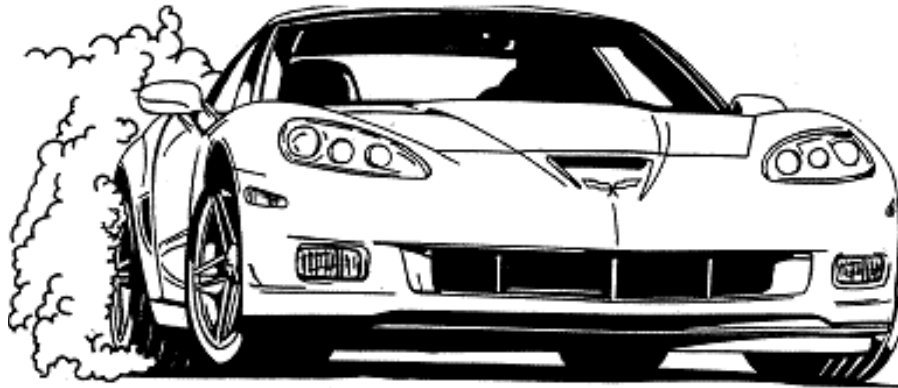


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*General Meeting*

*January 17th*

*Cozy Café*



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## Calendar of Events

Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – Cozy Café, Johnston
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting – TBD
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Wade's High Performance Swap Meet
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting – TBD

## Officer Reports

### From the President...

Hello, Corvette Club of Iowa members,

A few years ago, if someone would have asked me if I would entertain being the President of our club, I would have sent them down the road with a response that would have left no doubts that I wasn't interested. Fast forward to late 2022, and with no other takers, I put my name in the candidate pool and was elected as an officer. Why I can't say for sure, but part of it was that after two years of planning events with a lot of help from Laurie and Jennifer and my leading tours, I thought the President position would have to be easier. It sure wasn't that I needed something else to do, as I am running my own business and being on another local board. As you can see, I stay busy and am often my own worst enemy for putting more on my plate than I should or more than others. Time will tell on the amount of work that goes into the President's position.

I have been and continue to be a person that offers to help or volunteer. With the club this year, I will be looking for volunteers to help various officers and club members complete the tasks required by our bylaws and anything else that may come up. If you find yourself wanting to help, please feel free to say so at a meeting, or talk or email with one of the club officers. We should never tell anyone that their offer to volunteer isn't needed. Besides volunteering, I know there are often times when some of us may debate certain rules, and bylaws, or just need to get some things done. One thing I will ask of all the club members: If you find yourself questioning something that we are doing, offer to help. In my business when someone comes to me with a complaint, after listening to them and getting their viewpoint, my next question will often be "How can you help solve the problem?" So, if you have a concern, I hope you come to us with a solution.

I can only say this for myself, but I am anxiously waiting for when the weather is a little more stable to get the Corvette (and our Camaro) back out on the streets. Yes, I know, that as I write this, it is only January 10<sup>th</sup>, but I want to enjoy some trips this year with family and friends from the Corvette Club of Iowa, and other clubs where

I have some friends. Every day, I open the weather app on my phone and look at the long range forecast. Right now, there are no predictions for extremely cold weather or even a lot of precipitation. I will often tell people that I don't believe forecasts that are more than three days out, but it makes me feel better with the idea that we may not have a rough winter and that car season may be close. When January is over, I am encouraged by what is usually a warming trend, and since it is a short month, February goes by quickly.

I look forward to another great year with the Corvette Club of Iowa.

Save the Wave!

*Carrol McCracken*, President

### Governor's Message...

Well, here we are in the middle of winter. One good thing about this time of year (maybe the only good thing) is that after the winter solstice last month, the days are getting longer and the sun doesn't set until 5:00PM. We've probably got another 30-45 days of cold weather, before it gives way to more sunshine and higher temps. Compared to other years, this winter hasn't really been too bad (so far).

We had our first board meeting of the year this week and we welcomed the new board members, including Carrol McCracken as President, Dave Brown as Vice-President, Steve Rahn as Treasurer, and Jeff Jackson as Member at Large. I'd like to offer a big thank you to the outgoing officers, including Jeff Jackson, Laurie McCracken and Wayne Weidmann. It's been a pleasure to serve with the outgoing officers and I look forward to working with the fresh new board members in 2023.

Competition director Mark Cooper and I have met a couple of times to discuss what we would like to accomplish this year in terms of competitive events. We have chosen a committee to assist with planning and hosting some fun events for the year. It was our intention to return to Iowa Speedway for high and low speed events this year. However, we learned that NASCAR's Midwest Division, consisting of the following tracks: Kansas

Speedway, Iowa Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway & Route 66 Dragway, and Michigan International Speedway, has set a standard fee for renting any of the race tracks in division. That cost is significantly out of our price range, so it is no longer a possibility. We are, however, working on alternative sites to use for our speed events this year. We still plan to host a Memorial Day weekend autocross, another autocross September 23-24, and a couple of other events TBD.

Please don't forget that the NCCC Convention is June 24-30 this year in Bowling Green, Kentucky. That's not a bad drive from Iowa and the 2023 Convention Committee has a lot of fun activities planned, in addition to the competition events.

I want to remind you that 2023 scholarship applications are being accepted now for both West Region and NCCC scholarships. For more information, you may go to the West Region webpage at [www.westregionnccc.com](http://www.westregionnccc.com) for regional scholarships, at [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org) for national scholarship information.

I'll be back at Iowa Speedway for another season this year, managing security for the ARCA Menards Series race on July 15 and the Hy-Vee INDYCAR Weekend July 21-23. If you don't have any other plans for those dates, please consider attending the races. The ARCA Menards Series features raw up and coming drivers honing their skills prior to moving up the ladder to the NASCAR Cup Series. Many of the INDYCAR drivers have already attained superstar status, and they put on some really exciting battles as the cars reach speeds of 185 mph on the 7/8 mile track. You may have heard that some major stars from the world of music will be performing during the INDYCAR weekend. On Saturday, Carrie Underwood will be singing pre-race, and Kenny Chesney will perform for the post-race concert. Sunday's talent doesn't drop off any, with the Zac Brown Band performing pre-race, and Ed Sheeran playing the post-race concert. Where else can you go and see an INDYCAR race and two A-list performers in concert on the same day?

Winter won't last forever. We'll be enjoying our Corvettes in no time!

*Gary Foster*, Governor

## General Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2022

An omission was recently noted in the above meeting minutes. Below is an excerpt from those minutes as presented in the October *Sportsmate*:

“Old Business: all Board nominations are unopposed and Wayne Nikolish moved to accept the nominations by acclamation. Paul Wyman seconded and the motion passed the body.”

The above requires amendment as follows:

“Old Business: all Board nominees (Carrol McCracken, President; Dave Brown, Vice President; Dave McChesney, Secretary; Steve Rahn, Treasurer; Gary Foster, Governor; Jeff Jackson, Member at Large) are unopposed. Wayne Nikolish moved to acclaim the nominees as CCI's Officers for 2023. Paul Wyman seconded and the motion passed the body.”

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary

## General Meeting Minutes, December 20, 2022

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order by President Jeff Jackson @ 8:12PM on December 20, 2022 at The District Venue in Ankeny. Jeff welcomed guests and new members but there were none in attendance. Jeff then expressed his gratitude to the crowd for a wonderful year.

Secretary Dave McChesney reported that the general meeting minutes are published in *Sportsmate*. There was no discussion and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Brown, seconded by Jim Lucas and the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Laurie McCracken was not present due to COVID exposure and her report will be deferred.

Vice President/Social Director Carrol McCracken was also absent due to COVID exposure and no report was made. Governor Gary Foster was not present and did not submit a report. Competition Director Denny Luther had just one thing to report... MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Member at Large Wayne Weidmann had nothing to report. Editor Dave Howard also had nothing to report. Points Director Janelle Ohmstede had nothing to report as well. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported member count is 10-12 members stronger than this time last year. Social Media director Pat Whalen was not present and there was nothing reported.

Old Business: none. New Business: Curt Winegar reported on the recent passing of longtime member Mary Harrington. Buy & Sell: Luke Stilley has a C6 roll bar.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Nikolish and the meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary

## CCI Odds and Ends

### General Meeting Details

Our January general meeting will be held at Cozy Café in Johnston. Here are the details:

**Cozy Café**  
8385 Birchwood Ct  
Johnston



Located just north of the NW 86<sup>th</sup> St interchange with I-80/35. Take the first right off 86<sup>th</sup> and go east to the restaurant.

**Gather to eat & socialize @ 6:00PM**

**Meeting following @ approximately 7:00PM**

**See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!**

## Member News

**New Members.** Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have one new member to report for December. He is Jim Verba of Des Moines. Jim is rejoining CCI

after several years and has a Blue 2022 coupe. Welcome back Jim!!

**Birthdays.** Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members with January birthdates:



<i>Larry Steffen</i>	1/1
<i>Stan Gaer</i>	1/3
<i>Steve Genovese</i>	1/7
<i>Jim Mathern</i>	1/11
<i>Dan Forret</i>	1/17
<i>Judi Nikolish</i>	1/18
<i>Debbie Mahon</i>	1/22
<i>Nonie Doty</i>	1/25
<i>Bob Doty</i>	1/27

**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 sport the latest designs, check with Kris or Steve.

**Editor's Note.** As you know, photos of CCI events and other gatherings are an ongoing part of this newsletter. Many of you have likely noticed that often included among them are photos from impromptu get togethers not planned by the club. We welcome photos from any club members who enjoy cruising to an activity in their Vettes along with the company of likeminded friends. Let's face it, there are a myriad of things to do out there that aren't noticed by the club Board, let alone promoted. That can range from being as simple as dinner with family or friends to participating in an organized car show and anything in between.

If you get the urge, don't hesitate to take a few photos from the next cruise in your Vette and submit them to the Editor. We'll find the space for them in the next issue of *Sportsmate*!

## Events

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

**CCI Holiday Party.** CCI's annual holiday party and December general meeting took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> at a location that was totally new to all of us – The District Venue in Ankeny. A crowd of over 50 enjoyed the evening socializing and dining, with a raffle and auction closing the activities. No doubt about the success of this one!

## Save the Date!

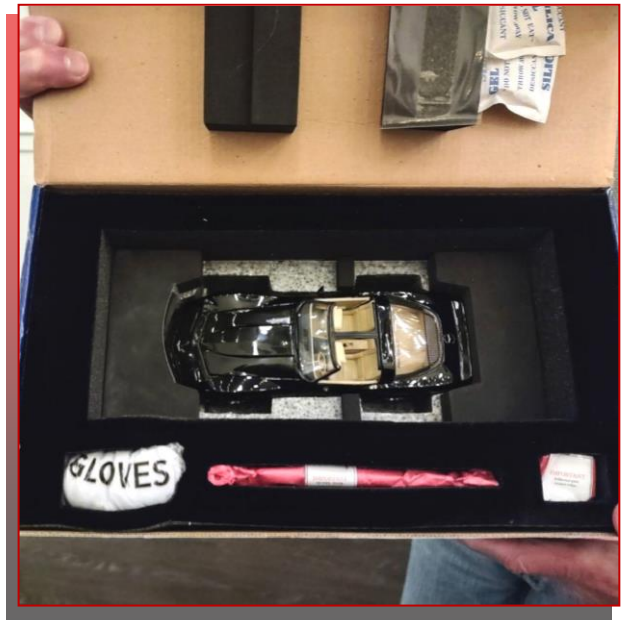
Mark your calendars and look for more details in upcoming issues of *Sportsmate*:

**March 19, 2023.** Wild Wade's High Performance Swap Meet is on the calendar for the third Sunday of March and will take place from 8AM to 3PM. As usual, Paul Wyman is leading the charge and Wayne Nikolish will provide this year's display car. Look for a flyer in the next *Sportsmate*. Contact Paul with any questions.

### December 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting & Holiday Party















## Bingo Night at VFW in Polk City







## Buy & Sell

**FOR SALE: 2017 Corvette.** Larry Mark's 2017 Corvette Grand Sport is for sale. The car is in excellent condition and currently lives in the Corvette Suite under a soft cover where the floors are heated so the tires don't get cold in the winter. It's a 2LT with 17,600 miles, 8-speed automatic with paddle shift, heads-up display, heated/cooled seats and finished in Blade Silver Metallic with Jet Black interior. Asking \$66,600. If interested, contact Timothy Mark at 713-826-9802 or [timothy.mark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timothy.mark@sbcglobal.net).



### VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 2LT

VIN: 1G1YY2D79H5116738

Stock:

Engine:

Color:

Silver

Transmission:

#### Technical

- \*Remote Engine Start
- \*Rear Wheel Drive
- \*Active Suspension
- \*Keyless Entry
- \*Power Door Locks
- \*Power Windows
- \*Cruise Control
- \*Power Steering
- \*Locking/Limited Slip Differential
- \*EPA estimated fuel consumption: City: 15 mpg
- \*EPA estimated fuel consumption: Highway: 26 mpg
- \*Security System - Engine Immobilizer
- \*Gasoline Fuel
- \*Transmission w/Dual Shift Mode
- \*Fuel Capacity: 19 gal.

#### Safety

- \*Driver Air Bag
- \*Passenger Air Bag
- \*Passenger Air Bag Sensor
- \*Front Side Air Bag
- \*ABS
- \*Stability Control
- \*Traction Control
- \*4-Wheel Disc Brakes
- \*Rear Parking Aid
- \*Daytime Running Lights

#### Interior

- \*Auto-Dimming Rearview Mirror
- \*Power Driver Seat
- \*Driver Adjustable Lumbar
- \*Heated Front Seat(s)
- \*Cooled Front Seat(s)
- \*Passenger Adjustable Lumbar

#### Interior

- \*Bucket Seats
- \*Leather Seats
- \*Multi-Zone A/C
- \*A/C
- \*Adjustable Steering Wheel
- \*Leather Steering Wheel
- \*Rear Defrost
- \*Driver Illuminated Vanity Mirror
- \*Passenger Illuminated Visor Mirror
- \*Mirror Memory

#### Exterior

- \*Intermittent Wipers
- \*Power Mirror(s)
- \*Heated Mirrors
- \*Aluminum Wheels
- \*Tires - Front Performance
- \*Tires - Rear Performance
- \*HID headlights

#### Electronics

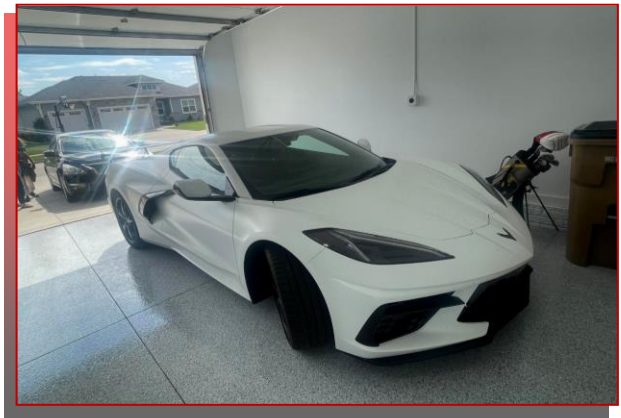
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- \*WiFi Hotspot
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- \*Security System
- \*Heads-Up Display
- \*Universal Garage Door Opener

**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.** Ken Wilson's 2004 Corvette Coupe is for sale. The car is in excellent condition and comes equipped with two tops and heads-up display, both rare options for 2004. 4-speed automatic, Torch Red exterior with Ebony leather interior and Bose sound system. Inquire for price by contacting Ken at 515-999-2700 or [kenwilvette@aol.com](mailto:kenwilvette@aol.com).



**FOR SALE: 2022 Corvette.** This C8 Corvette Coupe is Arctic White with Jet Black interior. It has low miles (around 2,500) and comes equipped with the 8-speed dual clutch transmission. Asking \$90,000. If you have a serious interest in this rare vehicle, please contact Matt at 515-745-0186.



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