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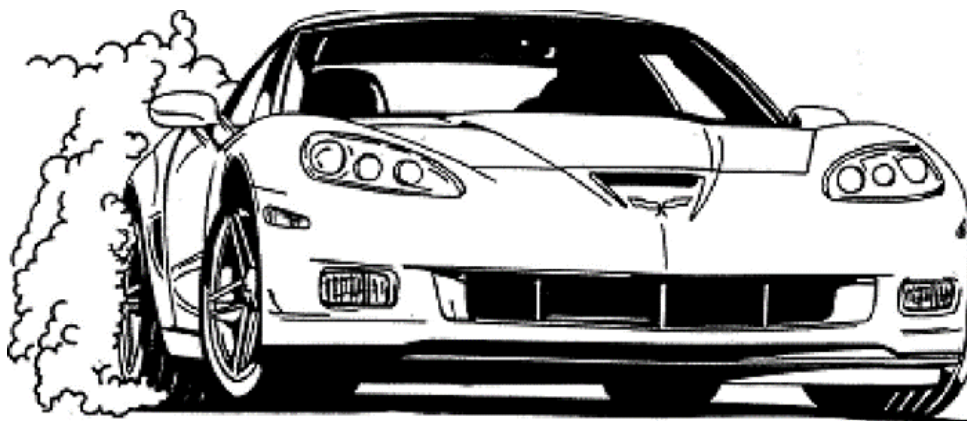
December 2023 Edition

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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>December 19</b> | Holiday Party/General Meeting—The District Venue, Ankeny |
| <b>January 16</b>  | General Meeting—TBD                                      |



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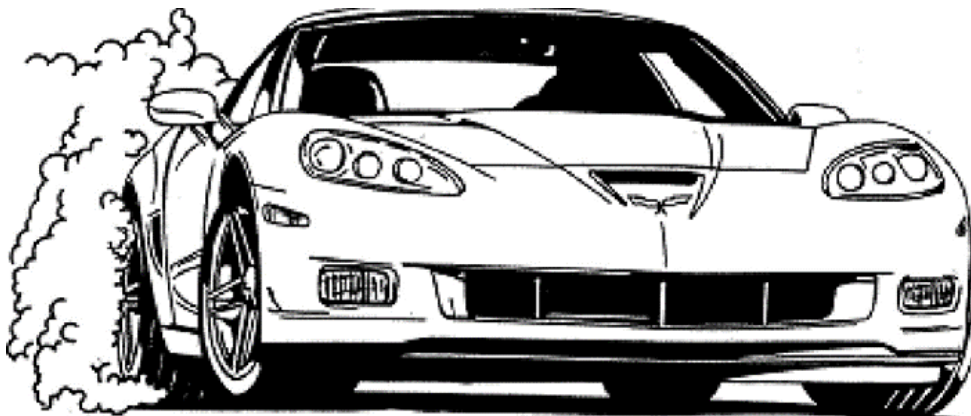
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## Officer Reports

### From the President ...

Hello, Corvette Club of Iowa members,

We are quickly coming up on the Holiday season which means it is almost time for our Holiday party and dinner.

I hope to see you at the holiday party scheduled for December 19, at The Venue in Ankeny. I heard some good things about the party last year, but Laurie and I couldn't make it. If you ask Laurie, I have whined about it many times, but I had my left knee replaced exactly one week before our party last year. To compound it, we both learned we were COVID-19 positive a few days before the party. Before COVID-19, I had planned to try to go to the party, but in hindsight, I don't think that would have been a good idea. I hope to not have any repeat problems this year.

Like most of you, our cars are tucked away for the winter. Maybe I will get something other than summer-only tires some year, but not yet. It seems hard to beat how those Michelin tires grab onto a warm road. I think I will stay out of the debate this year on how much fuel to leave in your newer Corvettes. It is amazing the differences in opinions on this topic and how they were developed. If you want to know my thoughts, please feel free to ask. I may not put them in print this year.

Along with how to store them, the next question I have developed is "Where to store them?" I don't have as much room in my garage as I would like, so if you know of someone with a building either for rent or purchase between Des Moines and Nevada, with a concrete floor and maybe other amenities where I could work on a car, please let me know. I believe there may be a few of us that would be willing to share some space. How is that for a classified ad in our newsletter??

Enough of this gloomy winter talk and back to the party... If you haven't already reserved your spot at the party, it may be that we will have to see you at the next one in 2024. We had to turn in meal counts on December 13. I guess if you still wanted to stop by just to say hello or have a beverage with us, that would be great. We will always welcome you, but you may have a tough time sneaking some food from someone else's plate.

I hope to get a chance to chat with you at the holiday party that is just a few days away.

Happy Holidays and Save the Wave!

*Carrol McCracken*, President



## General Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at The Food Depot in Grimes. President Carrol McCracken made some remarks and welcomed any new members. He noted that Nan and Laurie had been handling treasurer duties. Laurie is resigning Dec 31 and Alex Vlach will be taking over those duties. Gary Foster motioned to approve that change, Dave Brown seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Inventory for club property for the year is posted in the members only section of the website. Discussion of sponsorship fee structure for the future occurred. Tabled for discussion at board meeting.

VP/Social Director Dave brown explained the plan for event planning for the coming year. Encouraged people with ideas to bring them to him. Mike Golightly discussed the experience of attending the one day event the cyclone corvette club organized. Treasurer report-everything has been reviewed thoroughly and documents have been posted on the website. One of the CDs held by the club was renewed.

Holiday party location same as last year. Cost is \$20 per person and the remainder of cost would be covered by the club. Mark motioned to approve the subsidy of the holiday party cost by the club. After some discussion the motion was seconded by Jim Lucas and the motion passed unanimously.

Governor Gary Foster reported the final competition committee meeting is next week and went over event plans for next year. Linda Hommer shared information she gathered at the governors meeting. Cornhusker will be incorporating regional awards into their awards banquet as they did last year. Totally electric car competition will be decided on regionally. National convention will be held in Joplin this year. 2025 convention will be in the Wisconsin dells. Clubs will now have 14 sanctions a year rather than 10.

Competition report. Mark posted the results in the newsletter. 5 people in the 200 point "club". Member at Large Jeff Jackson not present so Paul Wyman did the drawing. \$55 to winner \$56 to club. Carrol McCracken won. Membership director Mike Golightly reported that we are at 100 or 102 members that have already renewed. About 40 people have not yet renewed.

Editor, heather not present and had no report. Social media, Pat Whalen had nothing to report.

Old business. Dave Vance asked if a check was sent to the aviation museum. It was not determined if that had been done yet, but it had been previously voted on so the check can be cut and delivered.

Tp roundup and toys for toys went very well and great feedback was received from the VA center. Toys for tots total was \$5550 roughly. Adopt a star. Sheila got the stars last week and made sure anyone who had not received theirs.

Points Director Laurie McCracken reported points were listed on the members only section and updated. To the greatest extent possible.

New business. Paul suggested we get something to aid with people speaking at meetings so people can hear.

Secretary Report, Dave Mcchesney asked for a motion to approve minutes. Dave brown motioned, seconded by Wayne Nikolish and the motion was approved unanimously.

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary

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