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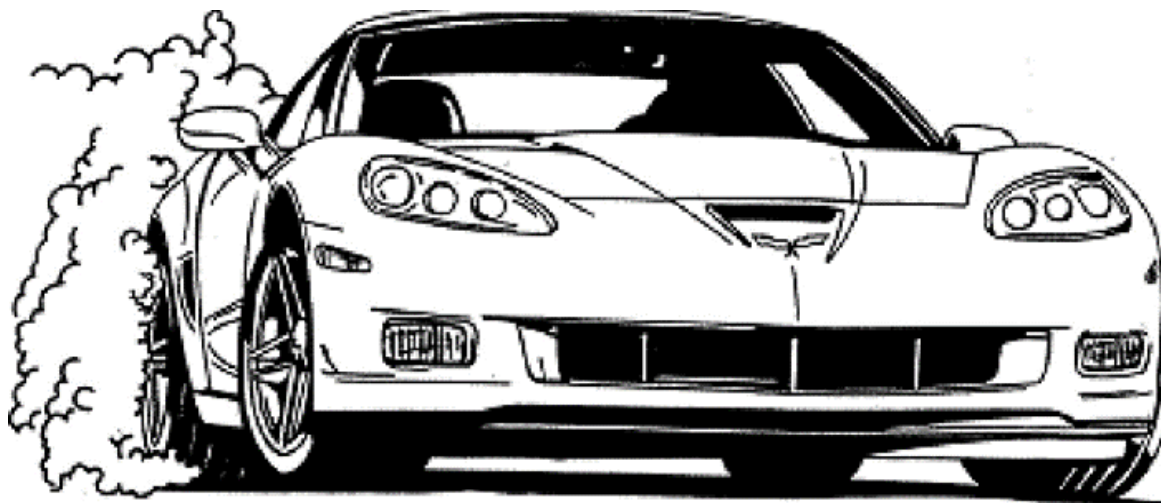
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Calendar of Events

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| January 16 | General Club Meeting—at Pizza Ranch in Ankeny |
| February 1 | National Convention Registration Opens |
| February 13 | Valentine's Day Dinner |
| February 20 | General Club Meeting—location TBD |

News from the Board

The new members of the Board of Directors for 2024 officially took office on January 1. Please welcome the new members to the Board of Directors for 2024:

Alex Vlach—Treasurer
Heather Streeter—Secretary & Editor
Jay Hommer—Governor
Membership Director—Nan Brittain
Member at Large—Larry Pawlosky

A big Thank You to the following members who served in 2023:

Dave McChesney—Secretary
Gary Foster—Governor
Jeff Jackson—Member at Large
Dave Howard—Editor

The following Directors will remain on the Board of Directors in 2024:

Carrol McCracken—President
Dave Brown—Vice President
Mark Cooper—Competition Director
Laurie McCracken—Points Director
Pat Whalen—Social Media Director
Mike Golightly—Membership Director



From the President...

If you're currently reading this article that means one of two things.

1. Part of your job description is to proofread the Corvette Club of Iowa newsletter for appropriate content, and thus having to do so by necessity.
2. Or you've just returned from vacation and are now staring at your screen searching for something to hold off just a bit more time before returning to the daily grind after the holiday season. All the while coming to the realization your next scheduled holiday is the last Monday in May, that as I write this is a crushing 136 days away!

At either rate, we are staring into the post-holiday abyss as we make our way through January and February, which until 452 BCE weren't even in the ancient Roman Calendar. Yep, you heard that right, before 452 BCE there were only 10 months on the calendar because January & February were considered dormant, both in terms of agriculture and making war. It was most referred to as a time of peace and cease. That meant March was our current January due to the March Equinox, which like all equinoxes, is characterized by having an almost exact amount of daylight and night across most latitudes on Earth.

Circling back to January 2024, let's look over some fun facts about this month. With the solstice having come and gone, in the Northern Hemisphere, the days are starting to get longer as we look forward to the daylight's re-emergence. In fact, on January 3, 2024, earth reached its perihelion, the point in the planet's orbit where it's closest to the sun. A mere 92,955,807 miles away from our bright star. If you suffer from Heliophobia, you might want to consider some sunblock just as a precaution to set your mind at ease.

Another fun astronomic factoid is that the full moon in January is referred to as the Wolf Moon. In 2024, the wolf will be howling (peaking) on January 25, at 11:54 pm central time. It should be visible rising from the horizon around sunset that evening and barring any unforeseen weather that would shield it from our view be magnificent.

January also comes packed with several unique observances including one for spinners called Distaff's Day which also has a counterpart celebration called Plough Day. Distaff's Day celebrates the efforts and work of women returning to work at their spinning wheel, while Plough Day refers to the day when the men would return to working the fields after the plows were blessed to begin the planting season. These were both celebrated early in January shortly after Christmas break when everyone returned to work after the holiday break. Legend has it that young lads being mischievous used to set fire to the flax of the wool spinners where in return the women would douse them and any fire over their heads with water from a bucket. Just what they must have thought would be a little fun for an otherwise peaceful transition back to work after a long holiday.

What does all of this have to do with us as Corvette owners, not a lot outside of many of us having our cars stored away until spring. I don't know many of you who keep a certain calendar for storing your cars, but the first day of Spring this year will be March 19. Probably a little early yet to bring out the cars, but I try to be optimistic about it. Here's to hoping you all can refocus and have a safe and happy 2024! And as a reminder, if you wait until Memorial Day to bring your Corvette out of a winter cocoon, depending on when you read this, it is only 136 days away...

Carrol McCracken, President

General Meeting Minutes, December 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order around 8:00pm at The District Venue in Ankeny. President Carrol McCracken made some remarks and welcomed new board members and thanked the going board members. He noted that Nan and Laurie had been handling treasurer duties and are wrapping things up. Due to the meeting being held at the Annual Holiday Party there was not much business to discuss.

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

New business—None

Secretary Report, Dave McChesney asked for a motion to approve minutes. Pat motioned, seconded by Arda and the motion was approved unanimously.

Heather Streeter, Secretary

Governor's Message...

Welcome to 2024. I look forward to serving the membership of CCI as your Governor. The 2024 NCCC national convention will be held in Joplin, MO this year. Dates are May 13-18, 2024. Registration for this event opens on February 1, 2024. There will be numerous activities, both competitive and noncompetitive, held during this timeframe. Competitive events include, drag racing (class eliminations and matching time events), low speed autocross, rallye, funkhana, valve cover races, concours d'elagance, people's choice car show, and a scavenger hunt. Noncompetitive events include area tours, party nights, hospitality rooms, and vendor displays. I have attached a tentative schedule of events for your reference. Registration for the convention opens February 1, 2024. As this convention will be held relatively close to us, I urge to consider attending. For more detailed information, please go to the National Council of Corvette Clubs site and click on the Convention tab.

At the West Region level, CCI will be well represented. Gary Foster was elected as the Regional Executive, Nan Brittain is the RE (alternate), Sheila Wyman will be serving as the Region's Secretary and Linda Hommer will be filling the role as the Region's Treasurer.

Denny Luther will be functioning as the NCCC Parliamentarian (an elected national position).

Jay Hommer, CCI Governor

2024 Convention Tentative Schedule

Mon, May 13 1:00-5:00 Early Registration/Tech Inspection

1:00-5:00 Corvette Mall setup

Tues, May 14 9:00-5:00 Registration/Tech Inspection

9:00-5:00 Corvette Mall

6:00-9:00 Hospitality Room

6:00-9:00 Welcome Party @ La Quinta -Pizza, Hospitality, live music by Eastbound

Wed, May 15 8:00-11:30 Rallye

10:00-2:00 Cruise-Route 66 West. Narrated drive on Rt 66 West including one of the Cars movie inspiration towns and a picture of your car on Rainbow Bridge.

10:00-2:00 Cruise-Route 66 East. Narrated drive on Rt 66 East, stopping at a reconstructed 1920's village, and a picture of your car at an old gas station.

11:00-4:00 Corvette Mall

1:00-4:00 Hospitality Room

1:00-3:30 Funkhana @ Holiday Inn

6:00-10:00 National Awards Banquet @ Downstream Casino. Live music by Rich McCready, country singer/songwriter

Thurs, May 16 8:00-12:00 Judged Concours downtown

9:00-11:30 Downtown Scavenger Hunt. Like a Rallye, but on foot. Answer questions and find information in 4 blocks of Main Street (near Concours)

10:00-2:00 Cruise-Route 66 West-Same as Wednesday

10:00-2:00 Cruise- Route 66 East-Same as Wednesday

12:00-3:00 Corvette Mall

1:00-3:00 Hospitality Room

4:00-8:00 Peoples Choice Car Show- Joplin will block off 4 blocks of Main Street for Car Show. Road Crew band from Nashville and more-big street party!

4:30-7:00 Valve Cover Races downtown

Fri, May 17 8:00-11:00 Poker Run

8:00-5:00 Drags at Smokin' Mo-Kan-1/4 mile track in great condition, long shutdown area

9:00-5:00 Cruise-Branson Belle Showboat. Classic riverboat cruise with 3 course meal and entertainment. Drive your car or ride a bus (extra cost) Bus ride includes Country Music Boulevard.

12:00-6:00 Corvette Mall

1:00-5:00 Hospitality Room

Pool party @ La Quinta. Hillbilly Theme, grab your straw hat and corncob pipe, get ready for some photo ops with a few of our props and have a great time. Live music by Pete & Dave, meal and beverages included.

Sat, May 18 8:00-4:00 Autocross @ Crowder Truck pad, Neosho

9:00-12:30 Paint N Sip. At Holiday Inn Hospitality room. Create your own masterpiece led by a talented and witty artist. Canvas and supplies provided to paint a Rt66/Corvette theme just for us!

9:00-2:30 Bus Tour-Crystal Bridges Art Museum/Frank Lloyd House. American art and exhibitions in beautiful 120-acre setting, tour Frank Lloyd Wright house. Lunch stop (not included)

1:00-6:00 Corvette Mall

1:00-6:00 Hospitality

Sun, May 19 9:00-11:00 Awards Ceremony. Collect your awards and trophies, HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME **Please bring a walkie-talkie for driving tours.**

Member News

January Birthdays

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

Mary Franck	01/01
Stan Gaer	01/03
Steve Genovese	01/07
Jim Mathern	01/11
Judith Nikolish	01/18
Debbi Mahon	01/22



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.

January's General Meeting

Tuesday, January, 16
at Pizza Ranch in Ankeny
(201 SE Oralabor Rd)

Dinner/Socialize at 6:00pm
Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Save the Date

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

Valentine's Dinner

Tuesday, February 13

Location is still being finalized

More information will be sent soon

Driving Education Event

April 19-21

Ozark International Raceway—Missouri

A weekend of fun and driver education

More details and registration coming soon!

NCCC National Convention

May 13-18

Joplin, Missouri

For more information go to the
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2023 CCI Holiday Party

Another great time was had at the CCI Holiday Party, held at The District Venue in Ankeny. We raised over \$600 at the silent auction! Thanks Dave McChesney for coordinating the silent auction and thank you to all who donated items and those who took some great items home.



Happy New Year!

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