

Jethro's BBQ n' LakeHouse

# **Corvette Club of Iowa**



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Calendar of Events

Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – Jethro's BBQ n' LakeHouse, Ankeny
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine Dinner – See Flyer
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – TBD

Mar 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – TBD

# Officer Reports

## From the President...

#### Greetings Corvette Club of Iowa Family!

January is a wonderful time of year (minus the weather) where we see a new beginning. It reminds me of all the resolutions we tend to make. It's the time of year when most people are looking for a change or at least more open to it. January also gives us a chance to reflect on our past and see our accomplishments. This year in CCI we get a chance to celebrate both our past and focus on a new beginning – celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

As we prepare for this exciting celebration in May, I think about the future of this great club. My 2 year-old son Blake is a proud member of the FCOA (Future Corvette Owners of America)



although we joke that he is already a Corvette owner as he has 2 PowerWheel versions (a C5 and a C7). FCOA is a great program that many of us can utilize to get our kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, etc. involved with CCI and NCCC.

In preparation for this month's general meeting, I looked over our agenda and saw the "Introduction of New Members and Guests" item that occurs at the beginning of every meeting. How many of us make an effort to connect with those individuals after the meeting to say hello? Once upon a time, not long ago, I was a guest. I was nervous, felt out of place and I didn't know anyone. It was individuals taking their time to come talk to me, get to know me, answer my questions, and make me feel welcomed that made me decide to join. The best part of any club is the people. Some of you have made lifelong friendships as a result of CCI. Many of you take great pride and joy in being a part of this club and the memories that we make year after year.

As we begin this new year of adventures together and prepare to celebrate 60 years as a club, I encourage you to join me in the shared vision of legacy members joined by new members celebrating the same thing – the love of Corvettes (versus those metal cars out there). As we strive to hold some familiar events all the while brainstorming new events, I encourage each and every one of you to consider friends, family, and neighbors that you can invite. When you see someone at a club meeting that you don't recognize go and introduce yourself to them. Through this club I have made some close friendships in just a short amount of time. You never know when your next close friend is sitting just two seats away from you at a club meeting.

I look forward to this New Year with all of you. I'm honored to be serving as your President. If you still haven't renewed your membership for this year, DO IT NOW! Don't delay. If you have, thank you and think of who you can invite to our next event/meeting. Let's all get ready for a celebration for the ages. It's great being on this ride together.

Vroom Vroom,

Jeff Jackson, President

#### Governor's Message...

As often happens in January, Mother Nature has shared a little bit of wintery weather with us, including some brutally cold weather and snow. So far, we have survived it. I don't know about you, but for me, it hasn't actually seemed too bad. This is the kind of weather that will make us really appreciate that nice warm weather we know is coming in a few months.

As for Governor's business, I've actually been pretty busy working on last year's points and planning for the 2022 CCI Competition Program. You may recall that last year, Mike Golightly was gracious enough to take over as Points Director on a temporary basis from Wayne Nikolish. The "temporary" position became an all-year job tallying the club points in addition to his duties as Membership Director AND planning for the club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this year. I volunteered to take over the points position from him until I learned what the job of Points Director was all about, after which time I've convinced Janelle Ohmstede to take over. Thanks, Mike!

The first thing to tackle with points was totaling up all the points that members accumulated throughout the year. Do you know that you get points in different categories? I have had to learn all the categories and what points accrue in each category. Nan Brittain previously set up very nice spreadsheets to keep the points documented under the appropriate event, with totals feeding into the proper categories. I think I've got the hang of that and now I have to meet with her again, to make sure everything is where it belongs. Then I'll start working on 2021 club awards.

The 2022 competition season is starting to take Denny Luther has agreed to be shape. Competition Director for the year and Luke Stilley will be assisting us. One of the major hurdles we have to overcome is trying to replace long-time timing & scoring our staff. affectionately know as the "Trailer Bitches." Linda Hommer and Sheila Wyman, with assistance from Nan Brittain have been accurately running our timing equipment and reporting the results for more than 20 years. They've done so dependably, committing to do each of our events, year after year. This year, we are exploring the possibility of having the couple who do timing/scoring for Cornhusker Corvette Club also work our events and train a new team of CCI members to operate the equipment. We've had some preliminary meetings with CCC to discuss this idea and we are going to Omaha to meet personally with their president and competition director next week. We also have discussed partnering with CCC to co-host an event. I'll report more on what partnerships like these might look like following that meeting.

This year we would like to host two autocrosses and at least one sanctioned car show, with a few other fun events thrown in to augment some of the events planned by our social directors, aka the McCrackens. Our first competition event is expected to be our traditional autocross at the Ankeny Airport over Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30. We are tentatively planning to have 5 low-speed autocrosses there on Saturday and Sunday, with a potential car show at the same venue on Monday. We have something pretty special in mind for the car show, so stay tuned. We want this (and our other 2022 CCI events) to be fun events for everyone, whether you are competing, working or just socializing. The usual Chariton event is looking a little doubtful this year, so we are searching for alternate sites to hold a low-speed autocross in case Chariton doesn't work out. If you know of any large parking lots without a lot of poles that aren't used Saturdays and Sundays, please let Denny, Luke or me know. Finally, I'm not opposed to the idea of hosting a funkhana of some kind, if we can come up with some creative ideas. We want our club members to be involved in our activities, so we'll try to plan something for everybody.

Try to enjoy the rest of our winter weather with the promise of sunny and warm Corvette weather just around the corner. Well, in the coming months, at least!

Gary Foster, Governor



## **Board Meeting,** December 2, 2021

The December CCI Board meeting was held at Old Chicago in Ankeny. President Nichole DiMaio called the meeting to order @ 6:55PM with the following members present: Laurie McCracken, Carrol McCracken, Dave Howard, Jeff Jackson, Gary Foster, Mike Golightly, Pat Whalen, Luke Stilley, Nichole DiMaio, Wayne Weidmann and 2022 Secretary Dave McChesney.

#### **Officer Reports**

President's Report: Nichole gave the Board a THANK YOU for the great year we had. Secretary's Report: Jeff asked if there were any questions/comments on the minutes from November and everyone thought they were fine as presented. A motion from Laurie to approve the November minutes was seconded by Gary and the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer's Report: Laurie gave details of the Treasurer's report.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Carrol said 39 people so far have signed up for the Christmas Party at Chicago Speakeasy. Governor's Report: Gary is looking to do 2 autocross events and 1 car show in the upcoming year. He also would like to put together a trip to the NCCC Convention. Competition Director's Report: Luke had nothing to report.

Member at Large Report: Wayne has scheduled the next Board meeting for Old Chicago on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The general meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> will be at Jethro's. Editor's Report: Dave mentioned that he has plenty of pictures from several recent events. He plans to use many of them in the December Sportsmate. Points Director's Report: Mike got together with Gary Foster to review the points and audit them. All points will be entered by the end of the week to give to Pat for the website. Mike is looking to consider a point goal and recognition for members in the club if they hit a certain number of points. Membership Director's Report: Mike talked about membership renewal in progress with about 100 currently renewed. Members should have received their email from NCCC for their membership card. Social Media Director's Report: Pat will have a new password for 2022 members for the members only section of the website. This will be Pat's last Board meeting until April.

Old Business: none. New Business: Mike had a meeting at Camp Dodge and the club is cleared for use of a building for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May. Laurie and Dave Howard have determined that no change is needed to rates for business advertisements in the newsletter. Laurie also cleared through the list of charitable donations.

A motion for adjournment was made by Carrol and the meeting adjourned @ 8:11PM.

Jeff Jackson, Secretary

## General Meeting, December 21, 2021

CCI's December general meeting was held at Chicago Speakeasy in Des Moines. The abbreviated meeting was called to order @ 6:32PM by President Nichole DiMaio. Members at this meeting: see sign in sheet. No new members or guests attended.

#### **Officer Reports**

President's Report: Nichole had nothing to report. Secretary's Report: Jeff Jackson asked for comments on the prior month's general meeting minutes published in *Sportsmate*. There were none and Paul Wyman made a motion to approve the November minutes as published. Ken Wilson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Treasurer's Report: Laurie McCracken gave the Treasurer's report. She noted that CD's have been established. A motion to receive and file the report was made by Ken Wilson, seconded by Gary Foster and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Carrol McCracken had no report. Governor's Report: Gary Foster also had nothing to report. He reminded everyone to sign the waiver and said he's looking forward to 2022. Competition Director's Report: Luke Stilley had no report. Also with nothing to report were Member at Large Wayne Weidmann, Editor Dave Howard, Points and Membership Director Mike Golightly and Social Media Director Pat Whalen. Old Business: none. New Business: none. Buy and Sell: none.

A motion to adjourn the was meeting made by Carrol McCracken and the meeting adjourned to the CCI Christmas Party @ 6:39PM.

Jeff Jackson, Secretary

# CCI Odds and Ends

# **General Meeting Details**

Join us for CCI's January general meeting at Jethro's BBQ in Ankeny. Here are the details:

#### *Jethro's BBQ n' LakeHouse* 1425 SW Vintage Pkwy Ankeny

Located <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile north of SW Oralabor Rd and just east of SW State St in The District at Prairie Trail.



Gather to eat & socialize @ 6:00PM Meeting following @ approximately 7:00PM

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

## **Member News**

**New Members.** Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have ten new members to report for December: Joyce Appelgate, Russ Dempster, David & Jeannette Brown, Dennis & Sarah Miller, Alfred & Helen Nielsen. And, after years spent raising a family, Curt & Jami Winegar have returned. Welcome!

**Condolences.** Please keep these members in mind as they cope with the loss of a loved one.

Our condolences go out to Dave Larson & family on the recent loss of his Wife and our fellow club member, Susan. **Birthdays.** Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members with January birthdates:

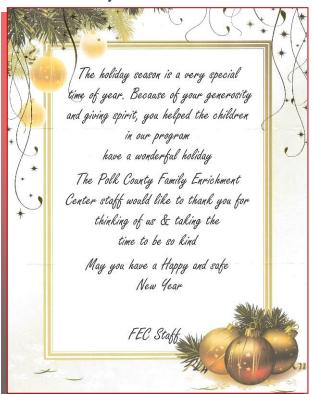
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		Judi Nikolish	1/18
Debbie Mahon	1/22	<b>Richard Peddicord</b>	1/24
Nonie Doty	1/25	Bob Doty	1/27

**CCI Apparel.** CCI apparel is available from Kris & Steve Howard's KSH Design Studio. Choose from long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies. If you're new to CCI or just want to sport some of the latest designs, you can print the order form on Page ?? or use the following link to the form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10z ro0eP0a5-53oDLtYALP6J1owotKnPh QefaVGe8\_HU/edit?usp=sharing

Custom embroidery services are now available from KSH also! Check with Kris or Steve if you want a piece of CCI apparel embroidered.

**Adopt-a-Star.** Many CCI members took part in this annual holiday charity activity sponsored by the Polk County Family Enrichment Center. Below is a thank you note from FEC.



### **Events**

Here's a wrap-up of recently held events along with a description of events on the horizon:

**Christmas Social.** CCI's annual Christmas social was held along with a short general meeting at Chicago Speakeasy on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We had a turnout of well over 50 for this holiday gathering and by all accounts, everyone had a great time. Enjoy the photos from the party!

## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and look for more details in upcoming issues of *Sportsmate*:

**February 8, 2022.** After taking a backseat to COVID last year, CCI's popular Valentine's Day social returns for 2022. This will be an event that you won't want to miss! Don't forget to RSVP your reservation to Carrol no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. See details in the flyer on Page 13.

# December 21st General Meeting/Christmas Social



























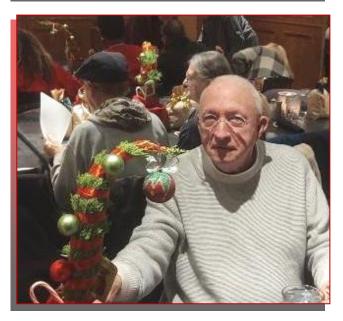












# Buy & Sell

**FOR SALE: Fuel Rail Covers.** Fuel rail covers for an LS 3. OEM Machine Silver w/ red lettering, includes the pads that go underneath them. \$300. If interested, contact Larry Steffen at 515-975-3885.

#### FOR SALE: 2004 Corvette Exhaust.

2004 Corvette Z06 OEM mufflers, tail pipes and tips. Titanium, was a new take off, never run. \$300 OBO. If interested, contact Clayton Smith at 641-203-6111.

**FOR SALE:** Ansen Sprint Wheels. Set of 4 vintage Ansen Sprint wheels for C3 or possibly will fit C1. All 4 are 8.5" x 15" size. They are in natural unpolished finish and in good condition with no cracks, gouges or scratches. \$250 for all 4. If interested, contact Tom Treska at 515-276-7332 (home phone with answering machine). **FOR SALE: 1994 Corvette.** Torch Red 1994 Corvette with red leather interior and removable hard top. Low miles (45,048) and is in great condition but driver's side pop-up headlight not working and a few knicks on paint. Always stored inside and not driven during winter or rain. Comes with custom car cover. Asking \$8,500. Contact Will at 515-556-1377.





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*Tuesday, February 8, 2022 Cocktails – 6:00PM Dinner – 7:00PM* 

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