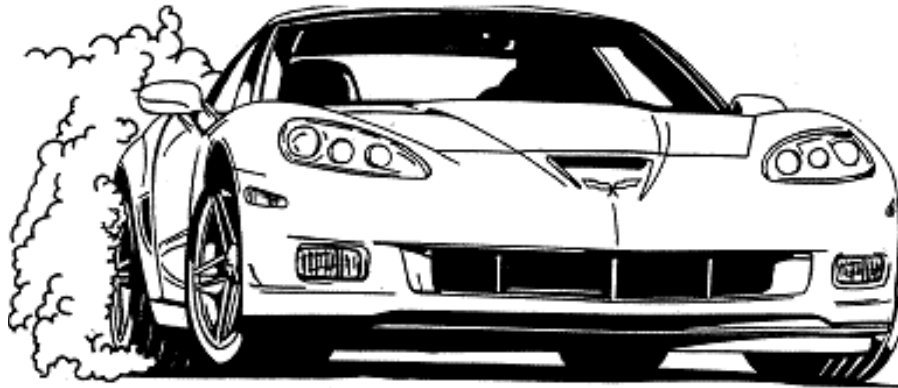


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***July 20th***

***Jethro's BBQ n' LakeHouse***



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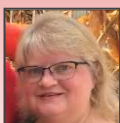
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## Calendar of Events

Jul 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – Jethro’s BBQ n’ LakeHouse, Ankeny
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting – TBD
Sep 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting – TBD

## Officer Reports

### From the President...

We had a completely dry competition season this year, thank you Mother Nature! Chariton's autocross was fast and fun. As always, I want to give a huge thank you to our volunteer workers. It makes for a smoother event when drivers do not have to rush from corner to car. Thank you! We did have a little rain on the car show Saturday evening but nothing bad enough to ruin the event.

I had the honor of driving Denny's C8 for a few events on Saturday. Many of you have asked what I thought, and WOW! The technology in the new cars is just unthinkable. I wanted to describe the drive as easy as a go-kart but the car stuck so much better than a go-kart. The other question many have asked me is if I will be putting my order in for a C8 now. The answer is no. While the car was incredible and made me look and feel like one bad-mam-a-jam-a, I still like the challenge of feeling and driving the car on the track. Each generation of the Corvette is so unique and cool in its own way. Here is how I would describe the 3 generations I have had the privilege to race – they can all fly in their own way:

- C3 – The Dinosaur, a Pterodactyl – If you want to feel every turn, cone, imperfection of the pavement lol, and want a full work out, all while the feeling of nostalgia and bad-ass-ery overcomes your senses, this is the ride for you.
- C5 – The Woodpecker – A more relevant bird/racecar in today's world. The woodpecker represents horsepower, it will get up and go with few rapid wing beats followed by a quick glide. It has energy, quirkiness, looniness, you will zip around the track, but also experience some traction fight. It may cause some trouble, but you will want to get up and drive it every Saturday morning like a kid.
- C8 – The Hummingbird – The smoothest flying bird but with an aggressive side. With their diving and darting flight, hummingbirds are aerial delights and

champions of acrobatic flight. Just push that pedal on the right and hold on. This car practically drives itself around those cones it is so slick.

Keep those gears turning,

*Nichole DiMaio*, President

### Governor's Message...

Hi, everyone:

It's summertime and I hope you are all enjoying the season. Many of us are vacationing this month, myself included. I hope your travels are safe and fun!

Well, our second and final autocross of the year was run at the Chariton Airport June 26-27, 2021. I'm sure that most of you have heard the event did not end well, with one of our members being injured by a competitor who lost control of his Corvette during one of his runs. The injured club member was on duty as a corner worker and was returning to their position after setting up a downed cone, when the competitor tried to jog to the left to go through a gate. The racer lost control as the back of the car spun around, slid sideways off the track and through the grass, striking the worker, who was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, then flown by helicopter ambulance to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. The injuries the worker sustained could be referred to as serious and a long recovery is expected. Please keep the victim and their spouse in your thoughts and prayers during the hospitalization and rehabilitation period.

Following the logistical difficulties we faced at the Ankeny low-speed autocross in May and the awful personal injury incident we had last month in Chariton, I think it's time we review our competition program. Some questions I think we need to answer are the following: Do we want to continue to host competition events? If so, what is the number of competitors that we can comfortably handle? Do we need new equipment to facilitate more efficient events? How can we make our events a great value for

competitors? And, most importantly, is there anything we can do to make our events safer for workers and drivers? I will be suggesting a committee to review our practices prior to the 2022 competition season.

While vacationing in Okoboji last weekend, we visited Okoboji Classic Cars. We should arrange a club trip up there some weekend to tour the place. They are a little short on cars right now but they've still got 40-50 of them. The walls consist of wall-to-wall murals. Their website describes the museum this way: *"This one-of-a-kind facility houses a solo painted mural that is over 28,000 sq. feet, plus indoor diorama scenes. All of the artwork was painted*

*by resident artist Jack Rees. This magnificent scenery brings our visitors back to Spencer's Grand Avenue where they can browse vintage storefronts. Or, they can take a relaxing stroll thru old Arnolds Park, enjoying the evening scenes of West Lake Okoboji. The Classic Roof Garden, Fun House, and even the Peacock are brought back to life. For a relaxing evening, sit by the 200-foot sunset over West Okoboji Lake's Smith's Bay."*

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next General Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Gary Foster*, Governor

## Meeting Minutes

### Board Meeting, June 3, 2021

The June CCI Board meeting was held at Old Chicago in Ankeny. The meeting was called to order @ 6:57PM by President Nichole DiMaio. Members at this meeting: Laurie McCracken, Carrol McCracken, Dave Howard, Jeff Jackson, Nichole DiMaio, Wayne Weidmann, Luke Stilley, Mike Golightly and Pat Whalen.

#### Officer Reports

President's Report: Nichole thanked everyone that helped with the Ankeny autocross. Wants to do a retrospect as to what worked and what didn't. Secretary's Report: Jeff asked for comments on the May Board minutes but there were none. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Carrol, seconded by Wayne and the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer's Report: Laurie shared the club's financials. She will correct the amount paid to St. Jude's to take from the correct fund. She had deposits for memberships and sponsorships coming in.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Carrol is looking to plan some events. Governor's Report: Gary was not present and there was no report. Competition Director's Report: Luke had a big thank you for those that helped during the Ankeny

event. Large turnout and everyone came together and put on a great event. Had to make some changes but it worked well. Discussed possibly limiting guests for events to avoid too many cars and various options such as raising the cost for guests. Also discussed having a sign-up sheet for shifts for corners and other volunteer needs to better provide coverage. Also discussed if there was a need to upgrade the computer or timing system.

Member at Large Report: Wayne asked about possibly holding the Board meeting at Smokey D's next month. General meeting later this month at Hommer Farm. 6:30PM for gathering and food, 7PM for meeting. Editor's Report: Dave said an article written by Arda Mathern that there wasn't room for last month will be in this month's newsletter. Points Director's Report: Mike discussed points gathering from the event in Ankeny. Membership Director's Report: Mike said we gained four new members from the Ankeny event. Social Media Director's Report: Pat said our Facebook page has a separate tab to download the Chariton event flyer and the event is on the calendar. He did a Facebook ad for the Ankeny event and visibility was increased based on statistics.

Old Business: holding a possible event in the fall, like in October was discussed. New Business: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans are starting and a meeting will be held at Arda's home. Possible involvement by NCCC.

Jeff made a motion for adjournment and Wayne seconded. The meeting adjourned @ 8:31PM. Next Board meeting is Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

*Jeff Jackson*, Secretary

## General Meeting, June 15, 2021

The June CCI General meeting was held at Jay and Linda Hommer's farmstead near Polk City. The meeting was called to order @7:07PM by President Nichole DiMaio. Members at this meeting: see sign in sheet. Nichole asked if we had any new members and guests present but there were none.

### Officer Reports

President's Report: Nichole thanked everyone for the help at the Ankeny autocross event. Secretary's Report: Jeff Jackson asked for comments or corrections to the May meeting minutes published in *Sportsmate*. None were suggested and Ken Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Paul Wyman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Treasurer's Report: Laurie McCracken gave a detailed financial report. A motion to approve her Treasurer's report for May, 2021 was made by Jim Lucas and seconded by Ken Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Carrol McCracken had no report and said to look for something in July. Governor's Report: Gary Foster talked about the successful race weekend in Ankeny and gave BIG THANKS to all competitors and workers. Next event is in Chariton. Competition Director's Report: Luke Stilley said the Chariton Airport event is June 26<sup>th</sup>

and 27<sup>th</sup> with a non-sanctioned car show Saturday Night of the event. There was discussion for increasing the donation we give the Iowa Military Aviation Heritage Museum in Ankeny. Luke will contact Dave Vance to find out what the normal donation has been. A motion to approve not to exceed \$2,000 for that donation was made by Wayne Weidmann, seconded by Jim Lucas and the motion carried unanimously.

Member at Large Report: Wayne Weidmann is looking into Jethro's for the next club meeting as Smokey D's would not offer a room. He announced a 50/50 pot of \$120 total. Pat Whalen was the winner of \$60. Editor's Report: Dave Howard thanked Wayne Nikolish for being the official photographer at the autocross event in Ankeny. Points Director's Report: Mike Golightly said points have been submitted. Membership Director's Report: Mike mentioned the Valley Classic Car Show on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 9-1PM. Social Media Director's Report: Pat Whalen asked for any ideas of what individuals want to see on the webpage or social media. Please let him know if you have suggestions.

Old Business: none. New Business: the first planning meeting for CCI's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held at Arda Mathern's. a number of things were identified: need to determine a location, the dates being considered are April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting of this group will be Wednesday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ Bennigan's. All are welcome. 6-8 people involved. A potential cruise for the club was suggested by Wayne Nikolish... he will work on it. Buy and Sell: none.

A motion for adjournment was made by Sheri Jandik, seconded by Jeff Jackson and the meeting adjourned at 7:36PM. The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

*Jeff Jackson*, Secretary



# CCI Odds and Ends

## General Meeting Details

We will be meeting in person again in July, this time at one of the Jethro's BBQs. Here are the details:

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

Located in the Prairie Trail development about ¾ mile north of SW Oralabor Rd and just east of SW State St.



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

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

***See you on the 20<sup>th</sup>!***

## 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 June. They are Mark & Lynn Cooper from Pella who have a 2019 Corvette Racing Yellow Z06, Larry & Ruth Kelly of Lamoni who own a 2004 Lemans Blue Z06 and Doug & Erin Campbell from Urbandale who drive a 1999 Magnetic Red coupe. In addition, rejoining CCI after a brief absence is Eric Sandahl with a 1968 black convertible. We hope you all enjoy your experiences with CCI. Welcome!

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



***Clayton Smith*** 7/1

***Jan Jordan*** 7/13

***Dino Rodish*** 7/14

***Robin Dunn*** 7/17

***Dave McChesney*** 7/22

***Nita Noble*** 7/24 ***Elizabeth McChesney*** 7/29

**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 10 or use the following link to the form:

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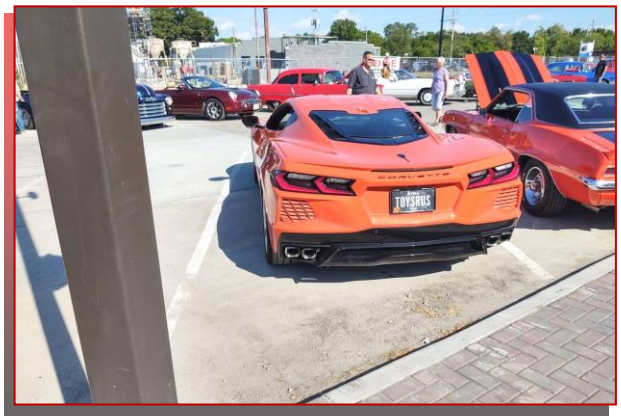
Custom embroidery services are now available from KSH also! Check with Kris or Steve if you want a piece of CCI apparel embroidered.

## Events

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

**Valley Junction Farmers Market.** A number of CCI members spent a pleasant evening recently at an early summer car show held in conjunction with the weekly Valley Junction Farmers Market. Corvettes clearly ruled, so enjoy the photos!

**Wheels Down Autocross.** Our second autocross event, at the Chariton Airport, took place June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. By all the customary measures – weather, turnout and net income, this event was another successful effort for CCI. Unfortunately, as we were nearing the end of day two, one of CCI's corner workers was struck and seriously injured when a racer lost control, left the track and slid through the infield grass. The victim is now recovering but faces a lengthy rehabilitation.





## Buy & Sell

**FOR SALE: Chrome Wheels and Tires.** Wheels: Front 18"x8.5", Rear 19"x10". Speedline not Repos. Fit 2005-2013 Corvette w/Std. & Z 51 Susp. Also 2014-2018 w/Std. Susp. Tires: Yokohama Avan Neoa Ado8r. Front 255"x35"x18", Rear 295"x30"x19", 6/32" Tread. Price reduced again: now \$1,200 for all. Contact: Larry Steffen 515-975-3885.

**FOR SALE: Limited Edition Print.** Hometown Hero by Dave Barnhouse. No. 797 of 1950. Features 1958 Corvette. Unframed. Image size 27.5 x 16. \$95. Phone or text Larry Mark at 641-230-0002.



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