's presentations well received.

A new board for 2014 was elected by acclamation. I remain as President, George Ray steps up to Vice President, taking over the position held by Garry Mion for many years. Garry Eastwood remains as secretary, Greg Medico as treasurer, John Marsh as technical adviser, George Ray as Webmaster and Garry Mion as Newsletter Editor. I would like to thank Garry Mion for all of the time, energy and contributions he has made over the years to the Chapter. It certainly would not have been the same without him and we look forward to his continued participation as our Newsletter Editor. In an effort to bring some new ideas to the Board, we have expanded our Board membership to include three directors at large. I would like to thank Doug Brown, Marilyn Lillard and Orren Volk for volunteering to fill these positions and look forward to working with them to improve our activities this year.

January seems like the busiest month for car enthusiasts in Arizona what with the various major auctions and events surrounding them. On Sunday, January 26th, 2014 our Chapter will have a drive and dine event hosted by David and Patty Friesz. The planned route will be through the east valley with a final destination of Phil's Filling Station Grill in Fountain Hills. We will have lunch a Phil's and then enjoy the other cars that congregate there every Sunday afternoon. It should be a great afternoon.

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On March 29th, 2014, the Chapter will have a pot-luck dinner at the home of Garry and Charlene Eastwood. For those of you who have not attended one of these, it is an event not to be missed and a great opportunity to get to know some of your other members a little better. We will have more information as we get closer to the event.

In April, we will again feature a drive and dine to an historic location in the Valley. More information will be forthcoming on this event as we decide upon a location for this event. Dale and Marilyn Lillard will host a spring barbecue at their home in May and we plan to finish our regular schedule in June with one last tech session before the summer.

Finally, I would like to urge those members who have not renewed their membership to do so soon. While most of our members have already renewed, there are a few of you that we have not heard from. Our treasurer, Greg Medico, needs to wrap up the renewal process so, if you have not yet renewed, then please send Greg your check in the amount of \$60.00 for both our chapter and national dues as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

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GET INVOLVED!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF TBD SESSIONS ON OUR CALENDAR, AND THE BOARD IS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS FOR CLUB EVENTS.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE CLUB IS LOOKING TO ALTERNATE BETWEEN TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA YOU THINK OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER (OVER ON THE LEFT) TO DISCUSS IT.

THE NEXT MOVE IS YOURS!

Write An Article!

IF YOU CAN SEND AN EMAIL, YOU CAN WRITE AN ARTICLE. WRITE AN EMAIL DESCRIBING YOUR STORY, ATTACH A FEW PICTURES IF YOU HAVE THEM, AND THEN SEND THEM TO ME AT GARRYSACC@GMAIL.COM.

Need ideas? How about these...

HAVE YOU FIXED YOUR CAR LATELY? TELL THE MEMBERS WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHAT STEPS YOU TOOK TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM?

HAVE YOU REPLACED SOMETHING ON YOUR CAR TO MAKE IT MORE ORIGINAL OR MAKE IT BETTER THAN ORIGINAL? TELL THE MEMBERS WHAT YOU DID, WHERE WAS THE WORK DONE, AND WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE JOB OR WOULD YOU DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.

HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY ABOUT YOUR CAR? TELL US HOW YOU GOT IT, WHAT IT TOOK TO GET IT, AND WHAT HAPPENED ONCE YOU GOT IT.

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity & Contact Information
January 4th	Corvettes & Caffeine Corvette Performance AZ Scottsdale, AZ Website
January 26th	Drive & Dine Hosted By Dave & Patty Friesz Fountain Hills, AZ Flyer coming soon
February 1st	Corvettes & Caffeine Corvette Performance AZ Scottsdale, AZ Website
February TBD	Winter Tech Session Hosted by TBD Please contact John Marsh with your idea
February 16th	Sweetheart All-Chevy Car Show Tempe, AZ Website
February 22nd	Chandler Classic Car and Hot Rod Show Chandler, AZ Flyer
February 23rd	Drive & Dine Hosted by Greg Medico Encantara Country Club Queen Creek, AZ
March 1st	Corvettes & Caffeine Corvette Performance AZ Scottsdale, AZ Website
March 29th	Chapter Pot Luck Hosted by Garry & Charlene Eastwood Scottsdale, AZ
March 29th	Corvettes In the Park All-Corvette Car Show Chandler, AZ
March/April TBD	Spring Tech Session Hosted by TBD Please contact John Marsh with your ideas
April 5th	Corvettes & Caffeine Corvette Performance AZ Scottsdale, AZ Website
April TBD	Drive & Dine Hosted by John Randolph
May 10th	Chapter BBQ Hosted by Jean and Greg Medico Mesa, AZ
June TBD	Summer Tech Session Hosted by TBD Please contact John Marsh with your idea
August 16	9th Annual Movie Night Hosted by Garry & Karen Mion Tempe, AZ
August 18-21	SACC National Convention Lancaster, PA
September TBD	Fall Tech Session Hosted by TBD Please contact John Marsh with your ideas
November 8th	Thorobred Thunder All-Chevy Car Show Chandler, AZ
December TBD	Holiday Weekend Tech Session TBD
December TBD	Holiday Weekend Brunch TBD

The above list of events is subject to change.

Club Members ,we have various Tech Sessions scheduled throughout the year, with one coming up quickly in February. We need topics and presenters to make these go.

If you have Ideas ,or if you did or had some work done on your solid axle Corvette and would share this with fellow club members let [me](#) know. John Marsh

GARAGE TOUR & AUTO MEMORABILIA

BY JOHN MARSH

A bright sunny day and mild temps made for a perfect Saturday C1 Drive for our October 5th Tech Session. The event was held at Larry and Cathy Maiorano's, who so graciously shared their lovely home with 19 attending club members.

The session started with a patio social and garage tour where we then convened for a short business meeting by President John Randolph. We then began the tech session with four presenters. Larry Maiorano covered the slight changes to his 57 Corvette to improve driver comfort and performance, by shortening the steering column and upgrading to a fresh 327 CID power plant. Larry also showed club members some body modifications done to his two classic Jaguars for better durability.



Charles (Chuck) Krause brought numerous Corvette parts to share with members. This included a quick steering adapter that he had installed on his '54 back in the day. He also brought broken engine parts from a late model Corvette. He explained to club members how this came about as a result of an unnoticed over heating condition. He brought the famous broken third arm support from his '54 and told how it happened right after turning into his drive after a fast freeway drive. This always gets the attention of new members!

Chuck is the proud owner of his '54, going on 48 years and said she never let him down,... but this was cutting it close!

Say, I wonder if that quick steer adapter that you removed some 30 years ago had anything to do with the broken support?

The next presenter was Joe Hitzel, who shared with club members his brand new Dewitts aluminum radiator right out of the unopened box. He ordered this radiator with black finish and had Dewitts attach his original radiator serial tag. A very nice unit!



John Marsh did a show and tell of the different configurations of an original verses reproduction C1 outside door handles, and how it could be wiser to have the originals re-chromed, if possible.



Next, Larry Maiorano gave us a tour of his library and his extensive collection of vintage racing Corvettes, Jaguars, and other auto memorabilia and art.

The session concluded with several members driving their C1's to San Tan Flats for lunch.



A good time was had by all.

HOLIDAY TECH SESSION

BY GARRY MION

Our holiday tech session is a good time to get the cars out of the garage and head down to Corvette Performance Arizona and spend some time talking about our favorite subject: Corvettes. This year we had a couple of topics, one around restoration and the other around modernization.

On the restoration side, I brought along a number of components that I recently had Cadmium plated at a local plating company. The components consisted of nuts and bolts, seat tracks, brackets, gas caps, and some other miscellaneous parts. The purposes of the presentation was to go over the overall restoration/plating process from cleaning and media blasting, to taking pictures and cataloging each piece. We also discussed some of the plating options, such as clear/brite zinc to cadmium. During the plating discussion, I went over the process to take apart and put back together solid axle seat tracks.



The second part of our tech session was presented by Dave Friesz, who brought out his '62 so that he could talk to us about what he went through to add tuned-port injection to his solid axle. Dave lead us through a discussion on all the various components involved and the process to put it all together. He then demonstrated the operation of the unit and the programming

to make it all work. We thank Dave for bringing out his car and for leading this discussion.



Before we concluded the session, we brought out Bruce Dickson, owner of Corvette Performance AZ, and presented him with our chapter banner from the 2012 National Convention. The banner is now proudly displayed in his store. Bruce does a lot to support our club, and we certainly appreciate all that he does for us.



HOLIDAY BRUNCH

BY GARRY MION

On December 8th, members of the Chapter got together for our annual Holiday Brunch at the Phoenix Country Club. John Randolph organized this event, and we certainly give him our thanks for doing so. The food was excellent and plentiful, and I think John also had a hand in the great weather. As you can see from the group picture at the bottom of the page, there were fifteen member couples



in attendance.

We all started out in the parking lot, which is typical when a number of members drove out in their Corvettes (old and new). But quickly we moved inside and then into our own banquet



room, where there was a nicely decorated tree to get us into the holiday spirit.

Everyone was able to relax, enjoy some coffee and tea, and spend time with each other before the food arrived. Of course, once that happened things got a little quiet as we all enjoyed a varied menu of fruit, cheeses, salad, breakfast items, and meats. If you walked away hungry, I'm not sure how that could have happened unless you fell asleep halfway through your first plate. After brunch came, of course, dessert.



When the eating was done, we all went outside for our group photo and enjoyed some time in the sunshine.

Thanks to all who attended the brunch for making it a very enjoyable event.



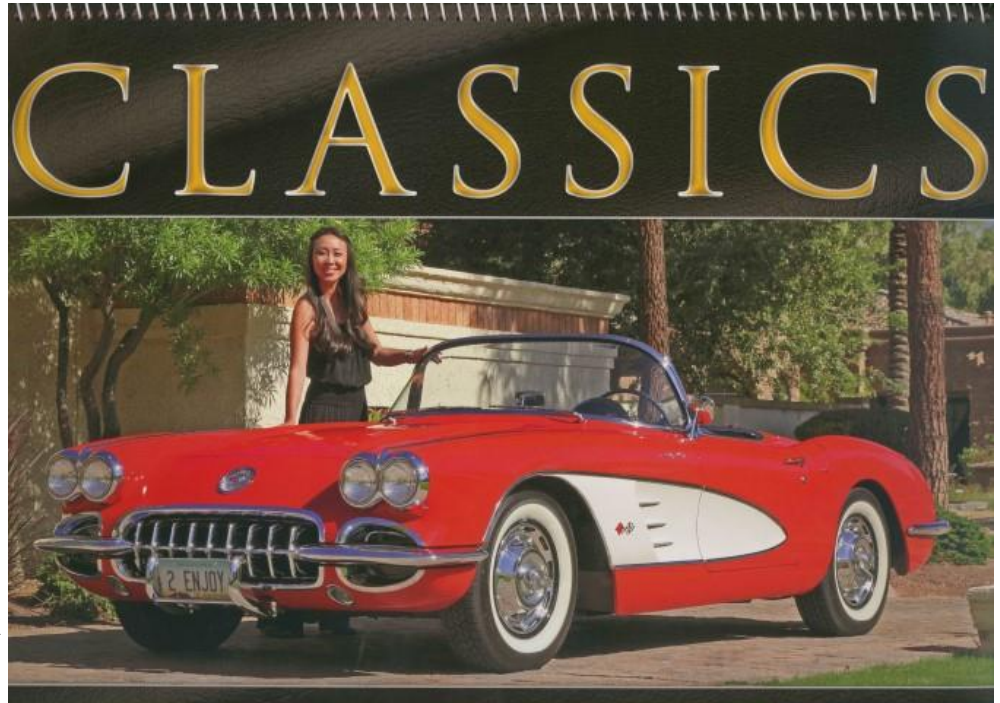
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS CAR?

BY GARRY MION

Next time you are in NAPA, ask for their Classics Auto Calendar, and you'll be treated to the cover photo of member John Marsh's beautiful '59. It is also seen as the car for July.

Story goes that John was at the Fulton Ranch cruise-in one evening when another car enthusiast gave him the number to a guy looking to take photos of classic cars. Low and behold, they set up a photo shoot and now you see the results.

The writer/photographer is Dan Lyons, and you can see his work on his [website](#).



SOLID AXLES AT THOROBRED THUNDER XIV

BY GARRY MION

On a beautiful day in early November, a number of Chapter members brought out their Solid Axles to Thorobred Thunder, an all-Chevy car show in Chandler. As you can see from the picture below, there was an entire road of these beautiful cars.

But not all of them came in one piece, or were even running. In this case, member Joe Hitzel, who is in the process of restoring



his '59, brought out both the rolling chassis and the body. It is not often that even owners, let alone spectators, get to see a Solid Axle in this state.

Looking forward, there are several car shows coming to the valley from January through May, including one Corvette-only show in late March and an all-Chevy show in mid-February. Check out [Cruisin' Arizona](#) for a full list. So keep the batteries charged, the gas tank filled, and the paint sparkling so you are ready for that next show.



TOOLS FOR YOUR GARAGE

BY JOHN MARSH

Hey Members, look at this "contraption" I purchased a few months ago.

It's called [EZcarlift™](#) and works great for detailing lower body panels and wheels .

This unit has a lifting height of 26 inches and a 4,400 lbs capacity using an 8 AMP corded electric hand drill and takes about two minutes to reach full height .

There are several manufactures producing these portable compact lifts, including [Harbor Freight](#).



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