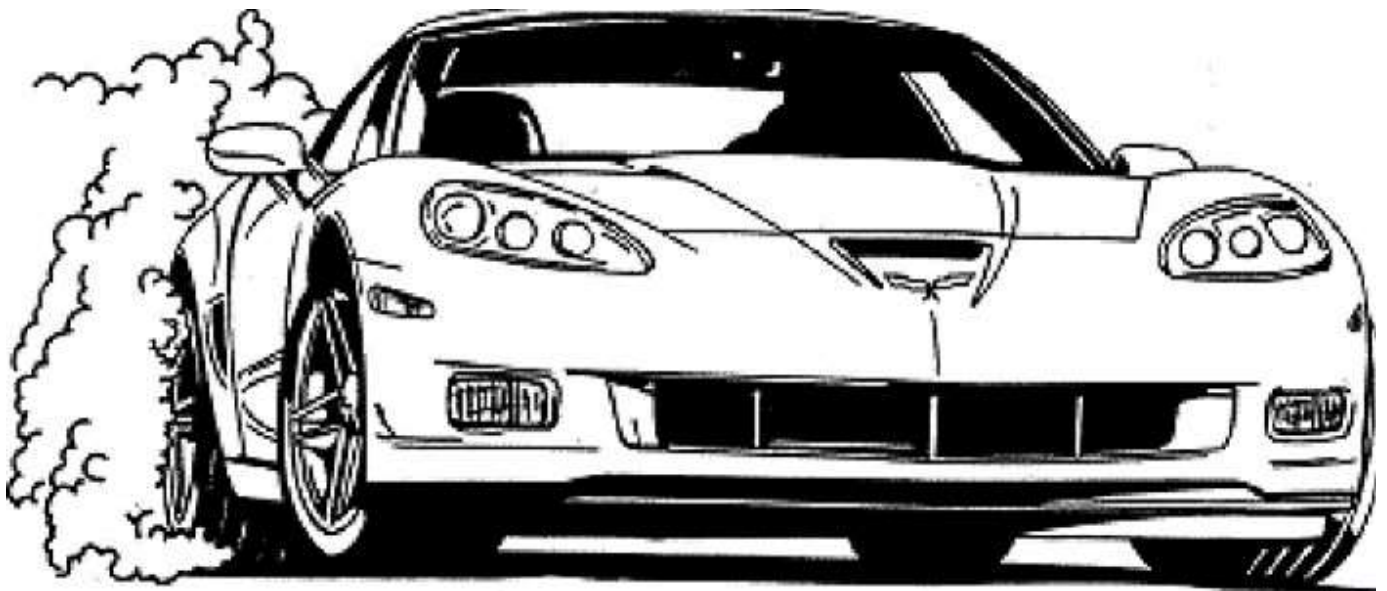


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**General Meeting**  
**July 18th**  
**Food Depot, Grimes**



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## Calendar of Events

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** CCI - Prairie Meadows Car Show

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** General Meeting - Food Depot, Grimes

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>** CCI - Mystery Cruise

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** General Meeting – TBD



## Officer Reports

### From the President ...

Hello, Corvette Club of Iowa members,

July will be a busy month and it will go by quickly. As I write this, it is already July 13. My dad always said that after the 4th of July, snow would be here before we knew it. Car shows and events around the state and Midwest have been going on for a couple of months. If you have a free day or evening and want to do something car related, there is a great resource in Rick's List (<http://www.rickslist.info/>).

I did what I consider an improvement to my Corvette a few weeks ago, and while I had heard it before from others, I guess I just wasn't ready until just recently to make a change to the brakes. To push me into this change, I had a brake squeal show up on the left side of the car. Besides the squeal, I had been getting really tired of all of the work and embarrassment that comes from all of the brake dust from the factory pads. I had done a ceramic treatment to the wheels, but while easier to clean, the wheels still looked bad after driving the car for a while. So with the combined squeal and brake dust, I decided it was time for some new brake pads. After some consultation with our resident Corvette repair expert, Dave McChesney, I bought some Hawk Performance Ceramic pads and as soon as I got them, I had the car jacked up in the driveway making the swap. I haven't tried too many hard stops to see if the stopping power is as improved as they claim it should, they are quiet and there is much less brake dust. And no, unfortunately, I am not making any money off of this praise. I wish I had made this change years ago on all of our Corvettes and encourage you to do the same if you hate cleaning wheels as much as I do.

Now if I could just get a recommendation from someone on a product that would keep the Corvette exhaust tips from carbon building up, or at least a product that makes them much easier to clean!

And for some club news; the Competition Committee is planning a smaller autocross on September 23 and 24, using part of the Merle Hay Mall parking lot. Come run your cars, spectate, or even better, volunteer to help with the racing. Besides our dues, this is the main way our club makes its money for charities and our equipment. I know that a new one-day trip has been posted on Motorsports Reg for August 5. I hope anyone who has some free time can join us. For events that the club may be able to do, please drop an email or call our Vice President, Dave Brown with your ideas. It could be a multi-day event, or even a short run around central Iowa to get some food, a treat, or a beverage. We don't and shouldn't have to rely on just one or two people in the club to set up and run an event.

I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

Save the Wave!

*Carrol McCracken*, President



## General Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order at 7:01 PM on June 20, 2023 at The Food Depot in Grimes.

**President** Carroll McCracken was present and commented about halfway through the year so there are some needs to look at for the club. Dues review has to be done for the August meeting. Nominating committee needs to get together as well. Governor is a position that is for sure going to be open, as Gary Foster has graciously stuck around but he is done for sure now.

**Secretary** Dave McChesney reported minutes have been submitted but Sportsmate did not get finalized yet so we had to table that for a vote for next meeting.

**Treasurer** Steve Rahn was not present, however Carrol submitted the report. Bank balances reported as well as receipts and expenses from the Ankeny race event. Given the amount of money brought in, the question was presented on what to do regarding money to give to the Aviation Museum. Tom Treska moved to donate \$500 to the aviation museum. Wayne Nikolish seconded. Motion passed.

**Vice President/Social Director** Dave Brown was not present and had no report.

**Governor** Gary Foster was

present and commented on the autocross held at Ankeny Airport. He felt that the race went well and the Competition Committee did a great job putting on the event. Awards from last year's points were given out. Daniel Forrett was awarded Rookie of the Year. Christine Ruggle was awarded the Women's Speed Award. Mark Cooper was awarded the Men's Speed Award. Top Overall Man went to Mark Cooper as well. Top Overall Woman was awarded to Janelle Ohmstead. Don Hoskins Award for woman was awarded to Laurie McCracken. Don Hoskins Award for men went to Carrol McCracken. **Competition Director** Mark Cooper thanked all the people that contributed to the success of the Ankeny event. A debrief gathering was held and some of the takeaways were to get away from Memorial Day and go to a 2 day event in the future. 2nd event coming up in September at Merle Hay Mall. 2 day event there. More will come on that event. Some ideas have been presented to continue to improve the experience and equipment to make events go as well as possible. Volunteers and participation are key to the whole thing.

**Member at Large** Jeff Jackson was present and apologized for the short notice venue change as his calls were not returned from the previous planned location. Car show is coming up at Prairie Meadows with designated 35 car spaces at Prairie Meadows for CCI club members. \$34 going to the winner of the 50/50. Paul Wyman won the 50/50.

**Editor** Nichole Parnell apologized for the delay in Sportsmate. She wanted to get all the reports in before publishing. **Points** Director Laurie McCracken was present and directed people to the members only section of the website to see how points are accumulated and how that all works. **Membership Director** Mike Golightly reported 136 active members of the club. **Social media director** Pat Whalen was not present and no report was submitted.

**Old Business:** Dave Howard is home now, and happy to see visitors at the house. Gary Foster asked for a vote from the membership to reimburse him for trophy. Dave McChesney motioned, seconded by Paul Wyman. Motion passed.

**New Business:** None

**Buy/sell.** Tom Treska has a set of Ansen Sprint wheels he would like to sell. Jim Lucas is having some decals made for valve covers, if anyone is interested in getting some for themselves. Motion to adjourn Wayne Nikolish, seconded by Jim Lucas. Adjourned at 7:33.

*Dave McChesney, Secretary*



## In Lieu of the Governor's Report...

Here is an article from the GM Newsroom with some fun history. [Acknowledging the article is 10 years old now](https://news.gm.com/newsroom.detail.html/Pages/news/us/en/2013/Jun/0628-corvette-60.html), however, I found the facts to be of interest.

<https://news.gm.com/newsroom.detail.html/Pages/news/us/en/2013/Jun/0628-corvette-60.html>

### Iconic Corvette Began ~~60~~ Years Ago

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** – Chevrolet today marked its 60th anniversary of the Corvette, an iconic American sports car. The first Corvette went into production in Flint, Mich. on June 30, 1953. Since then, Corvette has become an American icon that continues to offer the best in today's technology and performance.

"During the past six decades, the Corvette has been woven into the fabric of American culture, as the sports car of choice for movie stars, musicians and astronauts," said Chris Perry, vice president, Chevrolet Marketing. "The very best Corvettes represent the state-of-the-art for their eras in terms of design, technology and performance."

#### Here are some key facts highlighting 60 years of Corvette history:

- Corvette is the world's longest-running, continuously produced passenger car. The longest-running vehicle of any type is the Chevrolet Suburban.
- Corvette made its debut as a concept vehicle at the General Motors Autorama in New York City on Jan. 17, 1953. It was such a success that a limited run of 300 production Corvettes began on June 30 of that year.
- All 1953 models were Polo White with a red interior and they were priced at \$3,498. In 2006, the third 1953 Corvette produced sold for a record \$1.06 million at auction.
- Corvette was exclusively available with an inline six-cylinder engine until 1955. That year, the optional V-8 engine was ordered by 90 percent of buyers. The six-cylinder was dropped in 1956. Corvette has been available exclusively with V-8 power since.
- Corvette was produced only as a convertible for its first 10 years. The fixed-roof 1963 "split-window" Corvette Sting Ray coupe launched the second-generation Corvette. Sales doubled and it became a year-round car for drivers in colder climates.
- Approximately 1.56 million Corvettes have been produced since June 30, 1953. The 500,000th Corvette was built in 1977; the 1 millionth was built in 1992, and the 1.5 millionth Corvette rolled off the line in 2009.
- Corvettes have been produced at three facilities: Flint, Mich. (1953); St. Louis, Mo., (1954-1981); and Bowling Green, Ky. (1981-2014). The change from St. Louis to Bowling Green happened during the production year. The first 1981 Corvette was built in St. Louis, and the last 1981 Corvette was built in Bowling Green.
- No 1983 Corvettes were sold to the public. The model year was skipped in preparation for the all-new 1984 Corvette, which launched the C4 generation. Forty-four Corvette prototypes were built as 1983 models. Only one remains, and it is on display at the National Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green, Ky.

#### About Chevrolet

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, available in nearly 80 countries with nearly 2.7 million cars and trucks sold in 2021. Chevrolet models include electric and fuel-efficient vehicles that feature engaging performance, design that makes the heart beat, passive and active safety features and easy-to-use technology, all at a value. More information on Chevrolet models can be found

at [www.chevrolet.com](http://www.chevrolet.com).



## CCI Odds and Ends

### General Meeting Details

Our July general meeting will be held at the Food Depot in Grimes again

**Food Depot**

3000 SE Grimes Blvd Suite 200, Grimes, IA 50111

Meet at 6:00 PM for dinner, meeting to follow at approximately 7:00 PM

## Member News

**New Members:** Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family.

- ◆ **Nick & Mary Franck:** Live in West Des Moines and drive a Silver 2015 Z06 Convertible
- ◆ **Kerry Mohrfeld**

## 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.



## July Birthdays:

- 7/8 Chance Korte
- 7/13 Gabe Korte
- 7/13 Jan Jordon
- 7/14 Dino Rodish
- 7/17 Robin Dunn
- 7/21 Mary Pepper
- 7/22 David McChesney



### Member News

**Ken Wilson Celebration of Life:** Ken Willson and his wife's Celebration of Lives will be Sunday, July 30 from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Nature Center at Jester Park. The family would love members to attend and join them in reminiscing about their loved ones. If the weather cooperates, they would like to have lots of Corvettes in the parking lot.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/kenneth-wilson-11171404>

#### OBITUARY

## *Kenneth Lowell Wilson Jr.*

OCTOBER 9, 1938 - FEBRUARY 23, 2023







## CCI Odds and Ends

### How to Register for Events on MotorSportReg.com

Below are steps on how to register for future events

1. Club events are listed under the Activities tab, on the main website page, in either the Social Events or Competition page. Go to the Social Events or Competition page and use the link, for the event, to start the registration process. [Competition | Corvette Club of Iowa](#)
2. This will take you to the event on MSR
3. Click "Register Now"
4. MSR will ask you to sign into your account. Your user name is your email address on file with the Club. If you don't know your password or have never set one you can request a password reset. If you have a problem in resetting your password let Pat Whalen know and he can reset it. MSR will send you a email on the reset.
5. When logged into your account you will see your name with "register now" on the right. Click on register now.
6. You are now in the event to register. Click the check box you will attend, accept the terms, then proceed to check out.
7. If applicable, pay event fees
8. You are done, come have fun!

The screenshot shows the MotorSportReg.com interface. At the top, it says "HAGERTY | MotorsportReg" with links for "Find Events" and "Plan Events". Below that are navigation tabs for "Dashboard", "My Account", and "Billing". The main content area features the "Corvette Club of Iowa" logo and name, along with their website URL, location in Cummings, IA, and an option to add the organization to the user's account. There are tabs for "Upcoming Events" and "Recent Events". The event being viewed is "2023 Corvette Club of Iowa Membership", scheduled for "Sat, Oct 1 - Fri, Sep 1". The event details include the organization name "Corvette Club of Iowa" and its location "Corvette Club of Iowa, Nevada, IA".



## CCI Odds and Ends

# Mystery Cruise



Sat, Aug 5, 2023



Corvette Club of Iowa  
Des Moines, IA

## About this event

Welcome to the CCI Mystery Cruise in central Iowa.

This is a member-only cruise and will be a day trip. The mystery cruise will involve lunch as a first stop, and a mystery place of interest as our second stop. Our scheduled third stop will be ICE CREAM, unless we need fuel or restroom stops. **For each person attending, you will NEED to bring \$5.00 cash** and enough cash or plastic to pay for your own lunch.

Any questions contact Laurie McCracken at [laurieannemccracken@gmail.com](mailto:laurieannemccracken@gmail.com)

**MEETING TIME WILL BE 10:00 A.M., AT THE KUM & GO LOCATED AT I-35 & HWY 210 (NEAR HUXLEY, IOWA)**

## Event requirements

You must pre-register so we can ensure we have enough space for lunch.

Register on [MotorsportsReg.com](https://MotorsportsReg.com)

<http://msreg.com/Mystery-Cruise>



## July Car Show Opportunities

### Non-CCI Hosted Events

If you are looking for additional events check out <http://www.rickslist.info/home.html> also located on the CCI Resources tab <https://www.corvetteclubofiowa.com/resources/>

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### Buy & Sell

**Tires For Sale:** Pat has a set of almost new (maybe 300 miles) Bridgestone Potenza s007aRFT tires. They have been stored in the basement. They will fit C7 Z06 and GrandSport models. The tires are a great replacement for OEM Michelins. No excessive road noise, longer wear rating than the Michelins, they are run-flats, and an all around great tire.

Asking \$1,475 Contact Pat at 515-229-9313

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