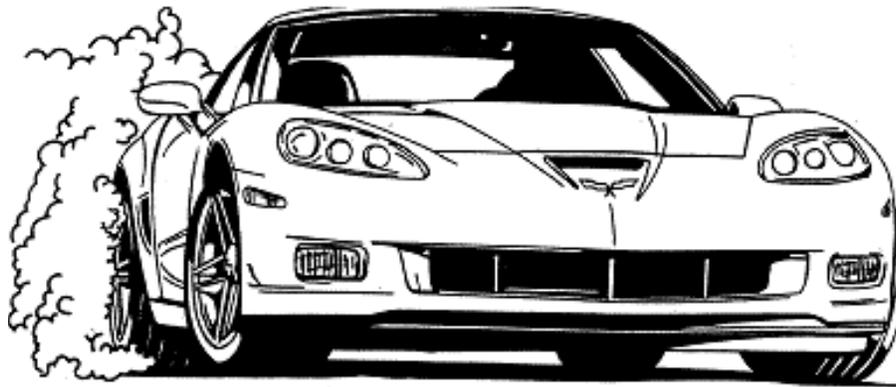


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*December 20th*

*The District Venue*



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## Calendar of Events

- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – The District Venue, Ankeny  
Also CCI Holiday Party
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – TBD
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting – TBD

## Officer Reports

### From the President...

Greetings Corvette Club of Iowa Family,

Welcome to the end. The end of the year, the end of my time as President, the end of the membership year. Endings are always emotional. It doesn't mean they are bad as happiness is an emotion.

I am personally experiencing several endings as I write this. My job with the University is ending. It was a wonderful time but I am ready for a new challenge and direction for my career. My time as President of this great club is coming to an end. You made this a wonderful year and I truly loved my time as President. I learned so much, built some fantastic relationships and had a lot of fun. The sad ending is that we just learned our dog Chewbacca (boxer) of the last 7 years has terminal cancer and the vet gave him 4-6 months left. That is an ending I am not ready for.

For us as a society we have so many endings. One in particular is the ending of the Corvette being a car only. Soon it will become a brand. The world will welcome in Corvette minivans, SUV's, trucks and sedans. Even the Camaro (Corvette's little brother) is becoming a brand.

As I said earlier, endings are emotional. They can be sad, happy, cause anxiety, bring joy or relief, etc. One of my favorite quotes about endings comes from C. JoyBell C. – "Ends are not bad things, they just mean that something else is about to begin. And there are many things that don't really end, anyway, they just begin again in a new way. Ends are not bad and many ends aren't really an ending; some things are never-ending."

What does that mean for me? Well, the ending of one career opens the doors to another with different positive impacts to make. For Chewbacca it means we show extra love and find the joy in the time we have left making intentional memories. What does this mean for us? As a club we will be welcoming in a different type of Corvette owner. We will also see Mustangs try to keep up with my new Corvette Minivan. ☺

Another end is this article, as this is my last one for you all. I cannot tell you of the joy sitting down to write these has been for me. I feel like it has been a good platform to share a little about

myself, encourage our members in positive ways, and help us hold tight to the values that make us great.

As this year ends, it really isn't ending, it is beginning in a new way. I'm grateful for this club and the lives it has touched. I look forward to the new adventures ahead, the sharing of sorrows, the celebrating of joys, and the future racing of Corvette SUV's. Have a very Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas from my family to yours. And have a Happy New Year as we say goodbye to the old one. May 2023 brings us a new beginning that we all need.

Blessings to you and yours this Holiday season.

Vroom Vroom,

*Jeff Jackson*, President

### Governor's Message...

Most of us have put away the summer clothes and tucked away our Corvettes for the winter, anticipating a few months of bitter cold and snow. This is also the time of year that most of us put up our outside lights, decorate the inside of the house and prepare for Christmas. Usually, at some point during the Christmas season, I take a little bit of time to reflect on the true meaning of the season, and I think about past Christmases I have spent with family.

The first Christmas I can remember was probably about 1958. I was pretty young, but I can still see my little sister and me gathered together with Dad and Mom, along with Grandma and Grandpa on Christmas Eve in our little rented home in Marshalltown. The highlight of the evening for me was opening a package that contained a toy tow truck. This wasn't a molded plastic toy that would break if you were too rough with it, but a real metal wrecker with a boom that had string connected to a crank in the back of the truck with a hook on the other end. It was white and it had a decal on the door. I could roll it around the house on its four wheels or take it outside in the dirt to haul my broken toy trucks around. But the BEST part was that it had a battery pack with two flashing red lights affixed to the top that fit in the back of the truck just in front of the boom. It was just like the real thing. I loved that truck.

As I got older, I recall it was a tradition to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house on Christmas Eve (after begging our parents most of the day to open "just one" of our presents early). All of my aunts, uncles and cousins gathered there. The adults spent their time in the kitchen (Looking back, I suspect they may have been adding a little something to their eggnog), while the kids would play and snack on Christmas cookies, nuts and snacks until it was time to open some gifts. My recollection is that we drew names previously, and when we got together at Grandma's, we gave a present to whomever's name we drew. The party ended shortly after gifts were exchanged and we all went home. For most of my childhood, my immediate family and I went to bed and anxiously woke up early on Christmas morning to open our presents. Before noon, we went back to Grandma's for dinner. Grandma was a great cook and the food at Christmas dinner was always wonderful. The best part, though, was creating the memories with family that I still carry with me today. Turnout for that dinner varied through the years, as kids grew up, started their own families, and got together differently for the holidays.

My parents, grandparents, and many of my aunts and uncles all passed away through the years, making those memories all the more special. I became one of the kids who grew up and had his own family. As a parent, my wife, Deb, and I tried our best to make happy Christmas memories for our kids. I recall 1984, when my son, Brian, was just a month old. In the middle of the night when he woke up and was hungry or fussy, I remember him lying in his little bassinet staring at the lights on the Christmas tree. He seemed absolutely fascinated by those colorful little lights. As the kids got older, it became more difficult to try and figure out just the right gift for my wife and the kids. My daughter, Kari, was always thrilled with anything we got her. Brian, on the other hand could be a bit picky. One year, however, my Deb looked all over the state for a die-cast John Deere four-wheel drive tractor with dual wheels. She finally found one in Waterloo, and bought it. That was a huge hit with Brian that year. He still has that tractor, although now his son is its operator and caretaker. It wouldn't surprise me if that was still around for the next generation of Foster boys. Throughout my married life, Christmas always included a trip to Minnesota to spend

some time with Deb's family, there. You know, it always seemed colder in Minnesota. Brrrr.

As most of my fellow club members do, I now have grandchildren. They are still young enough to be fun at Christmas time. I love any time I can get with them, and I truly enjoy having them around during the holidays. Of course, right now, it's just imperative for me to find the perfect gifts for each child and keep the spending equitable for all of them. I always spend more than I think I'm going to, but I usually find gifts to make them happy and keep them smiling. One thing I always seem to remember is that it's not the gifts that they'll remember. It's the memories we create with them. I hope they will cherish the memories we've made together, forever. That's the best gift I could ever give!

My hope is that I've triggered you to think of some happy Christmas memories from your past and that you will make some more with your family this holiday season.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

*Gary Foster*, Governor

## General Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order by President Jeff Jackson @ 7:00PM on November 15, 2022 at Cozy Café in Johnston. Jeff asked if we had any guests or new members in attendance but there were none. He addressed the membership and offered some clarification regarding MotorsportReg adoption. The encryption and security of the platform is equal to or greater than that of banks, due to the card processing capabilities housed in the site. The Board's intent is to create a more secure and streamlined process for everyone.

Secretary Dave McChesney reported that the October 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting minutes are published in *Sportsmate* and asked if anyone had comments. There was no discussion and Paul Wyman motioned to approve the minutes as published. Dave Brown seconded and the motion passed. Laurie McCracken submitted the Treasurer's report with updated balances in club accounts. Many membership renewals are

coming in. Renewals that are done on MotorsportReg appear as “Hagerty” on the bank statement. Trailer insurance was renewed.

Vice President/Social Director Carrol McCracken reported the fall color run was 922 miles over 3 days and fun was had by all. 5 cars and 8 people participated. The District Venue at Prairie Trail has been chosen for the holiday party. It is a quality venue with plenty of space and a cash bar will be available. Dave Brown motioned to approve the venue with attendees paying \$20 each for their meal and the club covering the meal cost above that along with the room rental fee. Jay Hommer seconded and the motion passed.

Governor Gary Foster was present and reported on the recent Governors meeting. The 2023 NCCC Convention will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Host hotel is a Holiday Inn. Welcome party is Sunday and there will be a concours, rallye and all sorts of racing and other events throughout the week. 2024 Convention will be held in Joplin, Missouri and for 2025 they are looking at holding Convention in the Black Hills

in conjunction with the Black Hills Classic. The plan for CCI competition in 2023 is to host two autocross events, 1 car show and 1 rallye. Competition Director Denny Luther had nothing to report.

Member at Large Wayne Weidmann did the 50/50 drawing with the pot totaling \$70 and Dave Vance took home the \$35 winner’s share. Editor Dave Howard thanked Wayne Nikolish for all the photos he submitted for this month’s *Sportsmate*. Points Director Janelle Ohmstede was absent and submitted no report. Membership Director Mike Golightly reported he is personally going to contact members who have not renewed to make sure all opportunities for retention are available. Social Media director Pat Whalen was absent and there was no report. New Business: none. Old Business: none. Buy & Sell: none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave McChesney. Meeting was adjourned @ 7:52PM.

*Dave McChesney*, Secretary

## CCI Odds and Ends

### General Meeting Details

Our holiday party and December general meeting will be held at The District Venue. Preregistration was required. Here are the details:

***The District Venue***  
*1350 SW Vintage Pkwy*  
*Ankeny*



Located ¾ mile north of SW Oralabor Rd and just east of SW State St in The District at Prairie Trail.

***Social hour with appetizers @ 6:00PM***

***Dinner @ 7:00PM***

***Meeting/special events @ 8:00PM***

***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 no new members to report for November.

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

	<i>Ed Loeb</i>	<i>12/1</i>	
	<i>Peter Vance</i>	<i>12/12</i>	
	<i>Dave Ohmstede</i>	<i>12/13</i>	
	<i>Elizabeth Mitchell</i>	<i>12/15</i>	
	<i>Steve Rahn</i>	<i>12/15</i>	
<i>Carrol McCracken</i>	<i>12/17</i>	<i>Brian Sult</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Steve Garland</i>	<i>12/24</i>	<i>Mark Cooper</i>	<i>12/27</i>
<i>Russ Dempster</i>	<i>12/29</i>	<i>Sharon Heggen</i>	<i>12/31</i>

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



*Our condolences go out to Dan Harrington on the recent loss of his Wife and our fellow club member, Mary.*

**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.

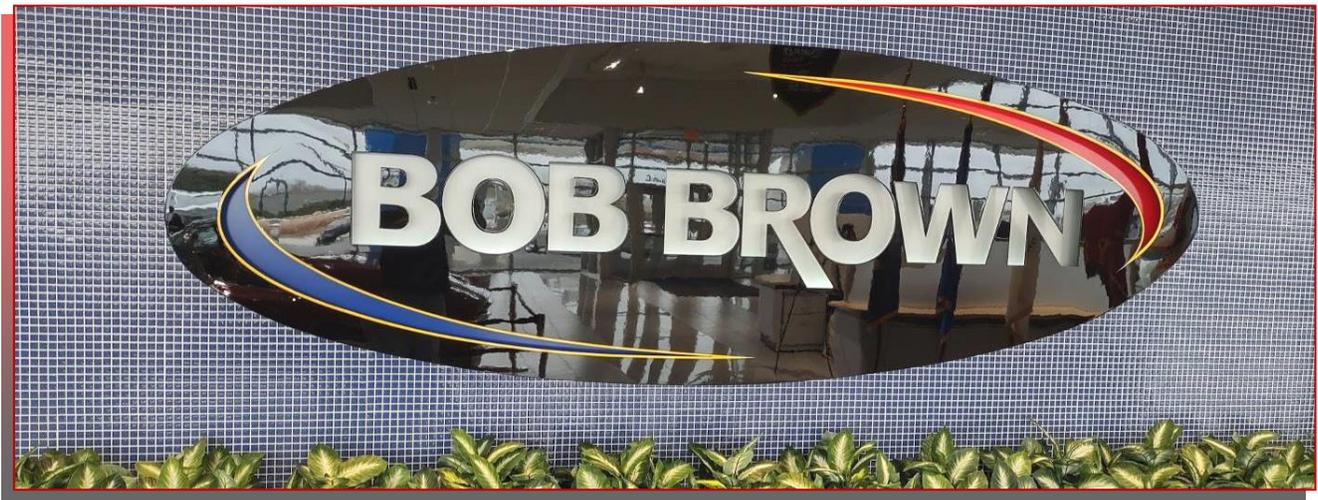
## Events

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

**Toys for Tots.** CCI's annual charity event at Bob Brown Chevrolet collected donations totaling \$2,025 plus quite a few toys. Along with the \$750 from the club treasury, that's a total of \$2,775. Add Bob Brown's match and the grand total is \$5,550. Paul says "Thanks to all who helped make this such an impressive gift to Toys for Tots! That will buy a lot of toys and Bob Brown paid for our lunch... thank you Tim Manning!" Enjoy the following photos from this event and other recent outings.

**CCI Holiday Party.** We hope you preregistered for CCI's December 20<sup>th</sup> holiday party at The District Venue in Ankeny. Social starts at 6PM with dinner at 7. See you then.

## Toys for Tots







Dinner at Living History Farms







## 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: [REDACTED]

Engine: [REDACTED]

Color: Silver

Transmission: [REDACTED]

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### Interior

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

**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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