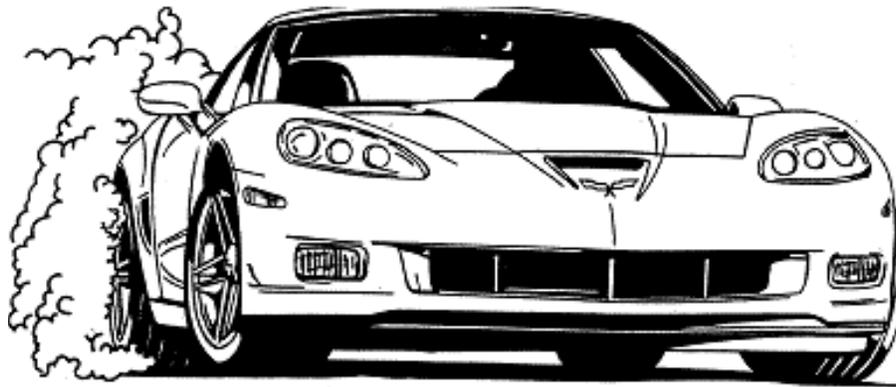


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Calendar of Events

May 19 th	General Meeting – Smokey D’s BBQ – Canceled
May 22 nd	Best of Iowa Cruise – See Flyer
May 23 rd - 25 th	Flying Low at the Ankeny Airport – Canceled
Jun 16 th	General Meeting – Smokey D’s BBQ
Jun 27 th & 28 th	Wheels Down at the Chariton Airport – Canceled
Jul 21 st	General Meeting – Smokey D’s BBQ

Officer Reports

From the President...

As I contemplate my message for this month, the Coronavirus Pandemic continues to have a profound effect on everyday life here in Iowa. Governor Reynolds has started to slowly reopen the State by easing the burden of business closures but many restrictions remain in place, leading the CCI Board to cancel the general meeting scheduled for May 19th. On the bright side, we now have two months of experience dealing with this threat which should benefit us as we navigate through the months to come.

Unfortunately, Corvette activities, especially regional and national competition, are suffering and will not look the same for the foreseeable future. As I'm sure you've heard, NCCC has suspended national points through July 1st and has issued new guidelines for conducting competition events. While these guidelines are absolutely

necessary, they are cumbersome and Pandemic fears in general are likely to reduce attendance at competition events as well. As a result, the CCI Board has also decided to cancel our annual Ankeny and Chariton autocross events.

The statement below explains where CCI stands on this issue. I know everyone will do their best to adhere to the requirements as we try to go about the business of membership in this organization. We managed to carry out our first cruise of the season a few weeks ago and that went well. Thanks to Kris and Steve Howard for finding ways to adapt while being mindful of social distancing and limiting the size of gatherings. Another of these cruises has been scheduled for later this month.

Again, please check CCI's website or find us on Facebook to see what we're up to and most of all, continue to play it safe and stay healthy!

Dave Howard, President



COVID-19 Statement

from the
CCI Board of Directors

May, 2020

In the past few weeks, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has eased some of the restrictions included in her Disaster Emergency Proclamation issued in March to combat the Coronavirus Pandemic or COVID-19. Many businesses have slowly been allowed to reopen but with limits imposed on capacity. Other State restrictions continue as before, making it difficult to hold large meetings. On the national level, the NCCC Competition Committee has suspended national points from March 1st through July 1st and issued guidelines for managing certain competition events to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These measures are necessary but many of them will complicate the process of conducting an event to the point where the CCI Board has determined it will cancel competition scheduled during that period of time. Events are affected as follows:

1. cancelation of the general meeting scheduled for May 19th
2. cancelation of Flying Low at the Ankeny Airport scheduled for May 23rd - 25th
3. cancelation of Wheels Down at the Chariton Airport scheduled for June 27th & 28th

The CCI Board will continue to adhere to state and federal mandates as well as following CDC recommendations and NCCC guidelines for controlling the spread of COVID-19. A case-by-case determination of the status of future CCI events will be made as much in advance as is practicable. Please continue to keep in mind that we may be required to act on short notice.

Governor's Message...

Once again this month, I hope this message finds you all well and safe. Hopefully, you have all been able to get out of the house to shop, to exercise and best of all drive your Corvette. This has been a difficult time for everyone but for those of us with Corvettes we do have a way to get some enjoyment.

By now most, if not all of you, know that we have canceled our Memorial and Chariton weekend autocrosses. This difficult decision was made by the CCI board and was based primarily on the NCCC decision to suspend all national points through July 1st along with a long list of new event operating guidelines. If you read NCCC President Dale Samuelson's recent May letter, you quickly realized the new and restrictive requirements that event hosts have to operate

under. In addition, we still have to stay within the state of Iowa's guidelines which we don't even know what they may be. All in all, it was decided that it was better to cancel. At this time, we do not know the status of the August Iowa Speedway event. A go, no-go decision will be made soon.

We are living in a strange and unpredictable time. Hopefully, the last half of 2020 will be better and we can have our regular meetings and events. So, let's all pull together and get through these unusual times. We can still get in our cars and go for a drive to brighten our spirits and in doing so maybe even lift the spirit of those that see our cars going down the street.

Again, I hope you all stay well and we can all soon socialize together!

Denny Luther, Governor

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, April 7, 2020

The CCI Board held its April meeting virtually with President Dave Howard calling the meeting to order @ 6:04PM. Dave said that the upcoming general meeting scheduled for April 21st will be canceled. Future monthly general meetings could be canceled as well if the current prohibition on gatherings larger than 10 people remains in place or we decide to move those meetings to a virtual platform.

Officers Reports

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish said the March Board minutes were previously distributed. Dave asked if there were comments or further discussion and there was none. Denny Luther made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Gary Foster and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported on the current balance and said club CD's were renewed (low interest rate noted). Gary reviewed the detailed report and after discussion a motion to approve was made by Kris Howard, seconded by Judi and the motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Kris said there wasn't much past or future club activity to report on. We may have a cruise forthcoming for April 24th (specifics TBD). The club may look into packing for Meals from the Heartland later this year.

Governor's Report: Denny noted that the May Governors meeting has been canceled due to the COVID-19 situation. Currently ALL autocross events are also "on-hold" due to the pandemic. In addition, the FAA and Iowa Speedway's new management may have forthcoming changes which could impact our racing/autocross activities in 2020. **Competition Director's Report:** Nichole Parnell had nothing to report.

Member at Large Report: Steve Howard had nothing to report. **Editor's Report:** Dave plans to continue with *Sportsmate* as usual during this period of unusual circumstances. He will provide a press release type update to all CCI members regarding the club's 2020 racing & social events affected by the impact of COVID-19. This will be included in *Sportsmate* and also in an e-mail to club members. **Points Director's Report:** Wayne Nikolish reported all points have been posted. **Membership Director's Report:** Mike Golightly was absent but Denny will contact Mike as to formatting for the 2020 Club Membership Listing. **Social Media Director's Report:** Pat Whalen was absent.

Old Business: Gary stated that PayPal has been setup & tested for 2020. New Business: none. Next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 5th. A motion to adjourn was made by Denny & seconded by Gary @ 6:48PM.

Respectfully,
Kris Howard for

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

General Meeting, April 21, 2020

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' Disaster Emergency Proclamation remained in effect and this meeting was canceled. The proclamation closed restaurants in addition to prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people.

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

CCI's May general meeting scheduled to be held at Smokey D's BBQ has been canceled. Again, our meeting would violate the current rule prohibiting gatherings larger than 10 people.

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 May birthdates:



<i>Ken Loneman</i>	5/13
<i>Mary Harrington</i>	5/14
<i>Travis Oetter</i>	5/16
<i>Dana Bentzinger</i>	5/22
<i>Jim Jandik</i>	5/25

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 9 or use this link to the form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10zro0eP0a5-53oDLtYALP6J1owotKnPhQefaVGe8_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.

West Region Scholarships. Any CCI member's child or grandchild who has been accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational technical institution is eligible to apply for one of the three \$500 scholarships that the West Region awards each year. The due date for applications is 8/1/20. Full information, rules and the application can be found on the West Region website at westregionnccc.com.

Article by Gary Foster. CCI's Treasurer Gary Foster submitted a special interest article for this month's *Sportsmate*. Read about a discovery he and others made while browsing through Dennis Albaugh's Chevy collection when CCI held its meeting at his facilities last August. You'll find Gary's article on Pages 7 & 8.

Events

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

Best of Iowa Cruise. After a couple of modifications, our first cruise of the season took place on April 30th. A group of 8 Vettes did a couple of drive-by parades in Bondurant and another at Orchard Place in southwest Des Moines before eating at nearby Smitty's Tenderloins.





Save the Date!

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

May 22, 2020. The next Best of Iowa Cruise will take us to the Adel location of Big Al's BBQ and then to Billy's Ice Cream Store. A flyer with the details is on Page 10.

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Mystery Chevelle or Malibu SS

As you may recall, Corvette Club of Iowa held its August, 2019 general meeting in the clubhouse at Talons of Tuscany Golf Club in Ankeny, Iowa. As is typical of our gatherings at that venue, the highlight of the event was a tour of Dennis Albaugh's spectacular car collection. Included in the collection of approximately 150 cars are near perfect examples of every Chevrolet convertible built from 1912-1975 and a full collection of 1953-1975 Corvette convertibles. There is also a GM Futureliner bus and many unique Chevrolet muscle cars, including COPOs, Yenkos, and extremely rare special-option cars.



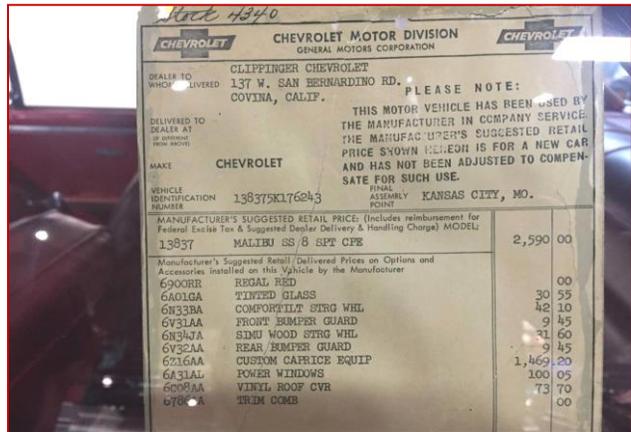
During the tour, several of us spotted a little red 1965 Chevelle with a black vinyl roof that had quite a unique appearance. We noticed the car was without the normal SS taillights and rear panel molding, and that area looked more consistent with the minimal trim of a Chevelle 300 series car. However, this car featured a badge that read

“Malibu SS396” on the rear panel. On the side of the car, a “Malibu SS” badge was located on the front fender behind the front wheel instead of the “Chevelle SS” script on the rear quarter panel behind the rear wheel. It also had a 396 crossed flags emblem on the front fender in front of the tire. I knew that Malibu was the name for the “top-of-the-line” Chevelle from 1964 through 1972. My recollection was that the correct name for the mid-size Super Sports was “Chevelle SS”. The front of the car was similar to what I remembered SS Chevelles to have, with a mostly blacked out grill and horizontal chrome or brushed aluminum bar in the middle.

As a kid growing up in the 1960s, I was a fixture in the local car dealers’ showrooms fawning wide-eyed over the new cars, and excited for when I could actually drive them. I collected all of the showroom brochures, memorized the statistics printed in them and I subscribed to all the automotive magazines. Later, I became a certified auto mechanic and muscle car aficionado. I thought I knew hot 60s cars pretty well but I didn’t recall a model called the “Malibu SS”. Neither did any of the other members I spoke with. I briefly considered that this was an example of a car thrown together by some shade tree mechanic with parts from different cars. Then, I remembered where I was standing and I knew that such a car wouldn’t exist in the Albaugh Museum. Thus, it became apparent that this was a very unique car. None of us, however, could figure out exactly what it was or just how special it was.

The original window sticker was present in the window and we noticed it was a very well optioned car. Base price was \$2,590.00 and the total sticker price came to a whopping \$4,490.85. That was a lot of money in 1965. One option was responsible for \$1,469.20. It was called “Custom Caprice Equipment”. What??? “Caprice” was a special option for the Impala in 1965. I wasn’t aware that it was also available for the Malibu. What was the Caprice equipment that added nearly 57% to the base price of this car? None of our fellow club members seemed to know and Andy, the collection’s curator and mechanic, wasn’t there for me to ask.

Well, a handful of us just couldn’t stop wondering about that car. That led us to do some research. We noticed that the order code for the Custom Caprice Equipment was 6Z16AA. Hmm... That “Z” designation could mean something pretty unique. As it turned out, it is very unique. It was one of only 201 Z16 Chevelles ever built, and one of only about 60-70 known to still exist, today. At its heart is an L37 375HP 396 CI big block with an M20 4-speed transmission. The frame is a heavy duty version sourced from a convertible with 2 extra body mounts, the speedometer reads to 160mph and the car is stopped by 11 inch brakes. The unusual badges and moldings that we noticed also differentiate this car from tamer versions of the Malibu. These early Chevelle muscle cars were actually the prototype for hundreds of thousands of SS396s built during the last half of the 1960s. This particular Z16 had quite a pedigree of its own, too. It was the test car in September, 1965 for “Popular Hot Rodding” – the sister magazine to “Super Chevy”. It was also featured in “Super Chevy” in December, 1981 and May, 1990.



It was really fun to spot some unusual automotive details about this car and then research it to validate our observations and learn more about this rare and historic factory hot rod. Even more exciting was to share the interest in investigating the unusual features of this car with other like-minded people and reveal our discoveries to each other. That’s what I’ve always found the Corvette Club to be about. It’s an opportunity to get together with others who share a similar interest in Corvettes and other interesting automobiles. It’s why I continue to participate in Corvette events twenty years after I joined my first club. Thank you all for keeping my interest as fresh as it ever was and to people like Dennis Albaugh for collecting and preserving treasures like this.

Gary Foster



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BBQ!

Friday, May 22, 2020

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At 5pm we will take off on a scenic drive through the country to Big Al's BBQ in Adel

After dinner we will drive a couple blocks south and go through Billy's Ice Cream Store.

Cruise back home on our own.

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Our purpose is to preserve Military and Aviation History, we have a focus on history from Iowa. As you look around you will see things that were made in Iowa, historically significant items from Iowa and a tribute to past, present and future soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Please make yourself welcome to any of the museum facilities.

What do we do for the community?

- Preserve history of Iowa's military and flying past, present and future.
- Provide services to veterans, military flyovers, use of exhibits for parades and other occasions.
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Donate Time:

Even if you are not a mechanic there are things that we can do to teach you some new skills. Many items in racing cars came for aviation. Working on a plane or learning more about it can give you some speed tricks for your cars. Many famous race car drivers were pilots including Smokey Yunick and Carroll Shelby.

An incredible amount of Military Aviation History involves Iowa and we need to keep history from being lost. We are asking people who have interesting artifacts to donate or display to please contact us, or better yet get involved!

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