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Calendar of Events

Nov 12 th Nov 15 th	Toys for Tots Cruise – See Flyer General Meeting – Cozy Café, Johnston
Dec 20 th	General Meeting – The District Venue, Ankeny (tentative) Also CCI Holiday Party
Jan 17 th	General Meeting – TBD

Officer Reports

From the President...

Greetings Corvette Club of Iowa Family,

November is here! Many have started to put their cars away for the winter, others are making their winter travel plans. I just recently cleaned up my lawn mower and pulled out the snow blower to give it an oil change and get it ready for when the evil snow starts to fly. The boat is already nestled in its winter home. Monica (my Corvette) still is out and about for a little bit longer.

We are also preparing for the upcoming holidays such as Thanksgiving. As a child growing up, I always loved Thanksgiving. We would either spend time with my Mom's family in Holland, Michigan or we would spend it with my Dad's family in Town Creek, Alabama. I'll be honest, the food in Alabama was far superior. I always As we all know, gained several pounds. Thanksgiving is not just a time for food and family, but a time to be thankful. We should be thankful all year round, but making an extra effort on Thanksgiving doesn't hurt. This year I am extremely thankful for so many things. I am extremely thankful for my family. Even though my 13 yr. old Step-daughter (who acts like she is 23) likes to push the lines lately, she is a true blessing. I'm thankful for my son. For anyone that truly knows me, my son Blake is the purest joy in my life. True, he has just discovered that defiant 3 yr. old phase, but it makes me love him all the more as he learns and grows. I am thankful for my beautiful wife. Without her I would be lost. I am thankful for the moments in life that make me laugh. Just the other day Blake was showing me one of his toy matchbox cars and he asked as he does frequently, "Dad, what kind of car is this?" I replied, "That is a Datsun". He said, "Daddy, will you ever own a Datsun?" I told him I probably wouldn't. I asked him what his favorite car is or what car he wants to have some day. His reply truly warmed my heart and made me laugh. He said, "I want a Corvette just like you. Then I will drive it to the Corvette Club and see my friends there and then come home to my family like you do. You always come home Daddy."

It's comments like that where I am reminded of the hard work that so many of you in this club do for this club. That is another thing I am thankful for; my friends here in the Corvette Club, and those that work so hard to keep this club going. Without you my son might not have a Corvette Club to come to when he gets older. It's why we make changes, it's why we grow, it's why we teach younger generations, and why we recruit new members and Board members. We are striving to make this great club/family that we have with the Corvette Club of Iowa be as sustainable as possible. But through all the efforts, work, discussions and changes we need to foremost keep it FUN.

I encourage you to take an intentional moment this Thanksgiving to truly focus on what you are most thankful for. We have a tendency to become very busy and take for granted many of the blessings and opportunities we have in life. Take the time to recognize those blessings and be thankful for them. Tell others that you care about how thankful you are for them. Give your car that extra octane as a special treat or that special wax before winter. ©

Events such as Adopt a Star and Toys for Tots are always a reminder of how good I have it in life and how good my kids have it. It's just another thing to be thankful for. Lastly, I am truly thankful for you all. This past year has had its challenges but you have been a beam of light into that darkness. Thank you for making this club a family.

Blessings to you and yours this Holiday season.

Vroom Vroom,

Jeff Jackson, President

General Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2022

The general meeting of Corvette Club of Iowa was called to order at 6:59p.m. October 18, 2022 at Cozy Café in Johnston by VP Carrol McCracken, filling in for President Jeff Jackson in his absence. There were no new members or guests in attendance. Carrol thanked Pat & Laurie for all their hard work getting MotorsportReg functionality up and running.

Secretary Dave McChesney reported that the general meeting minutes are published in

Sportsmate and reminded the membership that both general meeting minutes and Board meeting minutes are on the website. Board minutes are in the Members Only section of the site. There was no discussion and Jim Lucas motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Wyman seconded and motion passed. Laurie McCracken submitted the Treasurer's report with updated balances in club accounts. A check was written to Dave Howard for publishing expenses.

Vice President/Social Director Carrol McCracken reported Cruise to the Woods went well. Got there early to watch cars pull in. Trying to make a trip happen for Oct. 28-30 for a "color run" to northeast Iowa & into Wisconsin. Governor Gary Foster was present and had nothing to report. Competition Director Denny Luther was not present and there was nothing reported.

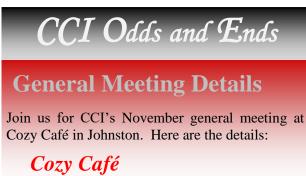
Member at Large Wayne Weidmann did the 50/50 drawing, Ken Merten won the 50/50 and donated his portion back to the club. Editor Dave Howard didn't have a lot to report but did mention a few flyers are in Sportsmate, one being for Toys for Tots at Bob Brown Chevrolet on November 12th. Points Director Janelle Ohmstede was absent and submitted no report. Membership Director Mike Golightly was also absent and nothing was reported. Social Media director Pat Whalen was present and reported MotorsportReg has been opened up for member registration for 2023 as well as other events. Easy to sign up for an account and easy to use. Nan Brittain asked a regarding personal question information. Specifically, she asked about privacy and personal information that was being uploaded to MotorsportReg for member renewals that were done by paper. It was explained that the basic information of members was being added to

MotorsportReg to streamline processes for club officers. The platform itself is extremely secure and is held to the highest standard for digital security due to it being a platform that processes payments. It was agreed that there should be a further discussion by the Board to ensure that personal information is being handled properly and that disclosures, if any that should exist, are added in the proper locations and forms to ensure people are aware their information is being used and how.

Old Business: Paul Wyman thanked all members who donated to the TP roundup. Look to next month's Sportsmate for list of items collected. New Business: Dave Vance addressed the membership and explained for clarification that the reason we were unable to have our 2nd event at the Ankeny Airport this year was that other clubs sought to use the airport as well and the Polk County Aviation Authority Board decided to abstain from allowing any additional events. Carrol mentioned that he and Laurie are still exploring options for our holiday get together to be held along with our traditionally brief December general meeting. Cheryl Weidmann talked about the Adopt-a-Star charity and passed around a signup sheet for interested members. Buy and Sell: Ken Wilson is selling his 2004 Coupe with low miles and extremely good condition for \$25,000 OBO. Dave McChesney is selling a 1994 Corvette Coupe 6 Speed for \$10,000 OBO.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Wyman. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Dave McChesney, Secretary



Cozy Caje 8385 Birchwood Ct Johnston



Located just north of the NW 86^{th} St interchange with I-80/35. Take the first right off 86^{th} and go east to the restaurant.

Gather to eat & socialize @ 6:00PM Meeting following @ approximately 7:00PM

See you on the 15th!

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have one new member to report for October. Please welcome Ken Merten's spouse, Bonita Crooks, who we have met at many meetings and events.

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

		Sarah Miller	11/2
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le e e		Nan Brittain	11/11
*		Steve Howard	11/13
		Denise Forret	11/17
Jay Hommer	11/20	Stephanie Romagnoli	11/22
Carla Mikes	11/24	Kris Howard	11/26
Doug Walker	11/26	Brian Foster	11/28
Curt Winegar	11/29	Steve Jordison	11/30

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

Our condolences go out to the family of fellow club member Paul Reinhart on his recent passing.

Did You Know? In 2019, longtime local band Flipside and its members were inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. Among those inductees was Flipside bassist and our very own Emeal Myles. On a recent Saturday evening, the McCrackens and Browns joined Debbi Mahon to watch Emeal perform at Chuck's Restaurant on 6th Ave in Oak Park in one of the bands he plays with. A couple of photos follow along with many more from several recent club events.

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:

TP Roundup. I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to the TP Roundup. The club is donating quite a large inventory this year... lots of items (below) and \$745 in cash and checks. The money was spent on items the VA Resources Center was a little short on. Thanks again for your support of this project. Your donations will help so many! THANK YOU!

Paul Wyman, US 🕸

INVENTORY FOR THE TP ROUNDUP

Toilet Paper	200 rolls	3 in 1 Body Wash	26	
Razors	73	Tee Shirts	12	
Toothbrushes	40	Facial Tissue	5	
Toothpaste	55	Lotion	11	
Brushes/Combs	6	Thermal Shirts	2	
Gloves	46 pairs	Conditioner	1	
Plastic Hangers	14	Pillowcases	2	
Bar Soap	27	Body Wash	1	
Deodorant	16	Shoes	2 pairs	
Chapstick	10	Room Mist	2	
Scarfs	30	Mirrors	2	
ZipLock Bag containing	12 bags	Dish Soap	2	
personal items				
Shampoo	1	Liquid Hand Soap	4	
Wash Cloths	3	Laundry Soap	2	
Hats	60	Fabric Softener	2	
Shaving Gel	14	Panty Liners	1	
Socks	43 pairs	Foot Powder	1	
Towel Sets	9	Sheets-Queen	1 set	
Ear Muffs	30	Shower Scrubbies	2	
Shorts	3	Jacket	1	
Bag of Small Toiletries	1	3 in 1 Cotton sets (Qtips, cotton balls)	2	
ZipLock Bags	4 boxes	Disposable Washcloths	4 packs	
Soap Dish	4	Hand Warmers	18	
Grooming Kit	4	Hydro Mate Drink Mix	4	
Glass and Lens Cleaner	4 boxes	Floss Picks	4 pkgs	
Mouthwash	7	Foot Powder	4	
Dry Shampoo	1	Bags containing gloves, blanket, pens, planner, etc	4	
We collected \$745 in cash which was used to purchase additional 3 in 1 body wash, hats, scarfs, earnuffs and gloves.				

Fall Color Run. A cruise to the east took place October 28th-30th. The 2022 Fall Color run wasn't quite as colorful as last year, or as we would have liked, but mother nature doesn't wait for us. We all had a fun trip into NE Iowa, SW Wisconsin and NW Illinois. Thinking about it more, brown is a color...

It seems the last two years have started with problems, but we adapt and overcome them to have a great trip. Last year, we had one car with a battery problem, and Laurie's and my car was involved in a hit-and-run. This year, another occasional battery problem and a flat tire. I am happy that I had a jump pack to help. The flat tire was a different problem, and like last year, it involved Laurie's and my car. We were thankful that a local in Albion offered to bring a tire plug kit from his house. While I don't love plugs, it kept us running for the rest of the trip. After the plug, we were quickly back on the road.

Our first stop was S&D Café in Waukon where we were served by Dave Brown's cousins, one being the owner. From there we went up to see the Mississippi valley at Mount Hosmer in Lansing, Iowa. Then we went over to the Wisconsin side to go to Sunshine Orchard, and then Prairie du Chien, WI, to have dinner at the Angus Supper Club. We were fortunate to get rooms in the Guttenberg motel again in the old button factory for the first night. During the evenings we played some games and had some great conversations.

The next day had us going up to Carr Valley Cheese, using some of the windiest roads we could find. After buying some cheese, especially fresh and warm curds, we went to Potosi Brewing for lunch and a brew. Then on to two dive bars out in the country that I would recommend for everyone to go to and have a great time – these are The New Diggins General Store and Council Hill Station. From there it was off to Dubuque to Vinny Vanucchi's for dinner and then our hotel in Dubuque where we continued to have a great time socializing.

All in all, an interesting and fun trip, and I hope that all 8 people in 5 cars had a great time. I look forward to seeing what next year's VP has us doing.

Carrol McCracken, VP

Toys for Tots. CCI's annual fundraising cruise will take place Saturday, November 12th at Bob Brown Chevrolet. Look for a full report on this event in next month's newsletter.

Save the Date!

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

December 20, 2022. The CCI Holiday Gathering, along with our general meeting, will be held at The District Venue, 1350 SW Vintage Pkwy, in Ankeny. This is just to the east of Jethro's where we held a number of meetings earlier in the year. Social at 6 with dinner at 7. More details to come at the November meeting and on the website.

Cruise to the Woods



































2022 Fall Color Run























Music at Chuck's Restaurant





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.



VEHICIE DESCRIPTION

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2017 Chevrolet Corv	tte Grand Sport 2LT		
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Stock:			
		0.0	
Engine:	Color:	Silver	
Transmission:			
Technical	Interior		
*Remote Engine Start	*Bucket Seats		
*Rear Wheel Drive	*Leather Seats		
*Active Suspension	*Multi-Zone A/C		
*Keyless Entry	*A/C		
*Power Door Locks	*Adjustable Steerin	g Wheel	
*Power Windows	*Leather Steering \	Wheel	
*Cruise Control	*Rear Defrost		
*Power Steering	*Driver Illuminated	*Driver Illuminated Vanity Mirror	
*Locking/Limited Slip Diffe	*Pacconner Illumin	ated Visor Mirror	
*EPA estimated fuel consumpg	nption: City: 15 *Mirror Memory		
*EPA estimated fuel consu	nption: Highway: Exterior		
26 mpg	*Intermittent Minere		
*Security System - Engine	mmobilizer *Power Mirror(s)		
*Gasoline Fuel	"Hested Mirrore		
*Transmission w/Dual Shit	r administri venecia		
*Fuel Capacity: 19 gal,	*Tires - Front Perform	mance	
Safety	*Tires - Rear Perform	nance	
*Driver Air Bag	*HID headlights		
*Passenger Air Bag	Electronics		
*Passenger Air Bag Sense	"Keyless Start		
*Front Side Air Bag *ABS	"Back-Up Camera		
*Stability Control	*Entertainment Syste	m	
*Traction Control	*Premium Sound Sys	tem	
*4-Wheel Disc Brakes	*AM/FM Stereo *Satellite Radio		
*Rear Parking Aid		N 33	
*Daytime Running Lights	*Navigation from Tele *Navigation System	matics	
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Interior	*MP3 Player		
"Auto-Dimming Rearview M	rror *Steering Wheel Audi	o Controls	
*Power Driver Seat	*WiFi Hotspot		
*Driver Adjustable Lumbar	*Remote Trunk Relea	se	
*Heated Front Seat(s)	*Security System		
*Cooled Front Seat(s)	*Heads-Up Display		
Passenger Adjustable Lun	*Universal Garage Do	or Opener	

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.









Saturday, November 12, 2022 10:30AM

Meet at Bob Brown Chevrolet I-35/80, Exit 126 (Douglas Ave) Urbandale

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation (a check is best). We will present these and our club check to Bob Brown's before we cruise to Cozy Café in Johnston for lunch (off 86th St & I35/80 near the Wynnsong Theaters). We'll arrive a little before noon to eat and hang out. I think I'll make a cash donation... Bob Brown's will match it‼



Four Party Points <u>plus</u>

FOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE POINTS

NOTE: You must attend Bob Brown's and lunch to receive both sets of points

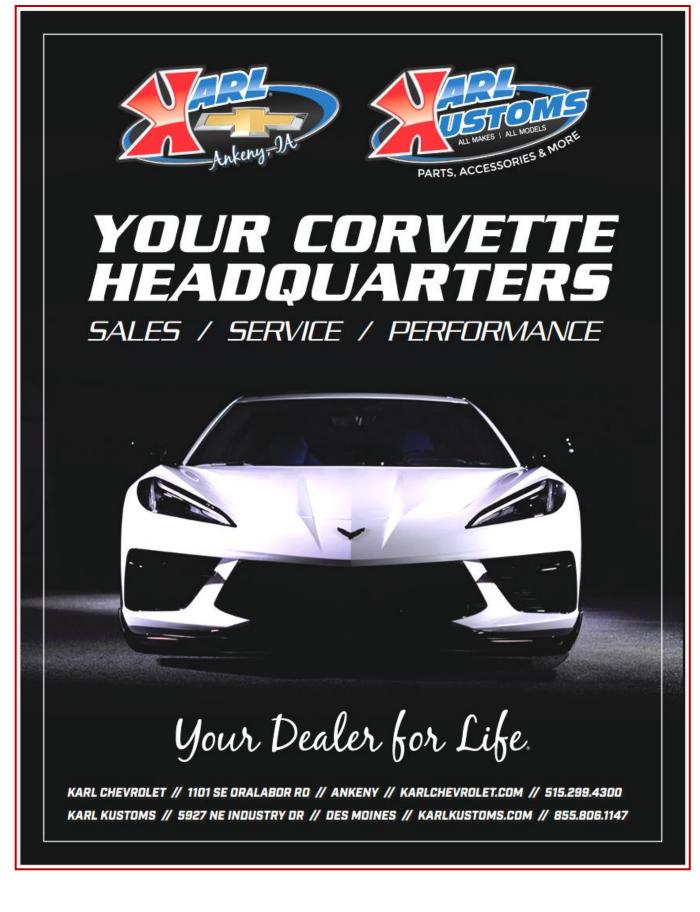
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