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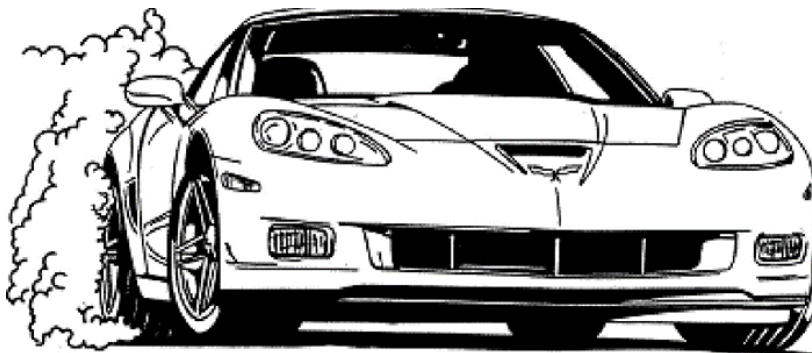
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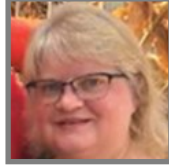
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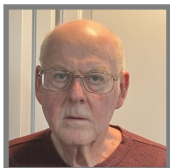
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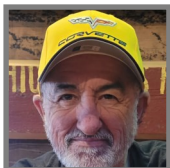
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Calendar of Events

- March 17 Wild Wades Swap Meet—State Fair Grounds
- March 19 General Club Meeting—Who's On First—Ankeny
- March 22 Sugar Valley Band (Emeal playing) - Down Under Bar
- April 21-22 Driving Event—Ozarks International Raceway

News from the Board

Looking for members to help coordinate a few party events. Please reach out to Laurie McCracken with any ideas you may have or if you would like to help coordinate an event.

The **2023 Points** are updated on the website, winners for each category will be celebrated in upcoming month. Description of each category awarded are listed below, with a men and women winner for each.

- **Overall Participant Award**—Will be awarded for the highest total points earned for the Don Hoskins award and the total points earned at all NCCC sanctioned events.
- **Don Hoskins Award**—Will be awarded for the highest total points earned as follows: dues paid, recruiting, all items referenced under Club Points, items 7 through 12, general meetings, CCI social events, CCI community service events, event worker for any NCCC sanctioned events, and NCCC National Convention points
- **Funkhana, Rally, Concours Award**—Most NCCC points accumulated in a minimum of 3 funkhanas, rally's, and/or concours' in a competition year
- **Speed Event Award**—Most NCCC points accumulated in a minimum of any combination of 7 low speed, high speed, and/or drag events in a competition year
- **Rookie of the Year Award**—the most NCCC points accumulated in at least 10 sanctioned events in the current competition year. A member is only eligible to receive this award once
- **Community Service Recognition**—Most CCI community service event points are accumulated in a competition year
- **Worker Recognition**—Most NCCC worker points are accumulated in a competition season

Want to know how to earn points in 2024, see the [Points-Description.pdf](#) on the Members Only section of the CCI Website.

For questions or more information please send an email to:
corvetteclubiowa@gmail.com

Officer Reports

From the President...

As I write this, we had our semi-annual ritual of changing our clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is interesting that not all our states practice the Daylight/Standard time change. Hawaii and Arizona stay on Standard time year around. There are people who want to eliminate the change to Daylight time, but I can't figure out why. I like the switch because it means we are closer to Spring, and along with the days getting longer, I appreciate being able to do more in the evenings with that extra hour of daylight. I would prefer some daylight at the end of my workday. I would support Daylight Savings Time to be permanent, year around. For our club, that extra hour of light in the evening can make our Corvette trips a bit more interesting.

I hope you can stop by and support our club at the upcoming Wild Wades Swap Meet and Trade Show. If you want to look around for some discounted or used parts for a car, or if you want to volunteer at our spot at the fairgrounds Varied Industries building, please stop by.

If you are looking for something else to do and there isn't a club function going on, I would suggest checking out Rick's List. The web address for that is: <http://www.rickslist.info/home.html> Maybe you could take another club member or friend to go with you. We need to keep promoting our club and this would be one small start.

A few weeks ago, Laurie saw a post on NCCC's Facebook page from someone who shared his experience in trying to promote young members to their club. They had success by gearing events to functions that weren't driven for gather points. I haven't been with the club that long in comparison to some of our members, but it seems we have fewer racers in our club. I enjoy hearing we have a few events this year that are switching things up a bit, along with keeping a few auto-cross events for those who do want to race. Other ways our club could increase its member numbers is innovation like using MSR for registrations of membership and events. I have seen it firsthand where someone will ask for a link to register for something online, and when they were told they can't register online, and they have to mail a check, the prospective member walked away. Most of us hardly use checks anymore and I know a few people who don't use them at all.

Just recently there have been discussions by a few of our board members about what to do about non-members who have joined our Facebook group, but not the club. They haven't completed an application, and they aren't paying any dues to really be a full member. We could reject them from being on our group, but in doing so, but this could alienate potential paying members. In comparison, the Iowa Corvette Club Facebook group has 815 members versus us with less than 150 club members. NCCC is struggling with its financial position, but just think if NCCC reduced their annual dues we might gain a lot of these Iowa Corvette club members. NCCC, CCI and other clubs might end up gaining gain more income. I doubt this would be something NCCC would consider, but it may be worth discussing.

If we want to grow and gain new members who will be active, maybe we should start by expanding our invitations to both of these Facebook groups. While we have gained members over the last few years, we don't see any of them at our events, or volunteering to take positions of leadership.

If you have any ideas to help expand out club and gain active members, please let us know. Until then, Happy Almost Spring!!

Carrol McCracken, President

Governor's Message...

Much was discussed at the February 2024 NCCC governors' meeting and the West Region meeting which were held in St. Louis, MO on February 23 and 24. Of greatest interest were:

1. A potential membership dues increase. It looks as though a \$5-\$10 increase in membership dues may be necessary in the near future. NCCC closed 2023 with an operating loss of \$66,214.00. Obviously, that is not a sustainable trend.
2. NCCC is considering realigning and or merging some of the NCCC regions. This action would address a number of less than desirable conditions that currently exist in the regions' structure. One goal would be to reduce the number of regional officers. This would reduce the cost of expense reimbursement associated with regional officers attending NCCC meetings (addressing part of the problem identified in item #1). It would also address the issue of small regions vs large regions. NCCC currently has regions with 4, 7, and 8 clubs in the regions with total membership of 265, 325, and 341 members in the smaller regions vs 24, 27, and 31 clubs in the larger regions with total membership of 2115, 2118, and 2483 in the larger regions. We even have a couple of situations where there are individual clubs that have a larger membership than some of the small regions total membership. This results in an imbalance of the weight held by regional officers associated with voting on issues dealt with in the RE, RCD, and RMD committees.
3. There have been changes made to the rules governing competition events and the points associated with those events. Going forward, there will be men and women national points champions crowned for Speed events (auto crossing, time trials, and drag racing), and a separate men and women champion for non-speed events (car shows, rallyes, concours d'elegance, and funkhanas).
4. It was announced at the NCCC governors' meeting that the 2025 National Convention will be held in the Wisconsin Dells area on August 17-22, 2025. Speed event will be held at the Road America Park at Elkhart Lake, WI. BUCKLE UP!

By now you should have received your copy of the Winter 2024 Blue Bars. I urge you to take the time to read the articles submitted by the national officers. They are doing a great job of relaying to the membership the initiatives that they are taking to make NCCC relevant and meaningful to the members of NCCC.

Jay Hommer, CCI Governor



General Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2024

Call Meeting to Order -Meeting was held at RRackSS BBQ in Des Moines called to order at 7:08pm

President's Report (Carrol McCracken)

- Points audit was completed.
- Treasury audit was completed with a few suggestions on changes for next year.
- Registered Agent will be changed from Dave McChesney to Heather Streeter
- Bi-Annual Report is not due until 2025.
- Annual Donation Review
 - St. Jude - \$1,000
 - Children and Families of Iowa - \$500
 - IA Gold Star Museum (brick) - \$500
 - Save a Warrior - \$500
 - West Region NCC Scholarship - \$500
 - Richard K Mathern Automotive Sciences Scholarship (DMACC) - \$500
 - Toys for Tots - \$750
 - Michael Golightly suggested a brick at the Gold Star Museum with CCI engraved, a few others may be interested in a brick as well. Michael and Jay both volunteer at the Museum, please see the link below for more information. <https://goldstarmuseum.iowa.gov/>
 - Annual Donation Approval -Paul Wyman motioned to approve Donations reviewed; Rhonda Golightly seconded; Motion approved, see above for organizations and amounts.
- Rules and By-law Review
 - The Rules and By-law Committee will review the rules and bylaws and propose changes at the April General Meeting. The changes will be voted on at the May General meeting.
 - Committee consists of Secretary (Heather Streeter) and two members (Alex Vlach & Carrol McCracken) – Asked for volunteers to serve with no takers so the committee will remain as is.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report (Dave Brown Absent – Carrol gave update)

- Wild Wades Swap Meet – Sunday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) at the Fair Grounds. Great opportunity to socialize with other car enthusiasts and look for parts and accessories for your car. There is also non-car related items as well, so come check it out – look for the Corvette to find our table.
- Valentines' Day dinner was a great turnout and enjoyable time – pictures on website.
- Holiday Party 2024 has been reserved - Tuesday, December 17 at Briarwood Golf Club – mark your calendars

Secretary's Report (Heather Streeter)

- The January General meeting did not have a quorum so we could not hold the meeting so the meeting minutes from December were not approved in January. All minutes are posted in the Newsletter and are available online. Motion to approve December Meeting Minutes: Julian Pawlosky 2nd: Larry Pawlosky; Motion Approved

General Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2024 (Continued)

Treasurer's Report (Alex Absent—Laurie/Nan gave update)

- Treasurer Reports are online, will need to approve both December and January since January meeting was not held. Motion to approve December & January Treasurer Report – Jim Lucas 2nd: Julian Pawlosky; Motion Approved

Governor's Report (Jay Hommer)

- Gary Foster would like to purchase awards for point winners with a maximum amount of \$600, needs approval. Motion to approve up to \$600 for Point Awards – Jay Hommer 2nd – Laurie McCracken; Motion Approved.
- Jay will be attending the Governor's Meeting this weekend.
- Reminder to look for your New Membership cards in the mail – they will not be replaced

Competition Director's Report (Mark Cooper absent, Jay Hommer filled in)

- The club's timing system needs to get an update, cost is \$185, will work to get that upgraded
- Three event dates have been confirmed for competition events, locations are being confirmed.
 - June 8th- 3 Matching Time Autocross event & People's Choice Car Show
 - August 3 & 4 - 2 days with 7 event Autocross
 - September 21 & 22 - 2 days with 7 event Autocross

Member at Large Report (Larry Pawlosky)

- A big thank you to Larry for coordinating the location, the food was amazing!
- If you have any suggestions on places to hold the meetings reach out to Larry Pawlosky

Editor's Report (Heather Streeter)

- Bill Britian would like to have newsletter mailed to him – anyone else who would like to have it physically mailed please let Heather know (hstreeter99@gmail.com)
- The newsletter will be sent out the first week of each month – look for it via email and/or online. Sponsorships are still in progress.

Points Director's Report (Laurie McCracken)

- 2023 Points are updated and should be on the website.
- Looking to organize a few party point events in the next month or so, if anyone wants to help coordinate, please reach out to Laurie McCracken (laurieannemccracken@gmail.com)

Membership Director's Report (Mike Golightly/Nan Brittain) - None

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

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Miscellaneous - Raffle - Total \$60 - \$30 to winner: Paul Wyman – Congratulations! New Cars – Jay Hommer has a new addition – 2008 Saturn Sky Red Line

Meeting Adjourns – Motion to Adjourn meeting – Myles; 2nd; Ken Mertin; Motion Approved – Adjourned at 7:39pm

Heather Streeter, Secretary

Member News

March Birthdays

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

Anne Woodward	03/06
Janelle Ohmstede	03/11
Alan Heggen	03/17
Richard Schulte	03/21
Emeal Myles	03/23
Laurie McCracken	03/24
David Brown	03/25
Jeff Jackson	03/27
Arda Mathern	03/29



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.

March's General Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

at Who's On First — 810 E 1st Street, Ankeny

Dinner/Socialize at 6:00pm

Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Agenda Topics will include:

- 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!

Wild Wade's Swap Meet

Sunday, March 17th 8:00am-3:00pm

Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds

4 Party Points!

Celebrate with Sugar Valley Band

Friday, March 22 9:00pm—1:00am

The Down Under Bar & Grill —Come listen to Emeal's band, Sugar Valley, can celebrate several members' March birthdays!

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 National Council of Corvette Clubs site and click on the Convention tab.

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.



Valentine's Day

Great turnout for the CCI Valentine's Day dinner held at Who's on 1st in Ankeny!



February General Meeting

Some great food at the February general meeting held at Rackss Fine BBQ in Des Moines!



Gold Star Military Museum

Beautiful day to get the cars out and visit one of the top 10 Military Museums in the country. It is located on Camp Dodge base. Mike presented the museum director a check for the brick the club will be purchasing for the wall. Afterwards we went to lunch at La Mariachi in Johnston.





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Wild Wade's

High Performance Swap Meet And Trade Show

Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds
Sunday, March 17th, 2024
8:00AM - 3:00PM

Again this year CCI will have a space at Wild Wade's to display NCCC and CCI promotional materials

Come out... and tour the show, there's lots to see!

Hang out... with us for some good old "car talk" and donuts!

Help out... with setup at 7:00AM or teardown at 3:00PM

Four Party Points

Questions?

Call Paul Wyman 515-277-3303

Thanks to our Sponsors



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