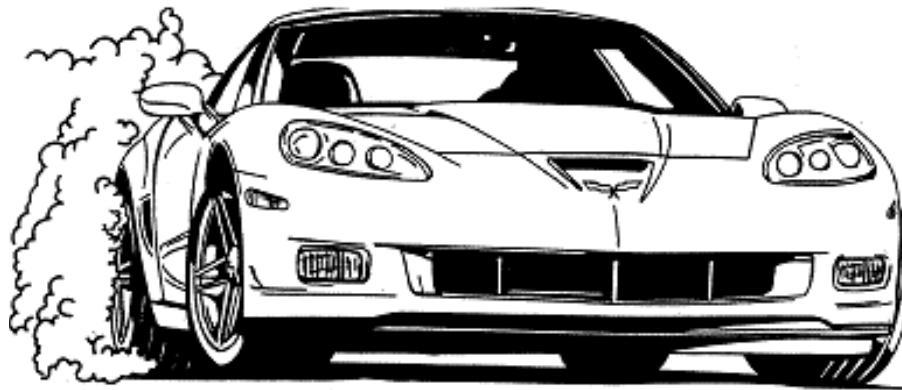


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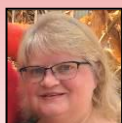
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Calendar of Events

Apr 19 th	General Meeting – Smokey D's BBQ
May 17 th	General Meeting – Camp Dodge Pavilion, Johnston and CCI 60 th Anniversary Party
May 28 th – 30 th	Flying Low in 22 – See Flyer
Jun 21 st	General Meeting – TBD

Officer Reports

From the President...

Greetings Corvette Club of Iowa Family,

With everything going on in the world right now, I believe we can all agree that life sometimes just hits us hard. We all have our moments of ups and downs. It's the people around us that help us get through those down times. When I think back to my darkest times in my life it was my best friend Shannon that was right there with me. His family quickly became my family. In fact, I am the God Father to his daughter and his oldest son is like a son to me. A friendship of over 20 years of sharing life together will have that kind of impact.

Not getting too personal (it's meant to be a fun/inspirational article after all) but after my parents died, my older sister and I went our separate ways. I was very close to my sister for most of my life but sometimes grief leads to other pain. I was heartbroken. My son Blake will never know his Aunt, his Uncle-in-law, nor his cousins. *"My sister is the only family I have left,"* I thought. But then I quickly realized that my very close friends are my family. It reminds me of an anonymous quote I once heard, ***"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones that would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what."*** I quickly realized that Blake is blessed with many Aunts and Uncles and I am blessed with a great large family.

When I was young, we used to have these wonderful Family Reunions in Holland, MI at a park on Lake Michigan. It was good food, great fun, music and memories with family. On May 17th we are having a "Family Reunion" for the Corvette Club of Iowa. The 60th Anniversary will be a fun time of some great BBQ, music, lots of Corvettes and time with our Corvette Family. Whether you have been in the club for 40+ years or 40+ days, this club is a family in so many ways (seriously didn't mean to make that rhyme. Sorry). It's why I start every article the way I do. We are there for each other in the hard times and we laugh with each other in the good times (or if you are Denny Luther you laugh at me in the awkward times like spilling your dinner on you at Big Al's ☺). I hope you all can make it to this

celebration. I would love to meet those I haven't, share a laugh with those I have, and get to know everyone a little better as we share this crazy life together. It reminds me of another great quote (but you have to look past the gender stereotypes as it is an old quote), ***"Family: A social unit where the father is concerned with parking space, the children with outer space, and the mother with closet space."*** Finding that parking space, the one where there are no door dings (because our cars don't dent, they crack) but where people can still admire the car; that is the goal. A common goal in this family.

I look forward to our May celebration. There will be plenty of door-ding free parking, food, laughs, music and good times to be had. Thank you for including me as part of this family.

Vroom Vroom,

Jeff Jackson, President

Governor's Message...

Ugh! What screwy Iowa weather, right? Very little sunshine, warmth for a few days, rain, snow, wind, tornados, cold weather, then repeat. I'm sure spring is just waiting to show itself, properly. Until then, all we can do is dream of summer and dodge raindrops while wearing our heavy coats.

I really want to talk to you about the Memorial Day weekend we have planned. It's our 21-event low speed autocross weekend. I think it will be a great event and an opportunity to spend some time with like-minded people. Even if you don't race, we'd like to see you come out and watch or work the event. Our plan this year is to have the competitors work the corners on the track. We will have a number of other spots where we need help, such as running labels to the display board, working the entrance gate, managing the staging lanes, registration, tech inspection, transporting workers, etc. We'll even have event T-shirts.

You can find the flyer for this event on the club website either at www.corvetteclubofiowa.com under Activities, then Competition or at www.westregionnccc.com under Competition, then 2022 Sanctioned Event Schedule. For those of you who want to register, this year we are using NCCC's online registration system. It's actually pretty simple to use. Copy the following link, and

paste it into the address bar on your internet browser:

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=305>.

It will automatically take you to the registration page. Skip the car number at the top of the page. For some reason the database fills that in with the next sequential number. We can change the number later if you have paid for a permanent West Region number. Start your registration by filling in your NCCC number in the appropriate box. If you don't know your number, it's on your membership card. The other fields will self-populate down to information about your car. Enter that information, including the class you run in. If you don't know that, you can look it up using the NCCC Competition Rulebook that can be found on the NCCC website at www.corvettesnccc.org. Or, you can just choose a class and we will properly classify you later. You will then have to check off the boxes corresponding to the events you want to participate in. So, if you want to run all 21 events, you'll have to click all 21 boxes. I guess it would be too simple to have a box marked "Enter all Events" so you only have to mark one box. Once you complete those steps, click on "Send my registration to Corvette Club of Iowa". That's it.

After you register, you will get your Registration Information. If you selected all the events, it says the Total Registration cost is \$210. If you register

and pay before May 20th, your cost will only be \$175. That payment is to be made to Laurie McCracken at the address listed at the bottom of this message. We will email you additional information after your registration has been received.

So, I hope to see you all at Ankeny! It should be a fun weekend, whether you're competing, working, visiting with friends or making new friends.

We are also busy with our next club events. Originally, we had planned to have our second autocross June 25-26. Cornhusker Corvette Club called and said they had a conflict and wanted to change dates with us. We agreed, and our second low-speed autocross is now scheduled for September 24-25. Additionally, our rallye, "Lawman's Pokey Run," will also be in September. It is scheduled for September 18th.

Thanks for your time! You can mail your Ankeny Memorial Day event check to Laurie at the following address:

Laurie McCracken, Treasurer
Corvette Club of Iowa
812 Westwood Dr
Nevada, IA 50201

See you soon!

Gary Foster, Governor

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, March 3, 2022

The Board meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order @ 6:59PM, March 3, 2022 at The Whiskey House in Ankeny by President Jeff Jackson. Secretary Dave McChesney was present. President Jackson welcomed Board members and mentioned that it was time to begin the process of reviewing bylaws. He explained the process as the secretary is new to the board and position.

Secretary McChesney reported nothing new other than minutes from the previous meeting. Discussion of forming a committee to review

bylaws occurred. The committee was formed consisting of Jeff Jackson, Carrol McCracken, and Dave McChesney. Jeff made the motion to approve the secretary's minutes as published and Gary Foster seconded. The motion carried in the body. Treasurer Laurie McCracken submitted her report for February. She reported some member dues coming in and a deposit of 50/50 funds. Sponsorships totaling \$2,550 came in. Trophy expenses were reimbursed to Gary Foster.

Vice President/Social Director Carrol McCracken welcomed discussion from the board on social event ideas and ideas for some family friendly events such as a picnic. He is working on something along the lines of a cruise in April. Governor Gary Foster was present and gave a detailed report of the recent Governor's meeting to include a presentation by Hagerty regarding their offering of autocross insurance, WR

Permanent # Program and review of upcoming NCCC Conventions. Preparation continues for Ankeny autocross. Presented a draft of the t-shirt design for the event... it is still a work in progress and discussion on how to include CCI's logo was had. Competition Director Denny Luther reported events beyond Ankeny are in the planning stages and trying to find suitable venues. Discussion occurred about what venues may work or have been used in the past. Further discussion of the Hagerty insurance occurred.

Wayne Weidmann, Member at Large, reported that the upcoming general meeting will be held at the West Des Moines location of Big Al's BBQ. Board will be at The Whiskey House again in April. Editor Dave Howard reported needing content for *Sportsmate*. A few articles are in the works. Points Director, nothing to report that wasn't already covered. Gary said he is ready to hand off Points to Janelle Ohmstede. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported the club is at a good level for membership at this point in the year. Social Media Director Pat Whalen was not present and there was no report.

Old Business: shirts are going to be available for 60th anniversary event. Camp style shirt but Lady's sizes will not be available. An additional option for food has come up and Mike is going to try and get a tasting together. New Business: there was nothing to discuss.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carrol McCracken. Meeting adjourned @ 8:51PM.

Dave McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting, March 15, 2022

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order by Jeff Jackson @ 7:02PM, March 15, 2022 at Big Al's BBQ in West Des Moines. Secretary Dave McChesney was present. President Jackson welcomed new members and guests: Armando & Tina Burriola, Dave & Mary Pepper, Bob & Mary Messinger (former members), Doug & Michelle Walker, Dave Duncan and Mike Heard (guest of Mike Golightly). Jeff continued and thanked Big Al for the hospitality as well as Carrol, Laurie and Mike for recent work planning events.

Dave McChesney reported upcoming annual review of club bylaws. A committee has been formed and will review bylaws in March. Findings will be reported to the Board at its April meeting and will be presented to the members for discussion in April and for a vote in May. Dave asked for questions/comments regarding the February minutes but none came forward and Denny Luther motioned to approve the secretary's minutes as published. Jim Lucas seconded and the motion carried in the body. Laurie McCracken submitted the Treasurer's report with some member dues coming in and a deposit of 50/50 funds. Sponsorships totaling \$2,550 came in. Trophy expenses were reimbursed to Gary Foster.

Vice President/Social Director Carrol McCracken reported an upcoming trip to Omaha for NCCC West Region awards banquet. Discussion took place of some event ideas that have recently been presented. Governor Gary Foster was present and noted a detailed report of the Governor's meeting is published in *Sportsmate*. Preparation is underway for Ankeny autocross in May. He presented the t shirt design for the event and said it is a work in progress. Gary has now handed Points off to Janelle Ohmstede. Scholarships are available through NCCC and the West Region also has scholarships. Permanent numbers are available for the upcoming competition season. Events registration will all be online now. Red print on the flyer explains how to sign up for events. Gary proceeded with presentation of 2021 awards to all winners. The Don Hoskins award will be presented at our 60th anniversary party. Competition Director Denny Luther reported Hargerty now offers autocross insurance at a very reasonable rate. They presented at the governor's meeting.

Member at Large Wayne Weidmann had nothing to report at this time and conducted 50/50 raffle with Wayne Nikolish taking the winner's share which was \$44. Editor Dave Howard reported Gary is working on an article for the next *Sportsmate*. He also said Pat Whalen is participating in One Lap of America and plans on an article or two for upcoming *Sportsmates*. Points Director Janelle Ohmstede had nothing to report that wasn't already covered. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported the club is at or near a record membership number. Good interest was noted at the Wild Wade's event. He is getting car show flyers together for this season.

Social Media Director Pat Whalen was not present and there was no report.

Old Business: shirts are going to be available for 60th anniversary event. Inquiry was made to members present what they think on meal cost for event. Further discussion of that subject was had including whether the Gold Star Military Museum would be open for the event. Start time was also discussed. Excellent speakers are lined up for the

event. There was no new business to discuss. Buy & Sell: Jim Lucas has a set of C7 rockers for \$450. Dave McChesney has dash kit for best offer. Paul Wyman has a set of Michelin tires.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jim Lucas. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:09PM.

Dave McChesney, Secretary

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

Join us for our April general meeting at Smokey D's BBQ in Des Moines. Here are details:

Smokey D's BBQ
5055 NW 2nd St
Des Moines

Located just north of I-35/80 on the east side of NW 2nd, next to Big Barn Harley-Davidson.



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

See you on the 19th!

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have six new members to report for March. They are Bob & Mary Messinger from West Des Moines, Dave & Mary Pepper from Boone and Mike & Deede Heard of Grimes. The Messingers own a 1976 Red L82 Coupe, the Peppers drive a 2008

Red Coupe and the Heards have a 2016 Laguna Blue Z06 Convertible. Welcome to CCI!

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



<i>Bill Appelgate</i>	<i>4/1</i>
<i>Darren Brown</i>	<i>4/4</i>
<i>Jim Hanifen</i>	<i>4/4</i>
<i>Craig Crowley</i>	<i>4/11</i>
<i>Jeff Showers</i>	<i>4/14</i>
<i>Joyce Appelgate</i>	<i>4/19</i>
<i>Jami Winegar</i>	<i>4/25</i>
<i>Judith Wilson</i>	<i>4/26</i>
<i>Wayne Nikolish</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Colin Cunningham</i>	<i>4/30</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.

Also available from KSH for a limited time are commemorative shirts for CCI's 60th Anniversary! You have until noon on April 29th to place your order so just print and fill out the order form on Page 9 of this *Sportsmate* and send it to Kris.

CCI By-Law Review. The annual process of amending CCI's By-Laws has been started by the By-Law Review Committee. The next step in the process is discussion of the Review Committee's proposed changes at our April general meeting. Have a voice by attending if you can.

Article by Gary Foster. Gary has submitted a special interest article for *Sportsmate*. Read about rare Corvettes he has seen over the years starting on Page 14.

Events

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

Wild Wade's Swap Meet. Wild Wade's made an emphatic return to the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 13th after taking last year off. This year's automotive extravaganza was very well attended and CCI's promotional space was visited steadily throughout the day. Photos from this and other recent club activities follow, starting on Page 10. Enjoy!

Save the Date!

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

May 17, 2022. CCI's 60th Anniversary Party at Camp Dodge Pavilion in Johnston is planned in conjunction with our May general meeting. This major milestone in the history of CCI is an event every club member should make plans to attend. A brief general meeting, a catered meal and prominent guests will be featured at this event. Stay tuned for more details.

May 28-30, 2022. Plans are complete for our first autocross of the season over Memorial Day weekend at the Ankeny Airport. 21 low speeds over the three-day weekend will be featured. See the flyer starting on Page 18.

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: 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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Wild Wade's Swap Meet



March 15th General Meeting & Awards









SPECIAL CORVETTES (Part 1)

At a recent Corvette Club of Iowa Board Meeting, I volunteered to write an article for *Sportsmate*. A smart aleck in the group suggested that my story be about a talking raccoon. While I'm sure I could write a pretty amusing tale about a wise-cracking raccoon, I thought about how I might make the story something that, instead, would appeal to a group of Corvette enthusiasts. The only correlation I could make to a raccoon was that the nose stripe on a C3 Corvette ZL-1 looks a little bit like the dark stripe across a raccoon's eyes. So naturally, this article has to be about some rare and unusual Corvettes I've had the opportunity to see.

As I've alluded to previously, I became a Corvette fan at the tender age of about 5. My cousin had one and when I saw it, I was really touched by it. This car was so different than any of the conservative vehicles my father and grandfather used. It was loud and brash and I loved the styling. This car started my love affair with the Corvette, a love affair that I still have today.

BLOOMINGTON GOLD

In 1984, I had my first opportunity to visit the Bloomington Gold event in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. I was overwhelmed with all the Corvettes being displayed and judged at that show on the Illinois State University campus. That was my first encounter with some cars I had only read about in magazines. I would be privileged to see many more special cars through my work at Barrett-Jackson and some pretty amazing contacts I would develop over the years. As I recall, displayed inside the Bloomington Gold Special Collection that year were 3 of the 5 original 1963 Grand Sports.



Of course, I had heard about these amazing cars, but to see genuine Grand Sports wasn't something I was expecting. They were awesome and they made such abundant and melodious noise! Before that night, I didn't know that some of these cars first raced as convertibles. Although it was nearly 40 years ago, I remember Grand Sport #01 (in bright shiny red) and Grand Sport #02. To the best of my memory, #02 was displayed like the white and blue version pictured above. Accompanying these two cars at this prestigious event was either #04 or #05.

Also in the Special Collection was another car that intrigued me. It seemed like it was a green C3 with whitewall tires and the "deluxe wheel covers" that I was never a fan of. These were supposed to be unique performance cars displayed in the Special Collection and I couldn't see anything special about this one... until I read the display board indicating it was an L88 car. I think it was the first one I'd ever actually seen. The rest of the collection was equally amazing and a truly mythical experience for me. There were other remarkable cars there, too.

1969 ZL-1 Corvette

The car that prompted the topic for this article was a yellow C3 Corvette with that black band above the chrome front bumper that turns to follow the contour up and over the wheel arches and concludes in a point above the gills at the rear of the front fender. At the time, I thought it looked a little silly. Why would someone put a goofy stripe like that on an otherwise good-looking car? I later learned that the "someone" was General Motors and that the stripe identified the car as a ZL-1. This factory option was a 1969-only, special aluminum L88 big block fitted with

a dry-sump oil system and it weighed 100 lbs. less than a regular L88 engine. It was originally intended to replace the L88. The factory rated the ZL-1 at 430hp, but it actually put out between 560 and 585 brake horsepower. As for rarity, only two of these unique cars were made and this one is the only one that is fully documented. The ZL-1 option included a transistor ignition system, special front and rear suspension, special heavy-duty brakes and a positraction rear axle. These cars were all about performance over comfort, so they were unavailable with air-conditioning and a radio. The ZL-1 option was a pricey one for 1969, at \$4,718.35. As a result, the purchase price of a 1969 ZL-1 Corvette would be \$10,048.15. The stripe looked better after I found out the facts about the car!



DETROIT TRIP

During a CCI road trip to Detroit in 2015, I arranged for a tour of the GM Heritage Collection, which featured concept cars and special-interest styling/performance one-offs, along with significant race cars and milestone production vehicles. It was here that we were treated to seeing Corvette concept cars such as the 1965 Mako Shark, 1969 Manta Ray, the 1990 CERV III and many other historic GM vehicles, too numerous to mention. Courtesy of some of my GM buddies, we even had a tour next door at the secret(ish) special performance shop. It was a great trip. The Heritage Collection is open to the public and I would recommend it for anyone visiting Detroit. Below are descriptions of a few of the cars we saw.

1965 Mako Shark

This car may be the most influential Corvette prototype ever produced. According to Wikipedia, the **XP-755 concept car**, also known as the **Mako Shark**, was designed by Larry Shinoda under the direction of General Motors Styling and Design head Bill Mitchell. With the 1963 Corvette C2 design locked down, in 1961 as a concept for future Chevrolet Corvettes, the groundwork for the XP-755 was laid down. Building on the design of the 1958 XP-700 "double bubble," the XP-755 added design elements of the soon to be released C2 Corvette. In keeping with the name, the streamlining, pointed snout and other detailing was partly inspired by the sleek, fast-moving shortfin mako shark. The '61 Corvette tail was given two additional tail lights (six total) for the concept car. The concept was also inspired by Bill Mitchell's 1959 Stingray racer XP-87 which also influenced the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray. Like many show cars, the Mako Shark underwent styling and detail changes over time. The hood and front fascia were modified and the interior was updated. The car also lost the distinctive "double-bubble" canopy. The car was retroactively dubbed the Mako Shark I when the Mako Shark II debuted.

A second Mako Shark, known as the Mako Shark II (XP-830), was a non-running show car sporting futuristic details such as square section side pipes and a squared-off steering wheel. This car debuted at the 1965 New York Auto Show. The second running show car made its debut at the 1965 Paris Motor Show with more conventional steering wheel and exhaust. The car did have a retractable rear spoiler and a square section bumper that could be extended for added protection. The Mako Shark II was powered by a 427 Mark IV engine, which became available on production Corvette models. The paint scheme was similar to the original Mako Shark, with blue/gray on top fading into silver/white at the rockers. I distinctly remember seeing this special vehicle in my car magazines as an elementary school-age kid.

1969 Manta Ray

In 1969 the Mako Shark II was returned to GM Design Studios and transformed into the Manta Ray. Modifications included a front spoiler and redesigned grille and external exhaust pipes. Modifications were also made to the rear that included a buttress style rear window and a longer more horizontal end section. The Firestone tires were replaced with Goodyear tires. A new, all-aluminum ZL-1 427ci (making approximately 430hp) was installed in the revised car.



CERV III

As you're probably aware, Chevrolet had been working on a mid-engine Corvette for many years prior to the release of the first production model C8 as a 2020 model. As reported on MotorTrend.com, of all the previous mid-engine Corvette prototypes, the 1990 CERV III was arguably the closest one to reaching production reality. The third Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle was an evolution of the 1986 Corvette Indy, and while it was intended as GM's showpiece for the 1990 Detroit auto show, many of its elements indicated the possibility of a production-ready car.

Much of the CERV III's technology is relatively commonplace today but in 1990, it was futuristic stuff: all-wheel drive, four-wheel steering and a computer-controlled active suspension. The transmission was a six-speed automatic, built from the existing Hydramatic three-speed, and the brakes used dual discs at each wheel.



Aerovette

According to another story by MotorTrend, by 1976 the Chevrolet Corvette, once "America's Sports Car," had been well and truly neutered. The C3 Corvette launched in 1968 had started off well enough, with svelte chrome bumpers, curvaceous styling borrowed from 1965's Mako Shark II concept, and a standard 300hp, 327ci V-8 engine. GM's engineers had even developed a "for racing only" L88 engine: a 430hp, 427ci V-8 that many say was closer to a 500hp, 500-lb-ft monster in reality.

Alas, the times were changing and as the U.S. rolled into the 1970s, the performance car seemed to suddenly be under threat. Emissions regulations began to become more strenuous, causing automakers to detune their fire-breathing performance motors with weak compression ratios and milder cams and carburetors. Oil shortages were leading to high gas prices at the pump and Corvette buyers themselves were aging, resulting in increased demands for comfort and, for the first time ever, more automatic-transmission Corvettes being sold than manual-equipped versions. Safety standards saw chrome bumpers replaced with plastic and by 1975, the standard Corvette engine was wheezing out just 165 horses from its 350 cubic inches.

Meanwhile, over a decade of mid-engine development work by “Father of the Corvette,” Zora Arkus-Duntov had still not resulted in a production Vette with its engine mounted between the rear axle and the driver. Concepts and development mules had come and gone. From the CERV projects I through III, through the XP variants, and on to the rotary-powered projects, Arkus-Duntov simply wasn’t able to make enough headway with GM’s tough accounting-driven management team. Frustrated, he retired in 1975.

Then, in 1976, a year before his own retirement, GM’s styling boss Bill Mitchell decided that maybe a mid-engine Corvette was the way forward after all. Despite having helped to shut down several of Arkus-Duntov’s previous mid-engine projects, Mitchell pulled the then three-year-old XP-895 mid-engine prototype out of storage. Originally designed for GM’s licensed 420hp, four-rotor experimental engine, Mitchell ordered the rotary removed and replaced with a 400ci (6.6-liter) Chevy V-8.

Mitchell was a fan of Italian car design and perhaps it was the plethora of mid-engine sports cars being developed in Italy in this period – think Lamborghini Countach; Fiat X/19; DeTomaso Pantera; Ferrari Dino, 308, and Berlinetta Boxer – that convinced him that GM needed a mid-engine performance car. He rechristened the gullwing-door concept the Aerovette and sent it off to the auto-show circuit, where the media and Corvette enthusiasts alike once again wondered if a mid-engine Corvette would become reality.

It almost did. However, Chevrolet decided to stick with the Corvette’s tried and true front-engine configuration. Thus, the C4 Corvette we’re all familiar with came to be, and while it wasn’t as innovative as many would have liked, it did return the Corvette to a performance-oriented car.

So... the raccoon didn’t do any talking in this piece, but isn’t it odd how an off-the-wall suggestion can go in a different direction and jog the memory of an old man who has been romantically involved with special cars and big engines since childhood? This piece will be followed up next month with ***SPECIAL CORVETTES (Part 2)*** that will focus on Corvettes I’ve encountered during my work with the Barrett-Jackson Auction. I hope that maybe these experiences I’m sharing will stimulate some recollections in you, too. What a ride it’s been, and as they say, it ain’t over, yet! Happy motoring!

Gary Foster

Flying Low in 22
at the
Ankeny, Iowa Regional Airport



21 NCCC and West Region
Low-Speed Sanctioned Events

Hosted by Corvette Club of Iowa, Cornhusker Corvette Club,
Muscatine Corvette Club, Boone Trail Corvette Club,
and North Iowa Corvette Club

In Ankeny, Iowa 50021
May 28-30, 2022



Event Flyer Outline

<i>Event</i>	<i>Sanction #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reg./Tech*</i>	<i>Driver Mtg</i>	<i>1st Car Off</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Exhaust</i>
LS-1	WR-022-001	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 am	Airport	Open
LS-2	WR-022-002	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 1	Airport	Open
LS-3	WR-151-001	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 2	Airport	Open
LS-4	WR-151-002	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 3	Airport	Open
LS-5	WR-509-001	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 4	Airport	Open
LS-6	WR-509-002	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 5	Airport	Open
LS-7	WR-509-003	5/28	7:00 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 6	Airport	Open
LS-8	WR-509-004	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Airport	Open
LS-9	WR-509-005	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 8	Airport	Open
LS-10	WR-022-003	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 9	Airport	Open
LS-11	WR-022-004	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 10	Airport	Open
LS-12	WR-151-003	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 11	Airport	Open
LS-13	WR-151-004	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 12	Airport	Open
LS-14	WR-151-005	5/29	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 13	Airport	Open
LS-15	WR-040-001	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Airport	Open
LS-16	WR-040-002	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 15	Airport	Open
LS-17	WR-040-003	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 16	Airport	Open
LS-18	WR-040-004	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 17	Airport	Open
LS-19	WR-040-005	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 18	Airport	Open
LS-20	WR-040-006	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 19	Airport	Open
LS-21	WR-040-007	5/30	7:30 - 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	After Event 20	Airport	Open

Event Chairpersons

Event	Chairperson	Address	Phone
LS-1	Denny Luther	830 Sandstone Pt., Waukee, IA 50263	515-401-8276
LS-2	Denny Luther	830 Sandstone Pt., Waukee, IA 50263	515-401-8276
LS-3	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr., Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
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LS-5	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr., Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
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LS-8	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr., Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
LS-9	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr., Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
LS-10	Luke Stilley	4565 NE 41 st Ave., Des Moines, IA 50317	515-418-0382
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LS-12	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr. Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
LS-13	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr. Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
LS-14	Gary Foster	12605 Tanglewood Dr. Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
LS-15	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-16	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-17	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-18	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-19	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-20	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
LS-21	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331

*Price for NCCC members is \$10.00 per event or \$175.00 for all 21 events, if received by May 20.
Price for Non-NCCC members is \$12.00 per event or \$225.00 for all 21 events, if received by May 20.*

This year we will limit guests in metal cars to a maximum of 10 participants.

For registrations/payments received after May 20, please add \$2.00 per event or \$50.00 for all 21 events.

NOTICE: With our new online registration program, you must pre-register for this event.

Please go online and type in the following URL to access the registration for Flying Low in 22:




<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/ListEntrantsForRegistration.php?eventId=305>

Friday night tech will be available at the airport from 5-7 PM.

Trailers can be dropped and left at the airport on Friday night from 5-7 PM.

Make checks payable to Corvette Club of Iowa and mail to Laurie McCracken, CCI Treasurer,

812 Westwood Dr. Nevada, IA 50201

Credit Card payment will be accepted the days of the event (  )

General Event Information

All listed times are Central Daylight Times (CDT). Driver's license and NCCC card (for NCCC members) must be presented at registration. Helmets with current certification are required for all speed events. All minors and pets are the responsibility of the parent/owner. No class changes after tech closes unless a mechanical malfunction is experienced. No firearms allowed on airport property.

The host club event Chairperson, Club Governor, Host Region RCD or NCCC VP Comp at the event may deny or remove any person demonstrating unsafe performance or actions at the event from participating in any events for the balance of that day or weekend. Further, a person who has been documented as behaving in an unsafe manner which could endanger them or anyone else at the events may be denied participation. Non-NCCC member participants and workers are not covered by NCCC Insurance! NCCC Membership applications are available on-site.

AS PER NCCC RULES, LONG PANTS OR FIRESUITS ARE REQUIRED FOR DRIVERS OF GROUP 3 AND RP CARS. DRIVERS IN GROUPS 1 AND 2 MAY WEAR SHORTS THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH JEANS OR LONG PANTS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Governors

<i>Club</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
CCI – WR-022	Gary Foster	12805 Tanglewood Dr. Urbandale, IA 50323	515-823-1849
CCC – WR-095	Gary Brisbois	25242 Lookout Lane Honey Creek, IA 51542	402-306-8331
MCC – WR-151	Eugene Logel	1934 Marden Crest Muscatine, IA 52761	515-823-1849
NICC – WR-509	Terry Schultz	P.O. Box 272 Clear Lake, IA 50428	515-823-1849
BTCC – WR-040	Bob Williams	12432 Claremont Dr. Wright City, MO 63390	515-823-1849

Nearby Ankeny Hotels

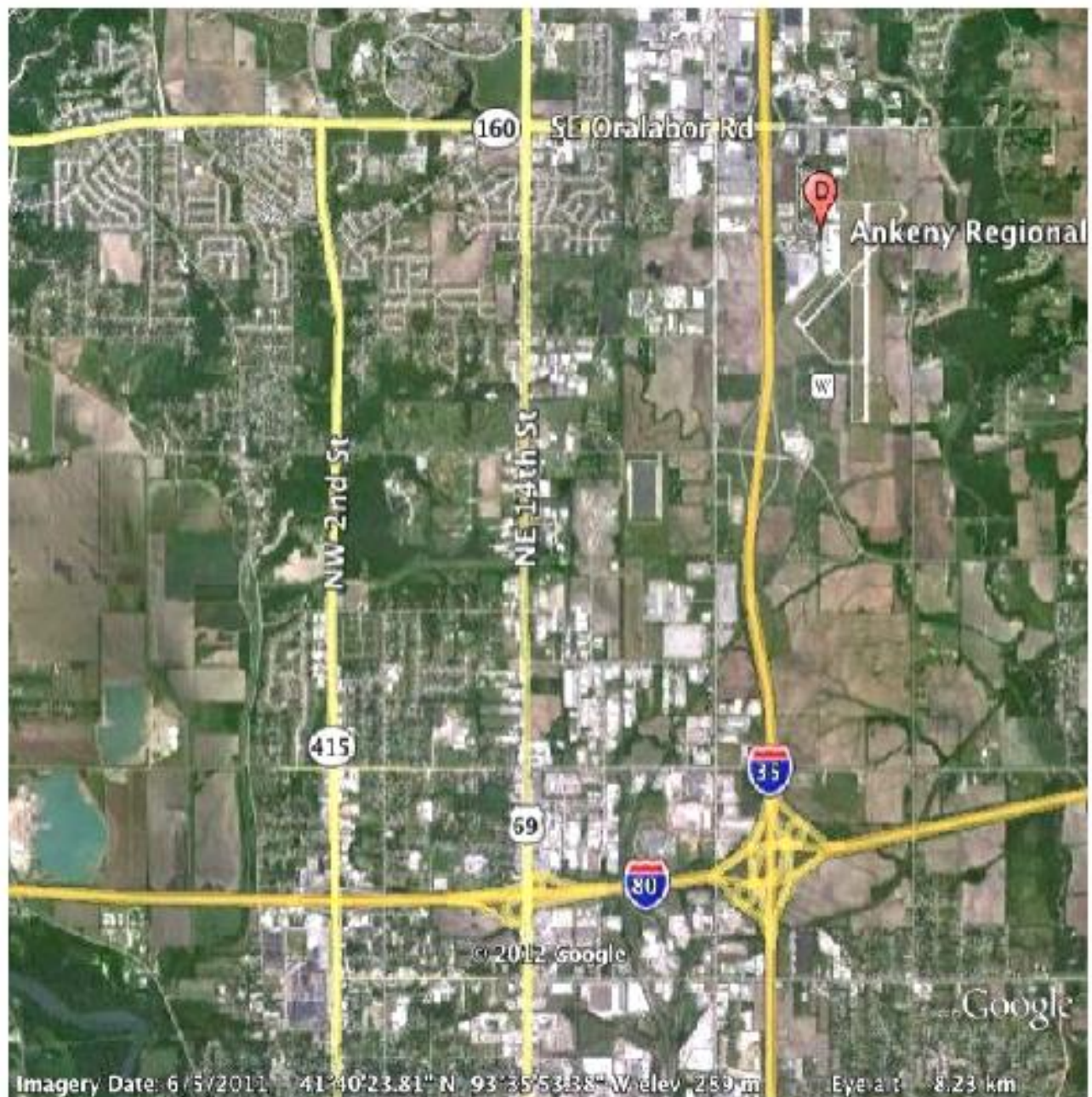
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1610 SE Oralabor Rd. Ankeny, IA 50021 PH: 515-964-2004	2402 SE Tones Dr. Ankeny, IA 50021 PH: 515-965-2400	2455 SE Creekview Ankeny, IA 50021 PH: 515-963-0006	2510 SE Tones Dr. Ankeny, IA 50021 PH: 515-844-6164

Contact Gary Foster @ 515-823-1849, gfooster852@hotmail.com or

Denny Luther @ 515-401-8276, [cgsdennis@yahoo.com](mailto:cdsdennis@yahoo.com) for any event questions

Driving Map

Ankeny Regional Airport is located north of Des Moines on I-35. From the south, exit I-35 at SE Oralabor Rd to the east (or right) to the first stoplight. Then, turn right on SE Convenience Blvd to the airport.



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