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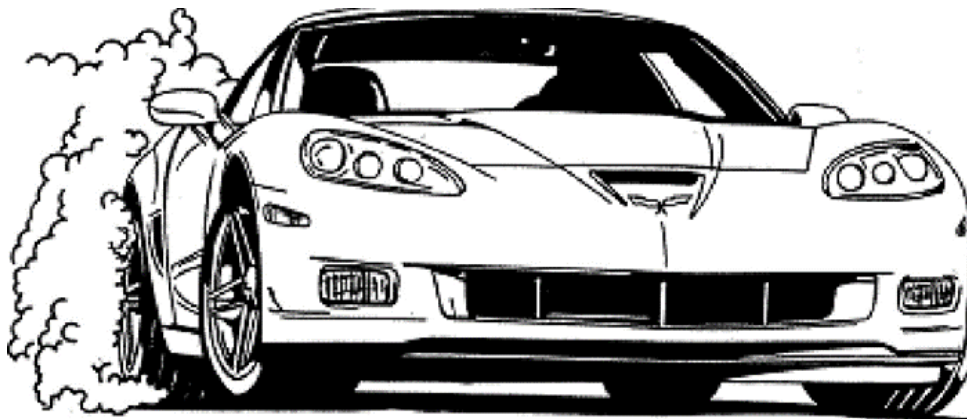
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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>November 11</b> | Toys for Tots Drive                                      |
| <b>November 21</b> | General Meeting—Food Depot                               |
| <b>December 19</b> | Holiday Party/General Meeting—The District Venue, Ankeny |
| <b>January 16</b>  | General Meeting—TBD                                      |



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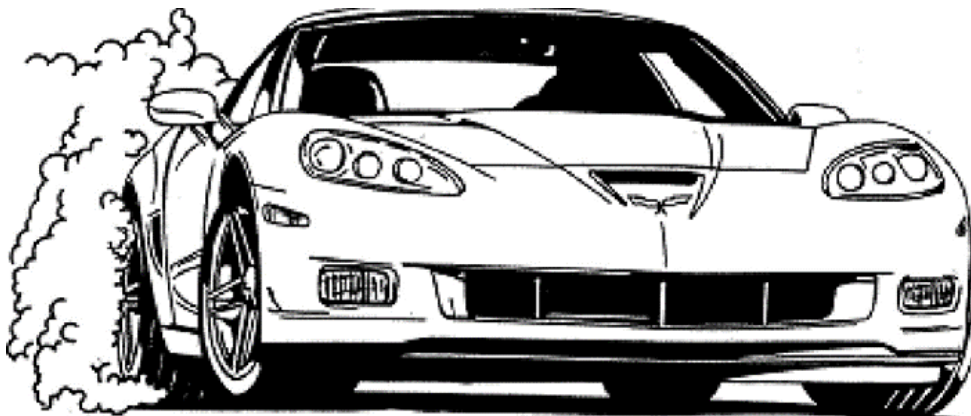
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## Officer Reports

### From the President ...

Hello, Corvette Club of Iowa members,

A few weeks ago, we had a lower-than-normal turnout for what we were calling our Fall Color run, but I think everyone who attended had a great time. A possible reduction in our travel numbers this year was because Cyclone Corvettes had a one-day trip on the same weekend, and they invited anyone from multiple clubs, including ours. We started with a more direct route so we could get up to our destination area. We left early in the morning and were able to have lunch at the Gunder Roadhouse in Elgin, Iowa. They are famous for some good food and the “Gunder Burger.”

For some additional details of our trip, on Friday we:

- ⇒ Stopped for a beverage at “The Fishing Shack.” A dive bar in Guttenberg with a great view. The owner, Mike, seems to be a little grumpy, but chat with him for a while and he is a nice guy to talk to. I was one of the fussy ones (and there were many of them) who wouldn’t try the frog legs.
- ⇒ Had a beverage and had a great time playing Giant Jenga, at the “Rathskeller German Bier Hall”, located in a basement of an old stone building.
- ⇒ We finished our Guttenberg visit with dinner at the “Stadium” and by staying overnight at “The Landing”. On Saturday, we:
  - ⇒ Went north to stop at Pike’s Peak State Park where everyone could get some great pictures and then went to Effigy Mounds National Monument
  - ⇒ Had a very scenic cruise through Yellow River State Forest with a lot of fall color.
  - ⇒ A stop in Lansing, Iowa, for some shopping, and lunch at The Red Barn just before 150 or more motorcycles showed up.
  - ⇒ All of us except for one car/person went across the Mississippi River bridge at Lansing. This bridge will be replaced soon, and the fun of going across a steel grid deck will disappear.
  - ⇒ We made a quick stop at City Market in New Albin, Iowa, where they sell great smoked sausages, jerky, and ring bologna from a very small building.
  - ⇒ We stopped at Rockfilter Distillery in Spring Grove for some of their cocktails
  - ⇒ On to Austin Minnesota where we stayed overnight.
  - ⇒ Then the final stop for the trip before going home was in Austin, to spend some time at the SPAM Museum. I believe more than a few people were happy to get “SPAMPLES”
  - ⇒ of their many varieties. Some that you cannot get anywhere else in the United States.

It was a great trip, and we all had a lot of fun. Of course, Laurie had several games and prizes along the way that kept everyone engaged! As usual, Laurie and I had booklets made for each car, explaining the trip, some information about each stop, a few puzzles, etc.

I hope to see you at our next membership meeting. I believe everyone has received an email about the annual holiday party. If you didn’t get one, please let any Board member know.

Save the Wave!

*Carrol McCracken*, President



## Unleashing the Beast: The All-New ZR1 Corvette Roars onto the Scene

Dear Corvette Enthusiasts,

Get ready to buckle up and hold onto your seats because the automotive world has just been shaken by the thunderous arrival of the all-new ZR1 Corvette! As aficionados of speed and style, we're in for a treat as Chevrolet unveils this beast, promising an adrenaline-packed driving experience like never before.

The ZR1 Corvette isn't just a car; it's a symphony of power, precision, and innovation. Underneath its sleek and aerodynamic exterior lies the heart of a true performance champion. The supercharged V8 engine delivers an awe-inspiring 755 horsepower, making it the most potent production Corvette ever. This isn't just a car; it's a statement—a declaration that speed, sophistication, and style can coexist in perfect harmony.

What sets the ZR1 apart isn't just its raw power; it's the meticulous engineering that makes every aspect of this Corvette a masterpiece. From the carbon-fiber body panels that enhance aerodynamics to the advanced suspension system that ensures a smooth ride even at breakneck speeds, every detail has been crafted with the driving enthusiast in mind.

And let's talk about that distinctive exhaust note that announces the ZR1's presence long before it comes into view. It's not just a sound; it's a roar that echoes the rich heritage of the Corvette lineage while signaling a bold leap into the future of high-performance driving.

In the cockpit of the ZR1, it's not just about the destination; it's about the journey. The driver-centric design, premium materials, and cutting-edge technology create an immersive experience that blurs the line between man and machine. The ZR1 isn't just a car; it's an extension of the driver's passion for the open road.

But amidst all the power and performance, the ZR1 doesn't shy away from practicality. With modern features like advanced safety systems, connectivity options, and creature comforts, this Corvette isn't just a track monster—it's a car you can enjoy on your daily commute or a weekend road trip.

As we celebrate the arrival of the ZR1 Corvette, let's raise our glasses to the engineers, designers, and visionaries at Chevrolet who have once again pushed the boundaries of what's possible in the world of high-performance automobiles. The ZR1 isn't just a car; it's a testament to the enduring spirit of innovation and the pursuit of automotive excellence.

So, fellow enthusiasts, fasten your seatbelts and get ready for the ride of a lifetime. The ZR1 Corvette has roared onto the scene, and it's ready to leave an indelible mark on the roads and in the hearts of those fortunate enough to experience its exhilarating embrace.

Happy driving!

*Dave Brown*, Vice-President





## General Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order at 6:58 PM on October 17, 2023 at The Keg Stand in West Des Moines. President Carroll McCracken was present and welcomed new members and guests. Chris Hill is a new member and introduced himself. He has a blue 1982 Corvette. Carroll reiterated the difficulty in finding nominees for the board positions. Dave Brown is taking on the Vice President position again and Carroll is willing to take on the role of President again. Heather Streeter has volunteered to be newsletter editor and Secretary. Treasurer has been difficult, but Laurie has agreed to take the position as long as the books are cleaned up prior to that. The books are in the process of being fixed. Jay Hommer has been nominated to take the role of Governor. Gary Foster motioned accept the nominations as stated. Seconded by Dave McChesney. Vote was held and motion passed. Larry Pawlosky agreed to take the Member at Large Position. Motion made by Julieanne Pawlosky and seconded by Mark Cooper. Motion passed. Secretary Dave McChesney reported minutes were published in the new Sportsmate, so just a vote is needed for approval of the minutes. Dave Brown motioned, Jeff Jackson Seconded. Motion passed. Nan Britton reported that the treasury is a work in progress. Started back in January with a beginning balance and worked through paperwork to get treasury status in order. Carroll asked Pat to remove previous treasury reports from the website so that they can eventually be replaced with correct information.

Gary Foster thanked all who participated and assisted with the autocross at Merle Hay Mall. Event had a different feel to it versus past events, but in a good way. Reiterated a thank you to those who stepped up and filled board positions, it has been difficult as of late to get those positions filled. Competition Director Mark Cooper thanked all who assisted with the autocross as well. Scoring and timing is always a concern, and timing flowed really well for the most part which helped keep things running smoothly. Course laid out well. Should be able to handle some more cars next year in the same setting. There are 15 clubs in our region, we will finish #2. Vice President Dave Brown reported fall color run is coming up, Friday morning meeting at 8:00AM at the gas station in Ankeny by Costco. Multi-day event up to northeastern Iowa and into Minnesota. Christmas party planning is getting going. Thinking same venue as last year. Member at Large Jeff Jackson had to leave early but a substitute handled the 50/50. \$57 went to Arda Mathern. Points Director Laurie McCracken had nothing to report. Reminded everyone that signing the waiver is how you get points for attending. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported we had a few renewals tonight and a total of about 75 renewals for next year so far. A few people continue to manually pay with a check but vast majority are occurring online on MSR. About 10 new members in the last month which is really good. Social Media Director Pat Whalen mentioned that the Facebook page has been reorganized to a group rather than a business page so that members can now post on the page.

Old Business: Regarding trailer repairs, Arda mentioned there is a business that may be able to do repairs on the trailer during the winter. New Business: Paul Wyman has rebuilt the display board for the club. On display at the meeting. Saturday Nov 11 th is the Toys For Tots event at Bob Brown Chevrolet. Bring a toy or make a check out to Toys For Tots. Recommend a check as Bob Brown matches the donation in cash. Afterward we are going to cozy café for lunch.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Britton. Seconded by Dave Brown. Adjourned at 8:23 PM

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary



### CCI Competition Update

The 2023 Western Region competition points are in, and our club finished in second place! While the Cornhusker Corvette Club finished first, we had a great year hosting 2 autocross events this year. We had our annual Ankeny event at the airport, and we added a new event at Merle Hay Mall. Both events were a great atmosphere of fun and spirited competition. Thanks to all the very talented club members who donated their time and carried the ball. We purchased all new timing gear this year and that proved to be money well spent because that kept the event running smoothly and efficiently. This is always the point of delays in autocross events, but not ours this year.

As far as individual results this year in the western region, we had 4 people in the 200-point club, this is up 2 from last year. I, Pat Whalen, Tony DiMaio and Christine Riggel all made the 200-point club this year. Christine finished 6th in the lady's division, and I finished first in the men's. See all the results below. Thank you everyone who supported autocross this year. These events are our main sources of income for the club.

*Mark Cooper*, Director of Competition

## CCI Western Region Completion Points Leaders 2023 NCCC Results

### Mens

• Mark Cooper	1 <sup>st</sup>	1116
• Patrick Whalen	19 <sup>th</sup>	240
• Anthony DiMaio	21 <sup>st</sup>	225
• Peter Vance	34 <sup>th</sup>	149
• David Vance	37 <sup>th</sup>	122
• Gabriel Korte	43 <sup>rd</sup>	108
• Dino Rodish	44 <sup>th</sup>	105
• Dave McChesney	45 <sup>th</sup>	99
• Carrol McCracken	48 <sup>th</sup>	84
• Denny Luther	49 <sup>th</sup>	83
• Gary Foster	50 <sup>th</sup>	82
• Erik Christiansen	54 <sup>th</sup>	72
• Thomas Freska	55 <sup>th</sup>	72
• Jeff Jackson	57 <sup>th</sup>	68
• Mike Golightly	59 <sup>th</sup>	54
• Dan Shows	62 <sup>nd</sup>	49

• Alan Heggen	65 <sup>th</sup>	45
• Luke Stilley	66 <sup>th</sup>	42
• Steve Rahn	67 <sup>th</sup>	42
• Bill Kruse	92 <sup>nd</sup>	28
• Shawn Christensen	100 <sup>th</sup>	18
• Paul Wyman	101 <sup>st</sup>	18
• Rob Torry	103 <sup>rd</sup>	14
• Kenneth Merten	109 <sup>th</sup>	10

### Ladies

• Christine Ruggel	6 <sup>th</sup>	314
• Nichol DiMaio	8 <sup>th</sup>	181
• Lynn Cooper	21 <sup>st</sup>	93
• Laurie McCracken	25 <sup>th</sup>	75
• Arda Mather	26 <sup>th</sup>	70
• Sharon Heggen	30 <sup>th</sup>	37
• Shelia Wyman	40 <sup>th</sup>	28
• Rachel Kruse	42 <sup>nd</sup>	28

# CCI Odds & Ends

## Over the Hills & Thru the Woods Fall Cruise

The beautiful 3 day cruise to NE Iowa was held in October. Some of the highlights were the Gunder Burger, large scale Jenga, Pikes Peak and the SPAM Museum. The leaves were gorgeous, company of friends great and the scenery and roads were amazing. Check out a few of the pictures below. Keep a look out for next years Fall Color Run!



## Welcome to our New Members:

Christopher Day	Kari Schulte
Debbi Day	Richard Schulte
Chris Hill	Randy Schulz
Steven Hindman	Dave Woodward
Elaine Owen	Anne Woodward
Austin Parks	

## Reminder to Renew your CCI Membership

It is easy to renew your membership on-line through MotosportReg. Your user name is your email address. All registration information is on our Join Us page on the website. [Join Us](#)



## Holiday Party—Mark Your Calendars!

**Tuesday, December 19**

Come celebrate with the Corvette Club of Iowa at The District Venue in Ankeny where we will have dinner and some great entertainment. More details will be coming so mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun!

## 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



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