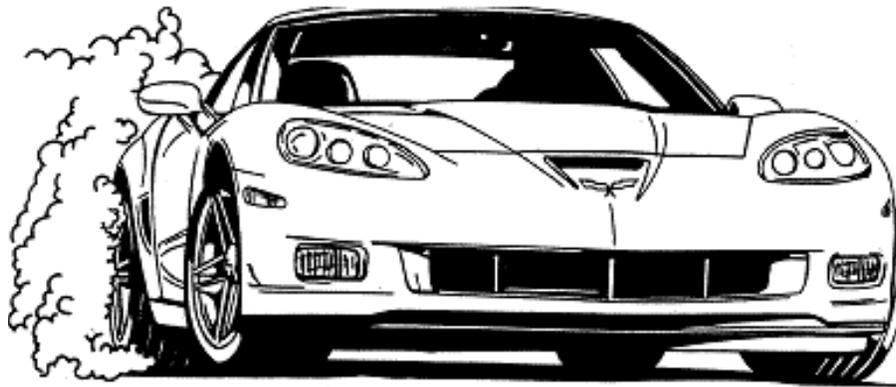


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Calendar of Events

- Mar 16th General Meeting – Virtual Meeting via Zoom
- Apr 20th General Meeting – TBD
- May 18th General Meeting – TBD
- May 29th - 31st Flying Low Autocross at the Ankeny Airport

Officer Reports

From the President...

Happy March and welcome small signs of Spring! I hope your snow piles are melting and car batteries are charged.

I want to thank those of you who responded to the CCI Survey. The results and feedback received will certainly help us cater planning to the membership's desires.

I will be brief with my comments here this month, as I have a lot to say in my Member's Garage article within this issue of the *Sportsmate*. Take care and hope to see you all in person soon!

Keep those gears turning,

Nichole Di Maio, President

Governor's Message...

Since the weather has turned around and is trending in the right direction, it feels like maybe spring is just around the corner. It looks as though our Ankeny Memorial Day weekend event is going to happen. We have submitted the written request to host the event and we will soon go before the Polk County Aviation Authority to make our request in person. Once we have that approval, I can submit the event flyer to the West Region RCD for publishing. The Chariton event is moving forward, too.

It appears as though we will have a live & in-person Governor's Meeting in St. Louis this May. It will be good to finally get together, once again.

It has come to my attention that there may be confusion as to how to obtain and keep an NCCC High Speed Certification. Section 1.8.2 of the NCCC Competition Rulebook specifies the requirements for obtaining/maintaining a high-speed certification, as follows:

1. Applicant must compete in at least ten (10) low speed autocrosses (Matching Times Events, MT do not count) within the preceding eighteen (18) months in order to obtain certification to compete in NCCC High

Speed Events. The ten events must have taken place over a minimum of three (3) weekends.

2. Proof of completion of a recognized performance driving school within the preceding eighteen (18) months in lieu of ten (10) autocrosses would also satisfy certification requirements.
3. Any group, other than a professionally recognized performance driving school, must provide a copy of their detailed training to the RCDs for review and approval on an annual basis, utilizing the NCCC High Speed Driving School Recommended Guideline posted on the Competition Section of the NCCC Website.
4. At the time of publication for High-Speed Certification, applicant must be an NCCC member in good standing. Proof of experience will be provided by the applicant to their Regional Competition Director. Proof does not have to be NCCC events only, may be events of any recognized sanctioning body.
5. The RCD or Vice President-Competition is authorized to approve certification. The approver will enter the High-Speed certification date and provide a link to the requester.
6. Once obtained, the High-Speed Certification shall be valid for a period of three (3) years. Proof of participation in at least one high speed event during the three-year period, or meeting the requirements stated above for a new certificate shall be presented to the applicable RCD for renewal. Renewal shall be for a period of three (3) years from the date of expiration.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 didn't exist, in terms of the validity of your existing High-Speed Certification. In other words, since you didn't have the opportunity to participate in high-speed events last year, you gained a year of eligibility. If your certification expired in July, 2020, it will be valid until July, 2021. There don't appear to be any high-speed events scheduled within our region before Labor Day, when Cornhusker Corvette Club hosts Summerfest. The past few years, not many of our members have ventured out of region to participate in events. If you don't plan to, but you want to race at Summerfest, you should have ample opportunities to attend three low speed

weekends before you would need a High-Speed license for Summerfest.

If you have any questions regarding High-Speed Certification, please contact me or West Region RCD Kathy Brisbois. Her contact information is as follows:

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As a reminder, the NCCC National Convention is being held June 13-18 in Cleveland this year. I know of at least four CCI members who are planning to attend. While there are opportunities to race at convention, that isn't really the purpose of the convention. The purpose is to have fun.

Tours of the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame, the NFL Hall of Fame, dinner cruises, and parties every night are on the agenda. It's been a few years since I attended one of these events and I'm really looking forward to going this year. If you're looking for some fun during the middle of June, take a look at the NCCC Website at www.corvettesnccc.org. Click on "Conventions", then "2021 NCCC Convention Information" and look at the activities and events that are available. I promise you a great time with lots of like-minded people.

Gary Foster, Governor

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, February 2, 2021

The February CCI Board meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order @ 6:30PM by President Nichole DiMaio. Members at this meeting: Wayne Weidmann, Dave Howard, Jeff Jackson, Kevin McClure, Gary Foster, Nicole DiMaio, Luke Stilley, Pat Whalen and Mike Golightly.

Officer Reports

President's Report: Nichole said topics will be covered under other officer reports. Secretary's Report: Jeff said a motion to approve minutes from January were in order if there weren't any changes. Wayne made the motion, Kevin seconded and motion passed unanimously. Treasurer's Report: Gary filled in for Laurie McCracken and gave a rundown of the current financials. Motion to approve Treasurer's report as given was made by Wayne, second from Kevin. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Kevin gathered ideas of past events and activities. Looking for more ideas. Governor's Report: Gary mentioned West Region Governors meeting recently. There were discussions about 5 versus 7 events per day. In contact with Ankeny Airport

and event appears to be a go minus COVID-19. Spoke about event possibility at Chariton Airport and it is also looking to be a go. Ankeny is 29th - 31st of May and Chariton is 26th & 27th of June. Car show downtown Chariton in conjunction. Conversation with Speedway and with limited racers, it becomes fairly expensive. We have an open date in August due to not having the Speedway and so some options to fill: one option is drag race, another is autocross in Des Moines open parking lot and final would be a big car show inviting other clubs. Looking to survey the members as well through Survey Monkey and asking what they would like to do. Offer the survey in February with end of month due date. Competition Director's Report: Luke noted August event will stay open until we decide from survey. Other competition events were discussed in Governor's Report.

Member at Large Report: Wayne had no report. Editor's Report: Dave said Wild Wade's event is no longer, based on sources, so will not be on the social calendar. Dave is finishing up new Board member photos. Points Director's Report: person still TBD. Membership Director's Report: Mike is interested in setting up a budget for swag items and new member items. Planning to order business cards. Board agreed we need business cards. Discussed new application and application process. Social Media Director's Report: Pat sorted out club email and have all members and their email addresses. Can now send a distribution to all members. Proposal relating to

the website was sent to Board members. Website agreement, photo upload and request for feature showing members cars as scrolling banner. No current website maintenance agreement. Discussion was had about proposal. Wayne made a motion to accept the proposal to pay \$500 for website maintenance agreement for 6 months and training to Pat. Seconded by Nicole DiMaio and motion carried unanimously. Nicole made a motion to budget up to \$190 for the remaining 6 months of 2021 as needed. Seconded by Kevin and motion carried unanimously. Discussion about adding a photo gallery for members on the website that would create a yearly archive as well for \$285. This item will be added to the survey.

Old Business: Charities – \$1,000 St Jude’s, \$750 West Region Scholarship Fund, \$750 Bob Brown Toys for Tots, \$250 Children and Families of Iowa, \$250 Gold Star Military Museum, \$500 for other local charities. This will be checked with Treasurer and presented to the members at February general meeting. Discussion about contacting current sponsors for continued support at same rate and seeking new sponsorships. Gary will send out new letters to sponsors. New Business: the club will be 60 years old in April, 2022. Mention it to the general meeting to announce and gather suggestions. Possibly create a committee. Discussion about partnerships with other car clubs and other car events such as Cars and Coffee in West Des Moines. There was a suggestion to make a change to the By-laws for the publishing of social events 7 days in advance in the newsletter. Discussed using calendar, social media, email, etc. for communication. This will be researched for By-laws revisions. Suggestion of using Motorsports.reg for Competition Registrations. NCCC has a registration system as well. NCCC is looking into this. Discussion about ways and structures to recruit new members, increase participation, etc. Some of these items will be added to the survey. Ways to renew and earn high-speed license discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Gary, second by Wayne. Meeting Adjourned at 8:41PM.

Respectfully,

Jeff Jackson, Secretary

General Meeting, February 16, 2021

The February general meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Meeting was called to order @ 6:31PM by President Nichole DiMaio. Members at this meeting: Luke Stilley, Jeff Jackson, Nichole DiMaio, Christine Ruggle, Jerry Ruggle, Nan Brittain, Dave Howard, Wayne Nikolish, Judi Nikolish, Mike Golightly, Steve Howard, Kris Howard, Wayne Weidmann, Gary Foster, Jeff Gray, Larry Mark, Jean E. Mark, Carrol McCracken, Laurie McCracken, Janelle Ohmstede, Dave Ohmstede, Pat Whalen, Arda Mathern, Denny Luther. New members and guests: none.

Officer Reports

President’s Report: Nichole shared about survey results. She also announced that VP Kevin McClure has submitted his resignation to the Board. A vote will be needed when nominations for replacement are determined. Secretary’s Report: Jeff Jackson asked for comments. Kris Howard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Judi Nikolish seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer’s Report: Laurie said the Treasury Audit was completed in 2020 and is in the records with no exceptions found. Looking into rates for CD carryover. Laurie then gave the financial report. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report for January, 2021 by Dave Howard. Second by Kris Howard. Motion carried unanimously. Discussed allocation of charity giving for 2021. Wayne Weidmann made a motion to approve the allocation as recommended by the Board. Seconded by Carrol McCracken. Motion carried with 23 yeah and 1 opposed.

Vice-President/Social Director’s Report: no report. Governor’s Report: Gary said no points audit was done in 2020 and he will work on that. West Region is working on sanctions. Cedar Rapids CC is planning an event the end of July. Wayne Nikolish agrees to stay on as Points Director. Competition Director’s Report: Luke announced the competition weekends for 2021 as follows: May 29-31 at Ankeny Airport, June 26-27 at Chariton Airport, August 14-15 still TBD.

Member at Large Report: Wayne Weidmann had no report. Next general meeting is March 16th.

Editor's Report: Dave Howard noted an article by Jim Jandik was included in the newsletter. Points Director's Report: no report. Membership Director's Report: Mike had no report. Social Media Director's Report: Pat had no report. Old Business: none. New Business: none. Buy and Sell: none.

Motion for adjournment by Wayne Nikolish. Seconded by Kris Howard. Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.

Respectfully,

Jeff Jackson, Secretary

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

The CCI Board will again hold a virtual meeting on March 16th at 6:30PM via Zoom. President Nichole DiMaio sent an email early in the month with a link to this Zoom meeting so you can sign in. We look forward to seeing you virtually this month... we hope to return to in-person meetings once we can safely do so.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10zro0eP0a5-53oDLtYALP6JlowotKnPhQefaVGe8_HU/edit?usp=sharing

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

In the Member's Garage. As promised, Nichole DiMaio has written an article for *Sportsmate* that describes one of her car projects. We hope to feature periodic contributions from other "Members' Garages" in future newsletters. See Nichole's "Project 911" starting on Page 8.

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. This month we have no new members to report.

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



<i>Janelle Ohmstede</i>	3/11
<i>Tom Rodd</i>	3/11
<i>Alan Heggen</i>	3/17
<i>Jerry Ruggle</i>	3/20
<i>Emeal Myles</i>	3/23
<i>Laurie McCracken</i>	3/24
<i>Jeff Jackson</i>	3/27

Arda Mathern 3/29 *Shannon Ford* 3/29

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 11 or use the following link to the form:

Events

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

Flying Low Autocross. CCI's first autocross event of the season is planned for the Ankeny Airport over Memorial Day weekend, May 29th-31st. There will be seven low-speed events per day for a total of 21 during the 3-day weekend. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic is drawing closer to an end, precautions may be taken to keep the event safe. The flyer should be available for the next issue of *Sportsmate*.

Save the Date!

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

June 26-27, 2021. A second autocross event, this time at the Chariton Airport, is planned for late June. This event will feature a total of 14 low-speeds, along with a roll-in car show on the town square. Stay tuned.

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.

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Project 911

By *Nichole DiMaio*



Car: 1981 Porsche 911SC

When I purchased my 1981 Porsche 911SC, the previous owner had had the engine rebuilt, which was a perk to me. The previous owner also had the interior redone. This feature, I would not describe as a perk. It was a very unique style, that if it were a baby, one would describe it as being "a face only a mother could love."

The flooring he had taken upon himself to cover in metal diamond plating. Now weight is not typically an issue in the 911SC, as stock weight is only around 2,300 pounds, but as many of you know, diamond plating is not a light material. I

should also add that the plating was across the floor, over the transmission tunnel, up around the pedals, around the shift console, in the boot (the trunk in the front), and even all around the engine bay! The engine on this Porsche is air cooled, and this plating was packed in the engine bay. The plating was even on the, supposed to be vented, wing deck lid above the engine. Now luckily, I never actually had any overheating problems, which is impressive, because I even drove it home from Sioux Falls, South Dakota where I purchased it, to Des Moines. Nevertheless, I had intentions of tracking the car and the diamond plating certainly had to go.

The clad interior was not limited to the overuse of diamond plating. From the bottom of the windows to the flooring, the gentleman had chosen yellow elk leather as the material to cover everything in! I have receipts for nearly \$1,000 of



leather, but you did not need receipts to know what kind of leather it was, because the leather on the doors had been branded with the words "Genuine Elk Leather." He was proud! The full dash was covered, the back window and back



seats, the center console, and of course the seats had been reupholstered in it as well. The eye sore of the interior, was not the only sense aroused upon entering the car. The elk leather had a very distinct smell. Every time I entered the car, it smelt like I had stepped into an enchanted forest.

Now by this point, you are probably asking yourself, so why did Nichole buy this car? Well, there are plenty of other remarkable features to the car that I do love, but that is not what this article is about. I did drive the car for the rest of the season in all of its yellow elk leather and diamond plated glory. As soon as the season was over, I parked it in a garage that I could start unwrapping this yellow gift in. I started by slowly and carefully peeling pieces of the elk leather back like a banana with no clue what I was going to find underneath. Of course, I had hoped there was stock interior underneath that could be cleaned up, but I was not so lucky.

The leather had all been glued in, not stitched, so after removing the leather it was a sticky mess. 3M Adhesive Remover became my best friend. Areas where the leather, diamond plating, and whatever materials this guy could find in his recycling bin, were pieced together by random supplies found at your neighborhood hardware

store. There were at least two strips of gold flooring transition that you would use in your home. Deck screws were used to hold all the diamond plating in. Yes, the deck screws were screwed right into the unibody of the car. Underneath the backseat I found random broken chunks of styrofoam, a kitchen hand towel, and a



wood splitting wedge all used to MacGyver the seats into place. The Porsche backseats also fold down into a flat back area, on top of this was black carpet embroidered with this fella's last name. As well as a Porsche delete license plate used to keep the back window insert screwed in.

I would love to say I did a complete overhaul of the interior that first winter, but working on a limited skill set and budget, I only tackled the yellow elk leather the first winter. I purchased black upholstery vinyl from JoAnn fabric with a 50% off coupon, that kept the cost down. I was fortunate enough to be able to reuse the door panels and pieces that were previously covered in leather as a base. I have experience sewing and making clothing so I had a decent idea of how to cut and shape the vinyl pieces to fit. I used Loctite spray adhesive to tack the vinyl to the panels applying lots of pressure in curved areas. The door panels and the back seat back rest had three ridge décor pads that looked aesthetically nice. I was able to use heat from a hair dryer to help form the vinyl to these ridges. I then wrapped the vinyl over the back edges and applied some additional spray adhesive, as well as used some duct tape along the edges for extra tack.

Once I pieced it all back together, it looked quite nice for an amateur working on a budget. The vinyl I used was quite thick and held up very well. The spray adhesive was not as strong as the adhesive previously used on the leather. If I were to be keeping the vinyl look long term, I would invest in a heavier duty adhesive, as the three ridge décor pads lost their definition after a couple Iowa winter to summer temperature changes. I would

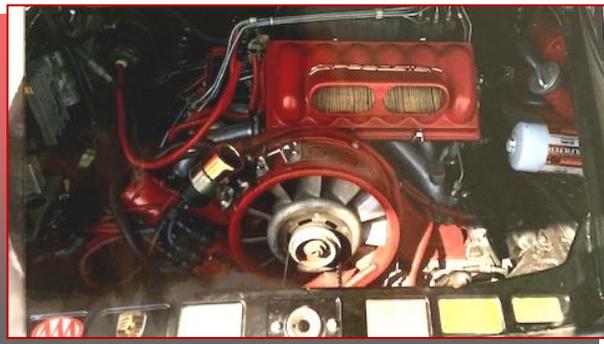
also note that the spray adhesive does over spray, and if you are working with it, I highly recommend laying down plastic or something that can be disposed of afterwards.

I decided at this time, not to reinstall the stock back seat backs, as I have a harness bar and it left very little room for a passenger back there. I am a little embarrassed to admit this, but I instead



followed the previous owner's approach and went and bought a black indoor outdoor carpet rug from Menards. I used this thinner carpet to shape into the area the back passenger would sit on. The last thing I did that particular winter was sew black crushed leather seat covers for the stock front seats. The seat covers turned out great. That spring the car came out of storage yellow elk leather free!

Over the next couple of years, I slowly removed diamond plating in various sections of the car. I started first with the engine bay, there were 10 pounds of plating in the engine bay alone. After



having my transmission rebuilt, I removed the diamond plating around the center console and shifter. I had considered installing an after-market carpet kit, but after scouring the internet and seeing different styles, I finally found the look I wanted. With motivation and vision, I finally cut the cord and removed all the diamond plating from the interior last summer. The plating removed this time was an additional 70 pounds.

The look I have decided on, is to take the interior down to bare metal, primer, and paint a glossy black. I want a clean simple interior for both racing and car shows. On New Year's Eve I began the official gutting of the interior. I removed the front seats, the side and door panels, and the back area inserts. I was greeted once again with more layers of "who knows what" as I dug in deeper than before. There was another layer of adhesive covered carpet, a brown vinyl layer in the back window area and patches of what seemed like rubber cement used as filler.

Once the bulk of everything was out of the car, I polished off another can of 3M Adhesive Remover and sanded the metal down with a 300-grit paper. I hadn't intended on removing the sound deadening material from the floorboard, however, there were several pitted areas with large chunks missing that didn't give the clean look I was going for. This layer was almost clay like with a hard plastic or vinyl shell. I spent a couple weekends chiseling out the sound deadening layer with a metal putty knife. My fingers were so sore I slept with them wrapped in a heating pad.

I again weighed all the crud removed from the car, because at this point it was a game. Another 50 pounds had been shed; for a total of 130 pounds of material removed. BUT most importantly, two tons of eye sores forever eliminated! Now, I wish I could report the finished product in this article, but as most garage projects go, I need more time. The car has been moved to the "paint booth" and is next in line for Luke to primer. Please look for the car this summer to see our hard work.



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