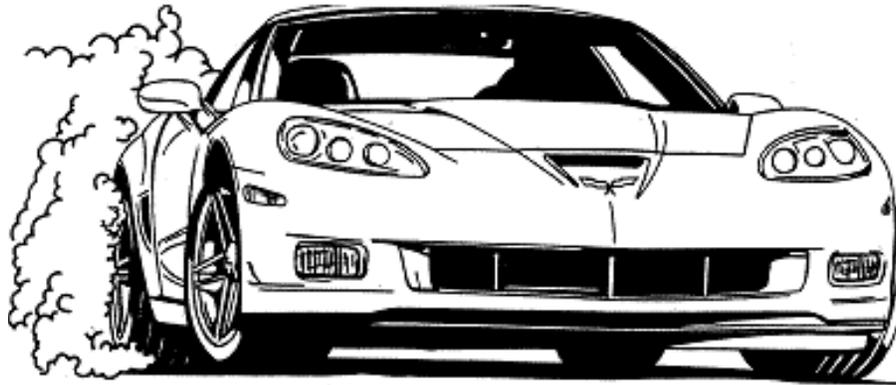


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Calendar of Events

- Jul 21st General Meeting – Nichole Parnell’s
- Jul 31st Best of Iowa Cruise – See Flyer
- Aug 8th & 9th Racing at the Speedway – Canceled
- Aug 27th General Meeting – Albaugh Headquarters
- Sep 15th General Meeting – Smokey D’s BBQ
- Sep 20th Sunday Fun Day

Officer Reports

From the President...

The Coronavirus Pandemic continues to dominate the news as well as our day-to-day lives. Across the country several states are experiencing record rates of infections, hospitalizations and deaths. Here in Iowa, Governor Reynolds has continued to stand behind the reopening of the State despite the numbers starting to trend upwards since the Independence Day weekend. We've seen some careless behavior but also more and more businesses requiring employees to wear face masks and many requiring the same of their customers. Several major events that had been postponed to later in the year have now been canceled altogether. Plans for return to school and fall sports are rapidly evolving so it's hard to say what will happen next in that area. It is abundantly clear that this pandemic is going to be with us for quite a while yet so we all need to practice common sense.

CCI continues to face some rough times, which now includes having to cancel all of our speed events for this season. Our August event was lost

partly due to difficulties with the venue, as much so as the pandemic was to blame, but cancellation of the entire season's national points program contributed as well. We were able to hold a general membership meeting last month with an outdoor meeting at Smokey D's BBQ. Despite the heat and traffic noise, it was good to be back together once again. Nichole Parnell has offered her house for another outdoor meeting this month. This time you can bring food and drink of your own choosing, just make sure you remember your lawn chairs.

The statement below explains CCI's stance on the COVID-19 issue. I know everyone will continue to be patient with the process as we try to go about the business of enjoying membership in our club. We are still finding ways to carry out social events and we now have several cruises under our belts that went well. Another of these is scheduled for the end of this month. Look for the details on that cruise elsewhere in this newsletter.

Again, please check CCI's website or find us on Facebook to see what else is going on and as always, continue to play it safe and stay healthy!

Dave Howard, President



COVID-19 Statement

from the
CCI Board of Directors

July, 2020

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds continues to stay the course on easing restrictions included in her Disaster Emergency Proclamation issued in March to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many businesses have reopened but continue with limits on capacity even when those limits have been lifted by the State. Some have had to close again after outbreaks occurred. On the national level, the NCCC Competition Committee has now suspended national points for the entire season. The CCI Board has therefore determined it will cancel the remaining autocross competition scheduled for August. Events are affected as follows:

1. modification of the general meeting scheduled for July 21st
2. cancelation of Racing at the Speedway scheduled for August 8th & 9th

The CCI Board will continue to follow state and federal mandates, 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...

With the Covid-19 pandemic canceling so many of our usual club activities we all still have the opportunity to plan something enjoyable by just driving our Corvettes. Hope you all have been able to get out in your cars as I have. There are still ways to enjoy the experience with others. We just need to keep our guards up and adapt to the new reality.

Unfortunately, I don't have good news to share with you regarding the national points program. The NCCC Competition Committee had previously suspended all points until July 1st and has now extended the suspension through the last half of the year as you probably have heard. CCI's remaining competition event scheduled for the Iowa Speedway in August is canceled as well and our hopes of using the Ankeny Airport as a

backup just isn't working out. On the bright side, the Cornhusker CC is still holding a couple of events yet this year. For those that still have the need for speed, you might check into these on the Competition page of the West Region website.

For those of you who made it out last month for our parking lot general meeting at Smokey D's, I guess it was a success except maybe for the traffic noise. We had a really good turnout I thought and it was great to see so many attend. We'll be doing something similar for July, but this time at Nichole's house. No need to try to hold a Zoom virtual meeting if it rains since Nichole has ample garage space we can use.

I hope to see you all soon, stay well and we can all share our cruisin' stories when we meet again!

Denny Luther, Governor

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, June 2, 2020

The CCI Board held the June meeting virtually via Zoom with President Dave Howard calling the meeting to order @ 6:34PM. Dave opened the meeting by asking what the Board's thoughts were as to restarting face-to-face general meetings and after discussion, it was decided that the June meeting could be held at Smokey D's but we probably can't have it indoors. We may be able to do it as a carryout and hold the meeting in their parking lot. Kris Howard will look into this. Dave will check with Water Works Park about the potential of holding our July general meeting there. Other Board members are researching potential meeting sites and formats as well.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish said the May Board meeting minutes were distributed earlier. There were no comments or discussion and a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Kris, seconded by Gary Foster and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported that our club had just two financial transactions during May, those being our club trailer insurance and a reimbursement to Gary for club postage expenses. Denny Luther made a motion to approve his report, seconded by Kris and the motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Kris stated that Paul Wyman is setting up our next cruise set for Saturday June 20th. We will be cruising to the Soldiers Monument located in Albia, Iowa. We should have Wayne 1 & Pat Whalen send out reminders to all club members a week or more in advance. Kris also commented on the cruise to Adel. We stopped at Big Al's, ordered our meals and had an outdoors picnic style outing on-site at Big Al's. The weather was fantastic, the drive was great and Big Al's dinners were positively outstanding. Big Al visited with our group and even helped serve us. He had live music as well. Eight cars participated. Club members will be encouraged to bring their folding chairs on all cruises while we continue to observe social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus.

Governor's Report: Denny advised that there is an NCCC conference call set for June 7th. He stated that as of now, there will be NO autocross points awarded until after July 1st. Points status after July 1st is still undecided by the NCCC. Support for the NCCC Annual Convention remains up in the air. COVID-19 and the recent

civil unrest is driving this uncertainty. Denny stated that the Iowa Speedway remains interested in hosting our autocross event, however there remains some clarification of event sanitization requirements and added costs that need to be worked out with the Speedway. The question was asked whether CCI can use our sanctions at the Ankeny airport in August? We still face a number of uncertainties that are driven by the current NCCC rules which include social distancing, remaining in cars, crowd security, food & beverages, sanitization of portable restrooms, etc., etc. Competition Director's Report: Nichole Parnell was absent, no report.

Member at Large Report: Steve Howard had no specific comments at this time. Kris had mentioned a number of items prior to his report. Editor's Report: Dave mentioned that Gene & Sue Biley had relocated from rural Iowa to a retirement facility in the Des Moines area. They have been continuous club members dating back to the mid-60s! Points Director's Report: Wayne Nikolish stated that 100% of all socials/cruise events have been posted on our Excel spreadsheets. Membership Director's Report: Mike Golightly was absent. He had just recently emailed the NCCC Roster of the 2020 membership names. There was some discussion of how we continue to track club member's birthdays. Denny will discuss this with Mike. Social Media Director's Report: Pat Whalen reported that our club has some 790 followers. Pat encourages our membership to be more active in posting their Corvette experiences under their name on our social media.

Old Business: there was a significant discussion about the Webmaster and CCI's Website. Net, net our Board decided to retain a company, Win-Communications. Owner Kathy Towner to provide CCI with an assessment of our website and provide recommendations. The rate approved was \$85 per hour for a period of six months. This motion was made by Denny, seconded by Gary and the motion passed. New Business: Our Officer Nominating Committee will meet in July. Next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 7th.

Motion to adjourn by Kris, seconded by Denny and the meeting adjourned @ 7:57PM.

Respectfully,

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

General Meeting, June 16, 2020

The June general meeting was held outside in the parking lot at Smokey D's with most ordering carryout from the restaurant. Due to the large group, social distancing spread us out and the noise from I-80 made it difficult to hear everyone's input, which may have resulted in some details being missed. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Howard @ 7:04PM. Guests/New Members: several guests were present and one new club member, Jeff Jackson. Many of the guests also filled out membership applications. Welcome to CCI!

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish noted that our last general meeting was in February, 2020. It was motioned by Gary Foster to approve the minutes from the February, 2020 meeting. Kris Howard seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gary stated that he has not experienced much financial activity due to COVID-19 and various club activities being canceled. We had one new membership application/payment and Dave Howard was reimbursed for *Sportsmate* costs. Gary commented that our club had received a nice letter regarding the club's donation to Meals from the Heartland. All financials have been updated and can be found on our website. A motion to approve Gary's report was made by Ken Wilson, seconded by Kris and the motion passed.

Vice-President Report: Kris spoke to our April cruise to Bondurant, back to Des Moines (Orchard Place) and on to Smitty's Tenderloin. Then in May we cruised to Adel and had a meal at Big Al's. Both cruise meals were ordered and eaten outside picnic style to allow for social distancing.

Governor's Report: Denny Luther stated that we have received NO news or updates back from the Iowa Speedway as to our club conducting an event there in August. It would appear that Newton is a no-go for 2020. In addition, the NCCC has not offered any new updates beyond the July 1, 2020 club restrictions and suspension of competition points. Hopefully all clubs will learn more from the NCCC within the next few weeks as to how the remainder of the 2020 season

will be directed to proceed. Competition Director's Report: Nichole Parnell announced club award winners for 2019 and presented awards to Peter Vance – 383 Points for Overall Men's Speed Event Award, Dave Olmstede – 430 Points for Overall Participant Award, Janelle Olmstede – 155 Points for Overall Women's Award and Christine Ruggle – 314 Points for Overall Women's Speed Event Award.

Editor's Report: Dave had nothing to report. Points Director's Report: Wayne Nikolish said all cruising & social points have been posted. Membership Director's Report: Mike Golightly was absent, no report. Social Media Director's Report: Pat Whalen commented that our website has 790+ followers and he encourages our club members to post articles of interest or email him articles for posting. Member at Large Report: Steve Howard said there was no 50/50 drawing tonight. He thought the July meeting would be conducted outside at Smokeys D's as weather permits. Nichole offered to have the meeting at her house which would be quieter and has ample garage space to use if dictated by the weather.

Old Business: none. New Business: President Dave announced that our club's Officer Nominating Committee will begin work in July on

2021 Board Officer nominations for 5 elected offices. These are the club's President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Governor. Those interested should contact Nominating Committee chairperson Judi Nikolish at 515-250-1971 or judithnikolish@gmail.com. It was noted that several of our current Board members agreed to continue to serve in 2020 so that CCI would remain a viable NCCC Club. In 2021 our club would be in serious jeopardy of ending/disbanding if we have no members interested in these positions. Kris passed along information that our club has a new website provider – Kathryn Towner of Win Communications. Contact Kris with any questions you may have about this. Buy & Sell: 2007 Coupe for sale – 42,000 miles (one owner). Asking \$20K. Contact Ken Wilson at 999-2700. 2016 Z06, 1972 and 1967 corvette(s) for sale. Contact Christine Ruggle. Next general meeting July 21st at Nichole's house.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Wilson, second by Paul Wyman and the meeting adjourned @ 7:42PM.

Respectfully,

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

Please plan to attend CCI's July general meeting at Nichole Parnell's residence. Here are the details:

**4565 NE 41st Ave
Des Moines**

Located a few blocks south of Hubbell Ave on the south side of NE 41st Ave. The house is just west of the intersection of NE 41st Ave & NE 46th St.

Bring your own food and beverage and we'll eat "picnic style" before the meeting. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



See you on the 21st!

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We recently added several new members including Jeff Jackson who attended the June meeting. Others who attended the meeting as guests also

joined but details were not immediately available to the editor. Stay tuned for these details in the next *Sportsmate*.

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



<i>Clayton Smith</i>	<i>7/1</i>
<i>Jan Jordan</i>	<i>7/13</i>
<i>Dino Rodish</i>	<i>7/14</i>
<i>Thomas Sally</i>	<i>7/14</i>
<i>Robin Dunn</i>	<i>7/17</i>
<i>Dave McChesney</i>	<i>7/22</i>

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

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



Our condolences go out to John & Renda Snyder on the recent loss of Renda's Mother, to Mike & Rhonda Golightly on the recent loss of Mike's Mother, and to Elizabeth Mitchell on the recent loss of her Husband and our fellow club member, Scott Mitchell.



"It's never 'Goodbye', it's 'See you later'"

A procession of Corvettes attended the visitation for Scott on July 10th.



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 13 or use this link to the form:

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.

Events

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

Gold Star Museum Donation. Gary Foster was joined by Mike Golightly, Paul Wyman and Wayne Nikolish recently to present CCI's charitable donation to the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge. Receiving the donation from Gary is Museum Director Sherrie Colbert who also led the group on a tour.



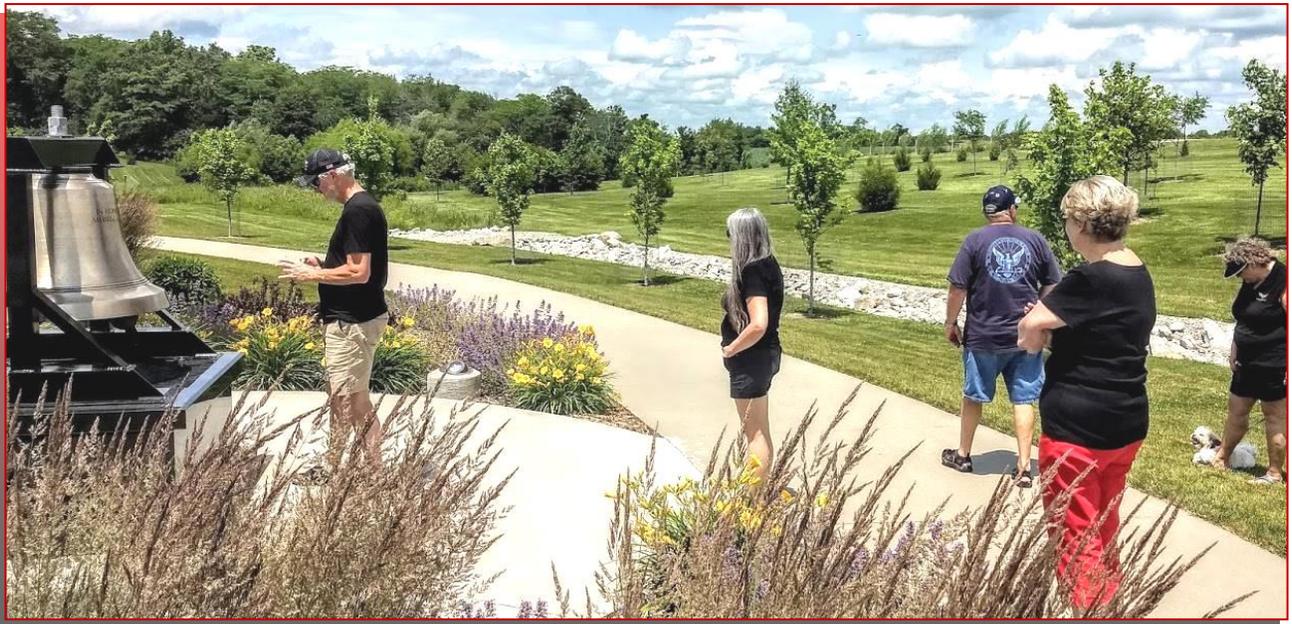


Soldier Monument Cruise. A handful of CCI members took a cruise to Albia for lunch at The Highway Restaurant before a visit to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument just west of town. Judging from the photos, the monument is an impressive sight, well worth the drive and something none of us should have missed.









Save the Date!

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

July 31, 2020. CCI's next cruise of the season will be a Best of Iowa Cruise. We're looking for the classic small-town diner on this one. Join us at Reclaimed Rails in Bondurant where we will set out for Nevada's Star Buck's Drive-in. You'll find the flyer on Page 14.

Buy & Sell

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CCI is on
the hunt for
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Drive-in!

Friday, July 31, 2020

First, we'll meet at 5PM on the outside patio
at Reclaimed Rails Brewing in Bondurant.

At 5:30 we'll take a scenic drive to Nevada where we'll
stop for eats at Star Buck's Drive-in. They have 3
picnic tables under a shade tree and there is also a
car-hop if you feel more comfortable staying in your car.
Of course another option is to bring your lawn chairs!

Cruise back home on our own.

If we need to, we'll plan on Saturday as a rain date
and we'll move it to lunch instead of dinner.



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The Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum is pleased to have you as our guests; we want all the drivers, crew and staff to have a safe and outstanding weekend.

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.
- Promote Aviation and Safety.

How can you help?

Sign up and become a member, you will receive a monthly newsletter, free admission to the museum and invitations to special member only events.

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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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