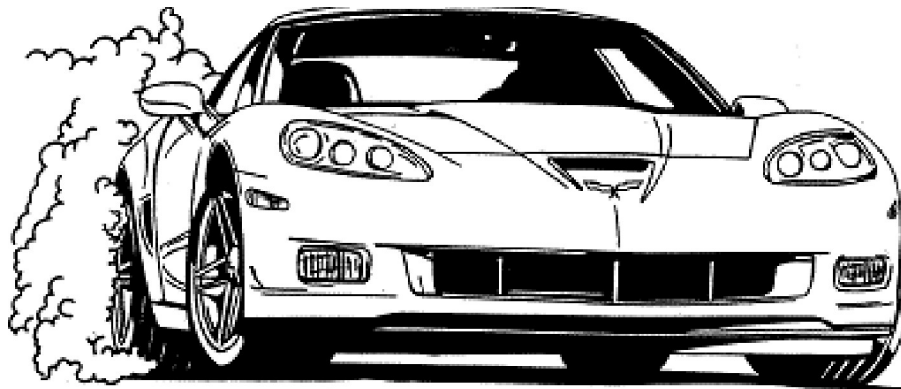


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Calendar of Events

- Apr 18th Central Iowa Corvettes
- April 28-30 Lake of the Ozarks Trip
- May 16th General Meeting – TBD
- May 27th - 29th Memorial Day Weekend Autocross, Ankeny

Officer Reports

From the President...

Back When It Was Simple.

I don't say this to offend anyone, but when you look at many of our club members, I think I can safely say that a number of us grew up in an era when we could work on our cars. My first experience with doing my own repair work was when I was sixteen years old and I had a problem develop where all it took was a small amount of pressure on the gas pedal, and my 1969 Chevrolet Impala went racing down the street, or through an intersection, with the pedal stuck to the floor. To say it was surprising was an understatement, especially when it happened once with a friend of mine in the passenger seat. A few of us had wedged him into the car as he had to use crutches and was in what I would call almost a body cast. It started on his upper chest and went below his knee on one leg, down to just above his knee on the other leg, and they had molded in what seemed like a dowel road to keep his legs from making any movements. How did he get this way, that is another story!

Now getting back to the car repairs, I have told you before that I grew up in the small town of Marquette, Iowa, with a population of about 500 at the time. We didn't have any repair shops like we do today, but we had two guys who pretty much worked out of their garages. When I told my dad about the problem, he got ahold of one of them, Chuck Feller. Later in the day, Chuck stopped at our house to see if he could diagnose the problem. It didn't take long for him to see that both of the motor mounts had broken. He told me there was a recall by Chevrolet where they installed cables to help keep the motor in place, but my car missed it. So, the question from my dad was to ask about how much it would cost to repair it. Chuck looked at me, then asked my dad if he had a bottle jack and some socket wrenches, which he did. With that knowledge, Chuck looked back at

me, told me which bolts to remove, and how to slightly jack up the engine to remove pressure from the old motor mounts, remove the broken mounts, and how to almost work it backward to install the new mounts. With my acknowledgment of understanding, Chuck said that we knew where to find him if something wasn't working out and he would stop back at the house. So there was my first car repair experience, and I didn't have any YouTube videos to help.

A few days ago, I was at Karl Chevrolet to see about having an ongoing problem with my rear hatch. For quite a while, it hadn't been working correctly, and would only pop up enough to hook a fingernail under it to start opening it. After not having it repaired after a few visits to the dealership, I tried to get any resolution to it again earlier this week and was told to stop by the collision center. I was able to do this Tuesday night, and I am almost embarrassed to say that after a tech looked at it this time, he went into the shop, got a can of spray lubricant, and put some in the latch mechanism. What I thought would be a multiple-day effort of taking the car apart and getting new parts from Chevrolet, turned out to be something so simple. I guess with a newer Corvette, I never consider doing work myself but should stop and think about this next time I have a car problem. It makes me think of the old joke that all you really need for repairs is spray lubricant, duct tape, and a hammer, but please keep most of those away from our car.

Now that the car is repaired, I hope all of us can get out more often and spend some time going down some of our scenic roadways with our club. I know I am looking forward to the upcoming trip to Lake of Ozarks later this month

Now on a more serious note, all of us should be aware from Club emails that our Newsletter Editor, Dave Howard was in a serious car crash. As I write this, he is improving, but he may have a long road of recovery ahead. With him being laid up, I have assembled everything that I could get for the April issue. If there is anything missing, we will do our best to make it up in future newsletters. For now, all that matters

is we continue to keep Dave in our thoughts and prayers.

Save the Wave!

Carrol McCracken, President

General Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order at 7:00PM on March 21, 2023 at La Rancherita restaurant. Board President Carrol McCracken was present and welcomed guests Mike Jansen who owns a 2007 C6 Convertible, Fred Cracas who owns a 70th Anniversary C8, and Troy Pearce who owns a 2013 427 Convertible. Carrol mentioned concern about bots that scour web pages for copyrighted material and cause lawsuits. He brought this to the attention of club members to ensure we are careful with the re-posting of copyrighted material. Secretary Dave McChesney reported that the General Meeting minutes are published in Sportsmate. Motion to approve minutes made by Dave Brown. Jeff Jackson seconded. Motion Passed. Treasurer Steve Rahn was present and reported beginning and ending monthly account balances. He reported redeeming a CD early to shed the low rate and got into a CD at a significantly higher rate which will generate a great deal more interest income. 4.75% versus .45%. A discussion of distribution of charity funds was had and a motion was made by Jim Lucas to approve the appropriations. Seconded by Dave Brown. The motion was passed. Vice President/Social Director Dave Brown reported the Speed into Spring event is leaving April 28th and will have a brief stop over in Lamoni at the American Legion. Final destination is Lake of the Ozarks. A block of rooms is reserved at a

resort. The Margaritaville Corvette show will be going on. Working on arranging other events and doing a picnic in June. Governor Gary Foster was present and asked for volunteers for a points audit committee. Arta, Jeanette Brown, and Nan Britton volunteered. The flyer is complete for the Ankeny memorial day weekend event. The insurance certificate has been requested. Registration methods have been carefully considered and it has been determined that we will allow registration through both MSR and in person/paper. There is an ongoing question of whether MSR is the best platform for mass use with other events. Competition Director Mark Cooper discussed work groups for the event and signing up for worker shifts. Steve Rahn reported on the condition of current timing equipment and outlined the opportunities with new equipment. He reported what the cost would be for new equipment. Jeff Jackson motioned to approve the purchase of new timing equipment. Emeal Miles seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Member at Large Jeff Jackson was present and conducted the 50/50 raffle. Dave Howard won the 50/50. Editor Dave Howard had nothing to report. Points Director Laurie McCracken was present and reported points are in order and just pending an audit from the established committee. Laurie noted that going forward in order to receive points for being present at a club event you must sign the waiver. Membership Director Mike Golightly reminded everyone to grab cards to hand out to perspective members. Social media director Pat Whalen was not present and had nothing to report.

New Business: none. Old Business: All was covered during board segments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jim Lucas, Seconded by Dave Brown. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Dave McChesney, Secretary

From The Governor

We are hoping for a good turnout for our "Flying Low in 2023" 21-event low-speed autocross next month at Ankeny Regional Airport. This race has become a CCI tradition for the Memorial Day weekend, and the Ankeny Airport and the Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum have proven to be welcoming hosts. Following several accidents with injuries at NCCC events throughout the country in the past, the National Executive Board has recognized that event safety is important, and instructed clubs to focus on improving our record of safety.

In 2021, I recognized, first-hand, that there were things we could do, and needed to do, to enhance the safety of CCI events. Frankly, as Club Governor, I wasn't sure I still wanted to manage a competition program, and I didn't know if the club wanted to continue the to host events. Prior to the 2022 season, I wanted to find out if there was still support for such a program. Knowing that the number of racers has dwindled in the past five years, I asked club members at a general meeting if they wanted CCI to continue to host competitive speed events. The response was a resounding, yes. Some said that was why they joined the club in the first place, and they didn't want to lose the program. If I was going to be involved, I was determined to do my best to put more effort into the planning of the competition program and focus more on safety of each course.

Although participants and workers should understand that competitive speed events have some inherent risks, we have made some safety improvements in an effort to ensure that every effort has been taken to minimize the risks and host an event that is as safe as we can make it. We have used a competition committee to brainstorm ways to provide a fun and competitive course that adheres to NCCC

rules. The 2023 committee is especially engaged and firmly believes we can accomplish our goals.

Some of the safety improvements we've made are as follows:

- Committee members have a printed copy of the NCCC Competition Rulebook so they know what the rules are.
- We are attempting to slow the cars down to a maximum of 50-60 mph on the course.
- We are mapping out the course ahead of time and using speed calculations to determine maximum speeds.
- We are keeping the path of competitors' cars further away from the edge of the pavement and any hazards that are present.
- When workers are on track, we are holding the next car at the starting line, so workers and cars are not on-course at the same time.

We explored many other possibilities that have proven to either not be feasible, just wouldn't work for us, or would cost too much. This year, we tried to find other sites to host our events where we could spread out a little bit, have a challenging course in a larger area, and significantly slow speeds down. In every one of those attempts, we were turned down by property owners.

We have also taken steps to attempt to improve the quality of our events. We have purchased the latest computer hardware, software, and timing equipment to keep our activities running smoothly and cut down on delays. We want to try and make a better worker system, where we rely more on competitors to help us manage the course during competitors' runs. We hope our new software will help with that. We are

limiting the number of non-Corvettes participating in our events. This is a Corvette Club event. While we are open to allowing others to participate, we don't want to lose sight of the fact that some of our NCCC competitors come from out of town to take part in our weekend. While we want to have a good turnout, our first priority is to be able to ensure NCCC members are allowed all of their runs, and enjoy all we have to offer.

I hope you will all consider joining us for "Flying Low 2023" Memorial Day Weekend at Ankeny Regional Airport. You may come to compete, work, or just be there as someone who loves Corvettes. I hope you will notice some of the efforts the Competition Committee has made to improve the safety of the event, while creating a challenging course. We would love to have you come check things out.

Gary

Gary Foster, Governor
Corvette Club of Iowa

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

Our April general meeting will be held at **Central Iowa Corvettes in Des Moines.**

Here are the details:

Central Iowa Corvettes

11955 NW 92nd Ct, Suite 9, Clive

Please bring your own chairs, food, and beverages. Gather to eat & socialize @ Here is a wrap-up of recently held events along with a description of events on the horizon:

None 6:00PM Meeting following @ approximately 7:00PM

See you on the 21st!



CCI Birthdays

William Applegate 04-01

Robert Johnson 04-02

Darren Brown 4-4

Alexander Vlach 04-05

James Verba 4-13

Joyce Applegate 4-19

Judy Wilson 4-26

Wayne Nikolish 04-29

Colin Cunningham 4-30

CCI Apparel. CCI apparel is available from Kris & Steve Howard's KSH Design Studio. Choose from t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and more. Custom embroidery services are now available from KSH as well! If you are new to CCI, want a piece of CCI apparel embroidered or just like to sport the latest designs, check with Kris or Steve.

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. This month we are welcoming Erik and Sherrie Christiansen who have a white 2010 Grand Sport and Alex Vlache who had a red 2002 Z06.

For Sale

For Sale

2020 C8 Stingray - Z51, Black with 3LT black interior, Dual Clutch Transmission, Magnetic Selective Ride Control, Performance Data Recorder, Transparent roof, Carbon flash wheels, Front lift, 11,000 miles.

Christine Ruggle
515-360-8992



2017 Corvette. Larry Mark's 2017 Corvette Grand Sport is for sale. The car is in excellent condition and currently lives in the Corvette Suite under a soft cover where the floors are heated so the tires don't get cold in the winter. It's a 2LT with 17,600 miles, 8-speed automatic with paddle shift, heads-up display, heated/cooled seats and finished in Blade Silver Metallic with Jet Black interior. Asking \$66,600. If interested, contact Timothy Mark at 713-826-9802 or timothy.mark@sbcglobal.net

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2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 2LT	
VIN:	1G1YY2D79H5116738
Stock:	[REDACTED]
Engine:	Color: Silver
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Technical	Interior
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*Keyless Entry	*A/C
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*Power Windows	*Leather Steering Wheel
*Cruise Control	*Rear Defrost
*Power Steering	*Driver Illuminated Vanity Mirror
*Locking/Limited Slip Differential	*Passenger Illuminated Visor Mirror
*EPA estimated fuel consumption: City: 15 mpg	*Mirror Memory
*EPA estimated fuel consumption: Highway: 26 mpg	Exterior
*Security System - Engine Immobilizer	*Intermittent Wipers
*Gasoline Fuel	*Power Mirror(s)
*Transmission w/Dual Shift Mode	*Heated Mirrors
*Fuel Capacity: 19 gal.	*Aluminum Wheels
Safety	*Tires - Front Performance
*Driver Air Bag	*Tires - Rear Performance
*Passenger Air Bag	*HID headlights
*Passenger Air Bag Sensor	Electronics
*Front Side Air Bag	*Keyless Start
*ABS	*Back-Up Camera
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*Traction Control	*Premium Sound System
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*Daytime Running Lights	*Navigation from Telematics
Interior	*Navigation System
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