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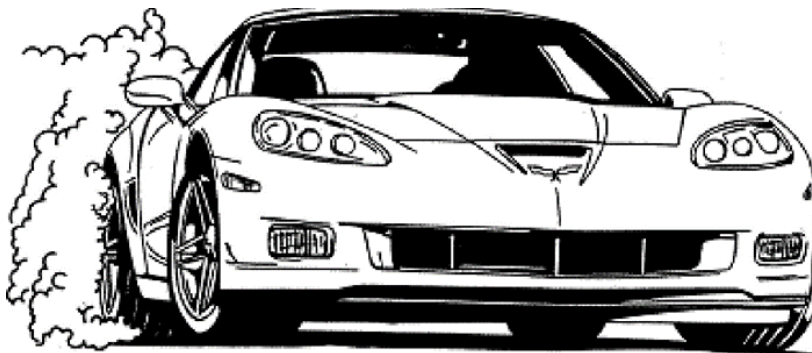
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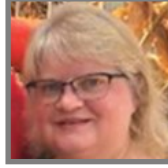
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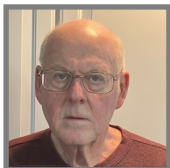
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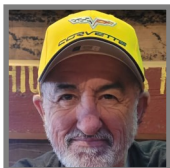
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Calendar of Events

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| April 16 | General Club Meeting—Bianchi's Hiltop-Des Moines |
| April 21-22 | Driving Event—Ozarks International Raceway |
| May 11 | Cyclone Corvette Cruise—Grinnell |
| May 13-19 | NCCC National Convention—Joplin, MO |
| May 21 | General Club Meeting—TBD |

News from the Board

Looking for Volunteers for helping to plan a picnic for the Club. If you are interested please reach out to Dave Brown at thunderbird63@gmail.com

Updated Info Needed for our records. If you have moved or have not been receiving our emails we likely do not have your new information. Please send Nan Brittain your updated information at brittain4870@msn.com

Want to receive Blue Bars Electronically? If you want to get the quarterly publication 'Blue Bars' in your inbox instead of in the mail, please contact Nan Brittain at brittain4870@msn.com

Congratulations to our 2023 Point Winners

Pictures of awards on page 10

- **Overall Participant Award**— Christine Ruggle & Mark Cooper
- **Don Hoskins Award**— Laurie McCracken & Carrol McCracken
- **Funkhana, Rally, Concours Award**—none
- **Speed Event Award**—Christine Ruggle & Mark Cooper
- **Rookie of the Year Award**—none
- **Community Service Recognition**—none
- **Worker Recognition**—Lynn Cooper & Carrol McCracken

For questions or more information please send an email to:
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Officer Reports

From the Vice-President...

Chevy Unveils Zora: A Hybrid Corvette Ready to Take On the Hypercar World

General Motors has officially unveiled the much-anticipated Chevrolet Corvette Zora, the crown jewel of the eighth-generation Corvette lineup. This hybrid beast boasts a twin-turbocharged V8 engine paired with an electric motor, pushing the boundaries of performance with a rumored 1,000 horsepower and sub-3-second 0-60 mph times.

The Zora represents a significant leap forward for Corvette. It's not just about raw power; it's a technological marvel that blends the thrill of a gasoline engine with the efficiency of electric propulsion. This innovative drivetrain, coupled with all-wheel drive and a lightweight chassis, promises to deliver unparalleled performance on both the straights and corners.

Design-wise, the Zora stays true to Corvette's iconic look while incorporating futuristic elements. Expect aggressive lines, a prominent rear wing, and aerodynamic features that optimize downforce for enhanced handling. The interior is expected to be a luxurious haven, befitting a car that pushes the boundaries of both speed and comfort.

While official pricing hasn't been announced, whispers suggest a starting price around \$200,000. This positions the Zora in the hypercar segment, taking on established names like Ferrari and Lamborghini. The arrival of the Zora marks a new era for Corvette. It's a powerful statement from Chevrolet, showcasing their commitment to innovation and their ability to compete with the world's best.

Dave Brown, Vice-President

Governor's Message...

It is now April and I am certain all are very much ready for some good driving weather. As I am writing this, it is snowing in Ankeny, so don't put the snow blowers away yet.

Mark Cooper and his competition committee have been busy getting a competition program together for 2024. Sanctions have been requested for the following events:

1. June 8: This will be a four event day consisting of 3 Matching Time Auto-crosses and 1 Car show. Mark has confirmed that these events will be held at Prairie Meadows in Altoona. This will be a very good opportunity to learn how to autocross, as the primary objective is to be consistent on the course. Speed is not the objective. The car show will give you an opportunity to get the dust off your car. An event flyer will be coming soon.

2. August 3-4: This will be a two day, 14 event weekend of low speed auto crossing. The venue is yet to be determined.

3. September 21-22. This will be a two day, 14 event weekend of low speed auto crossing. It will be held at a parking lot at Merle Hay Mall in Urbandale, IA. In addition to the CCI program shown above, there will be many opportunities throughout the West Region to participate in auto crossing and car show events. I urge you to check the Competition area of the West Region website for complete information.

Another premier event coming to our area is the GoodGuys show. This will occur on July 5-7 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. There will be in excess of 4,500 cars on the grounds, in addition to many vendors and other attractions. There will be 3 days of auto crossing. You can watch, or you can participate. The competition will be fierce. If you plan to participate in this auto cross event, I urge you to go to the GoodGuys Rod and Custom website and check out the rules for participation in the auto cross event.

Good weather will be here soon. Be prepared to enjoy it.

Jay Hommer, CCI Governor



General Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024

Call Meeting to Order—Meeting was called to order at Who's On First at 7:10pm by President.

President's Report (Carrol McCracken)

- Bylaws and Rules are being reviewed and will be presented to General Membership at April General Meeting and then will be voted on at the May General Meeting.
- Wild Wades had a great turnout this past weekend

Vice-President/Social Director's Report (Dave Brown)

- April 20th weekend is the Ozark event, \$50 Off currently, signup on Website
- If anyone has any ideas for events for the year let Dave know, he is working on a possible picnic this summer, more to come.
- Gold Star Military Museum had a good turnout, if anyone interested in purchasing a brick please contact Jay Hommer or Mike Golightly.

Secretary's Report (Heather Streeter)

- All minutes are posted in the Sportsmate and are available online.
 - Motion to approve February General Meeting Minutes: Jim Lucas; 2nd: Jeff Jackson; Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report (Alex Vlach)

- All donation checks were sent out except St Judes (Jay to give at NCCC Convention) & Toys for Tots (give in person in November at event)
- Received \$2,000 in Sponsorships to date
- Treasurer Reports are posted on the website.
 - Motion to approve February Treasurer Report – Heather Streeter; 2nd: Jim Lucas; Motion Approved

Governor's Report (Jay Hommer)

- Details from the NCCC Governors meeting are in the Sportsmate but below are the highlights
- NCCC posted a \$60K loss in 2023, focus is on finding ways to save money in 2024
- Considering raising dues
- Considering changes to the Blue Bars publication
- Discussing some realignment of the regions
- Consider attending the 2024 NCCC Convention in May in Joplin, MO – always a great time
- 2025 Convention will be in Wisconsin Dells
- 2026 Convention will be in Syracuse, NY
- West Region scholarship is still available, if you have kids or grandchildren look into applying

Competition Director's Report (Mark Cooper)

- Three event dates have been confirmed for competition events, locations are being confirmed.
- June 8th: 3 Matching Time Autocross event (how consistent you are verse how fast) & People's Choice Car Show – Looking at Prairie Meadows as location
- August 3 & 4: 2 days with 7 event Autocross – looking at Ankeny Airport location
- September 21 & 22: 2 days with 7 event Autocross – looking at Merle Hay location
- NCCC Western Region Awards Banquet will be held at Oak Hills Country Club (Linden Room) on Saturday, April 6 in Omaha, NE. Opens at 12:00 Social/Cash bar, 1:00pm Lunch, 2:00pm Awards Presentation. A few of our members will be receiving awards

General Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024 (Continued)

Member at Large Report (Larry Pawlosky)-Absent

Editor's Report (Heather Streeter)

- Sportsmate was sent out the previous week via email and is posted on the website
- Will not be printing paper copies due to the expense of printing

Points Director's Report (Laurie McCracken)

- 2023 Points are updated and on the website.

Membership Director's Report (Mike Golightly/Nan Brittain)-Absent

Social Media Director's Report (Pat Whalen)-Absent

Old Business

- Gary Foster purchased 2023 Points Awards and at last meeting approved the amount of \$600, but it ended up being \$160 more.
- Motion to approve an additional \$160 for Point Awards by Dave McChesney, 2nd by Ken Mertin; Motion approved.

New Business

- Discussed a few events outside of Des Moines area that members might be interested in attending
- Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA August 21-23 – great event with lots of cars!
- Bloomington Gold Car Show – Bloomington, IL June 21-22
- Jim Lucas's homeowner's Meadow View Association is having a car show June 15th from 9:00am-11:00am – any type of car is welcome to enter, reach out to Jim for more information.

Miscellaneous

- 2023 Awards were presented to the winners (pictures on website) Congratulations!
- Overall Participate Award: Mark Cooper & Christine Ruggle
- Don Hoskins Award: Carrol McCracken & Laurie McCracken
- Speed Event Award: Mark Cooper & Christine Ruggle
- Worker Recognition Award: Carrol McCracken & Lynn Cooper
- Raffle - Total \$92 - \$46 to winner: Dave McChesney – Congratulations!
- Buy/Sell – Luke Stilley has C6 Rollbar for sale, best offer; Denny Luther has 2 stall garage door opener for sale, \$225.

Meeting Adjourns – Adjourned meeting at 7:59pm.

Heather Streeter, Secretary

Member News

April Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members with birthdays this month!

Darren Brown	04/04
Alex Vlach	04/05
Chris Day	04/07
James Verba	04/13
Dave Woodward	04/17
Austin Parks	04/24
Wayne Nikolish	04/29



New Members

Help us welcome our new members to the CCI family.

*No New Members this month—
remember you can earn points by
referring a member!*

General Club Meetings

Come meet other members of CCI at one of the monthly Club Meetings. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at varying locations.

April's General Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

at Bianchi's Hilltop — 2820 Hubbell Ave, Des Moines

Dinner/Socialize at 6:00pm

Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Agenda Topics will include:

- Reviewing of Bylaws & Rules—*look for email with proposed changes*
- Approving Meeting minutes from previous meeting—[view online](#)
- Approving Treasury Report—[view online](#)

Save the Date

Mark your calendars and look for additional details and registration coming soon. You don't want to miss out on these upcoming fun events!

Driving Education Event

April 19-21

Ozark International Raceway—Missouri

A weekend of fun and driver education

More details and registration coming soon!

Cyclone Corvette Cruise

Saturday, May 11

Grinnell, Iowa

For more information check out our calendar event on the website for more details.

NCCC National Convention

May 13-18

Joplin, Missouri

For more information go to the National Council of Corvette Clubs site and click on the Convention tab. Always a great time and this year it is close!

Competition Driving Events

June 8; August 3 & 4; September 21 & 22

We have secured dates for hosting three driving events in Des Moines. The exact locations are being confirmed. Two events will be autocross style and the third event will be a different format to shake things up. These events are for any and all levels of driving experience. Volunteering to work at an event is also a great way to get involved and check out how it works. More details will be coming soon. Mark your calendars and come out to one or all three events!



Buy & Sell

FOR SALE: 2023 Corvette— Larry & Ruth Kelly are selling their 2023 Stingray 2 Lt with 3637 miles. \$79,777 will consider reasonable offer. Contact Ruth at 641-784-7795.



2023 Point Awards

The award winners were announced at the March General Meeting at Who's On First! Congrats to our 2023 Award Point Winners!



Congrats!

Thanks to our Sponsors



Wayne & Judi Nikolish

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