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***March 21st***

***La Rancherita Taqueria y Gordita***



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## Calendar of Events

Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Wade's High Performance Swap Meet – See Flyer
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting – La Rancherita Taqueria y Gordita, Des Moines
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – TBD
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – TBD
May 27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Weekend Autocross, Ankeny

## Officer Reports

### From the President...

This is our story...

Everyone has a story. Maybe something they did as a child, something they did in high school or college, their work, or in their everyday life. In last month's letter, I talked about the relationships we build in clubs such as ours, some staying acquaintances and others developing into what we always hope will be lifelong friends. We develop these friendships through learning about each other, so this month I'm going to take some time to tell everyone some things about myself.

I was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and my parents had one of the 1880s two-story brick commercial buildings in Marquette, Iowa, where I lived until going to college at Iowa State University (GO CYCLONES!) It was great growing up in a river town in NE Iowa, and I still miss spending time on the Mississippi River. After college, I needed to put food on the table and started working at an engineering firm in Ames in their front office. After a couple of months, I was approached by one of the staff who told me they were thinking about developing a right-of-way department and asked if I would be interested. It would get me out of the front office and mean more money, so of course I was interested. I did not expect that it would lead me to build our own company and what so far is a 34-year career. While in high school, Laurie and I met through a relative of a friend of mine, about 42 years ago. Two kids through college at Iowa State (again, GO CYCLONES), and Laurie and I are still waiting for grandchildren.

Now on to the topic closer to our Corvette Club's purpose, the cars we have owned. My first car at 16 years old was a 1969 Chevrolet Impala. I was always impressed with that 350 under the hood, bearing the Tonawanda sticker. From there, one Pontiac, one Mercury, one Dodge, two Toyotas, and the rest were all Chevrolet. I may not have a perfect count, but where I have owned multiple auto models; I have had three Chevrolet pickups, five Camaros (two RS, one Berlinetta, one 2SS/RS, and one Z-28), four Corvettes (two Stingrays, two Grand Sports), two Impalas, one Chevelle, and a variety of other models. I guess this all came from growing up in a Chevrolet

family. My first memories of driving were with a brother-in-law who would have me sit on his lap in his 1967 RS Camaro and steer while he ran the gas, the brakes, the clutch and the shifter. I guess steering it out in the country may not have truly been classified as driving, but it was close enough for me. I attribute this to my passion for Camaros. When I was old enough to truly drive my parents' cars, they had a 1974 Nova, and what may have been a 1977 two-door Impala, a beauty with metallic maroon paint and a white vinyl top. Even though I put that car into a ditch which led to some paint being scratched by a barbed wire fence, and some time at the body shop for some paint touchup, I would love to have that car today. Unfortunately tracking it down now would be close to impossible, if it has even survived.

My story on the first Corvette in the McCracken household started in 2016 on an unseasonably warm December Saturday when Laurie and I had decided to break our 2010 Camaro out of the garage for a drive. We went south and out of curiosity, like I had done a number of times, I drove through Karl's lot where they had a few different Corvettes outside on display. I had purchased a few vehicles from one particular salesperson, whom I hunted down and asked him about taking one for a drive. I don't think I had planned on buying one, I was just curious, or so I thought. Even though he had sold me cars before, it may have been Karl's policy to not let someone drive a Corvette without a salesperson. I took the car for a short spin with him in the passenger seat, and I couldn't stop smiling. I was hooked! A few days later there was a 2016 Stingray in our garage.

Two other interesting tidbits about our Corvette ownership: When we were purchasing our 2017 Grand Sport, our dealer wanted to wait to do the paperwork until some sales promotions were available. They had picked our car up from another dealer in Wisconsin. Rather than store it on their lot, they backed an enclosed trailer up to our garage and unloaded it (again in the winter). For a week or so, that car was stored in there, and I didn't own it. Almost everyone has probably heard the story of the one-inch crack totaling that car. If not, I'm sure it is still available on the internet. I hope this gives you some enjoyment and a little history of our lives and our cars.

Save the Wave!

*Carrol McCracken*, President

## General Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2023

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order by President Carrol McCracken @ 6:59PM on February 21, 2023 at Pizza Ranch in Ankeny. President McCracken welcomed new members Carla and Rob Johnson who own a 2005 Z51 Corvette and guest Alex Luck who owns a 2002 Z06. Carrol mentioned that Bylaws review is coming up. Secretary Dave McChesney reported that the general meeting minutes are published in *Sportsmate*. A motion to approve minutes was made by Dave Brown and seconded by Dave Ohmstede. Motion passed. Treasurer Steve Rahn was present and reported that he had completed the calculation as required in the Bylaws to fund the charity fund for the year. A question was raised as to the accuracy of that calculation and discussion ensued. It was decided to hold action on the approval of charity fund numbers until Steve could review and double check the numbers.

Vice President/Social Director Dave Brown reported the Valentine's Day gathering at Irina's in West Des Moines went well. Food was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Working on a spring cruise of some sort as well as a cruise to the Ozarks area. Governor Gary Foster was not present and was also unable to attend the most recent governor's meeting. Steve Rahn graciously filled in for him. Steve reported that 2022 points documents are in hand and year-end awards should be presented at the next monthly meeting. The West Region awards banquet will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> in Omaha. Scholarship

applications are still currently being accepted. Permanent competition numbers for the season are on sale now. See the NCCC and WR websites for more information. The competition committee is working hard to find sites. Memorial Day weekend and September 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> are the current plan. Back in Ankeny for Memorial Day. New site – Prairie Meadows – will be used for the September event. Prairie Meadows has asked us to host a car show there as well.

Member at Large Jeff Jackson was not present and no report was submitted. Editor Dave Howard had nothing to report. Points Director Laurie McCracken was present and reported she is still just waiting on getting points tabulated from last year. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported membership is at 118 at the most recent count. A few renewals came in tonight and likely a few new members soon. Social Media Director Pat Whalen was not present and there was no report.

Old Business: none. New Business: charitable giving will be tabled for next month pending clarification of the correct amount added to the charity fund. Paul Wyman reminded the group that Wild Wade's Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds is upcoming on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Buy & Sell: Dave Vance mentioned a 4,200 sq ft commercial bldg for \$500K; Dave McChesney has a nice set of C4 wheels with new rubber for \$1,000.

A motion to adjourn was made by Julianne Pawlosky and the meeting adjourned @ 7:48PM.

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary

## CCI Odds and Ends

### General Meeting Details

Our March general meeting will be held at La Rancherita in Des Moines. Here are the details:

***La Rancherita Taqueria y Gordita***  
***1106 Army Post Rd***  
***Des Moines***

Located two blocks west of SW 9<sup>th</sup> on the south side of Army Post Rd just east of Fort Des Moines Open Bible. This authentic Mexican restaurant was the one-time location of Nick's.

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

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

***See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!***



## Member News

**New Members.** Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have no new members to report for February.

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



<i>Janelle Ohmstede</i>	<i>3/11</i>
<i>Alan Heggen</i>	<i>3/17</i>
<i>Jerry Ruggle</i>	<i>3/20</i>
<i>Emeal Myles</i>	<i>3/23</i>
<i>Laurie McCracken</i>	<i>3/24</i>

<i>Dave Brown</i>	<i>3/25</i>	<i>Jeff Jackson</i>	<i>3/27</i>
<i>Arda Mathern</i>	<i>3/29</i>	<i>Shannon Ford</i>	<i>3/29</i>

**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.

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



*Our condolences go out to  
Judy Wilson and family  
on the recent loss of  
her Husband and our  
fellow club member, Ken.*

## Events

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

**Wild Wade's Swap Meet.** Wild Wade's is on the calendar for March 19<sup>th</sup> and will take place from 8AM to 3PM at the Varied Industries Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. You do not want to miss this "all things automotive" event! See the flyer on Page 8 for more details and contact Paul Wyman with questions.

## February 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting





## 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: 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

- \*Keyless Start
- \*Back-Up Camera
- \*Entertainment System
- \*Premium Sound System
- \*AM/FM Stereo
- \*Satellite Radio
- \*Navigation from Telematics
- \*Navigation System
- \*Bluetooth Connection
- \*MP3 Player
- \*Steering Wheel Audio Controls
- \*WiFi Hotspot
- \*Remote Trunk Release
- \*Security System
- \*Heads-Up Display
- \*Universal Garage Door Opener





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# *Wild Wade's*

## *High Performance Swap Meet and Trade Show*

*Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds*  
*Sunday, March 19, 2023*  
*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?  
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