



Beyond the Glass

Established 1963

August 2019 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

From the President's Desk



August Birthdays

1	Nancy Fischer
8	Madeline Watertor
10	Pam Cady
13	Lori Brendes
17	Dave Machacek
19	Terry Primrose
	Diane Bowen
20	Malinda Finley
22	Cindi Kocher
23	Audrey Dolphin
26	Randy Sanders
29	Jan Elm

This was a recent post on FaceBook. I thought it would be good to share this month. It is a great story on the club “beginnings” shared by Lyle Knutson. There is more information on the CRCC website under the “history” topic.

History of Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa Car Culture, Street and Racing

What do you do when you work with four other guys that all share your same passion? You form a club. And that is exactly what a group of Rockwell Radio Company employees did when they formed the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club (CRCC) in the fall of 1962.

In early 1963 the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club was incorporated and they designed the club logo. By the summer of 1963 the membership had grown from the original 5 to 30 members. In 1965 the club joined the West Region of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. The West Region consists of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Missouri.

In 1963, 1964 and 1965 the club members all attended the Indianapolis 500 as a group. The first official Club event was a Gymkhana held in July 1963 on a Collins Radio parking lot. It was a very successful event with 90 entries.

The Club also provided race cars for the Cedar Valley Stock Car Racing Association on Saturday nights at Hawkeye Downs. And because of their long ongoing support of the racetrack, the CRCC were inducted into the Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame in 2013.

The club has supported many charities over the years. They have donated money raised through their sponsoring or participating in car shows, rallies, and parades.

Originally the CRCC club meetings were held in member's garages but now it is held at Pat McGrath's Chevyland. From their humble beginnings of five founding members in 1962 to the current club with 150+ members, the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club has been going strong and continues to drive into the future.



CRCC Homecoming Parades

Tracy Rudd has been actively adding schools for this year. Please check the club website for school additions and the sign-up site. Contact Tracy if you have any questions.

CRCC Annual Summer BBQ

August 10: "The annual CRCC Summer BBQ Banquet" held at Midway Park, 3429 Midway Road, Toddville, IA (in Midway). Meat will be supplied by CRCC and smoked by our 3 resident "professional" smokers: JD, Jim, & Dan. Bring a side dish to share along with your own silverware and plates. There is electricity available in the pavilion for crockpots. We usually eat around 6:00 PM. An RSVP is required for the club to know how much meat to purchase! RSVP John Stutzman no later than August 3rd.

CRCC Cruise Night

August 13: "Cedar Rapids Corvette Club evening dinner cruise" to Wolfey's Wapsi Outback, 101 Water Street South, Quasqueton, Iowa. We will be offered a buffet of pizza, wings, & a salad at a cost of \$12 per person which includes the tax & tip. We are in the large banquet room with the open air deck on the Wapsi River. If you wish to caravan to the dinner, we are leaving the Marion Walmart at 5:45 PM. John Stutzman NEEDS an RSVP no later than August 9th

Check the club website for planned activities and updates. Larry is very busy with listing the various activities on our calendar.

See you at the August 15th meeting.

Geof
President
Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Board meeting minutes and CRCC July meeting minutes on the next page.

Here are the board meeting minutes and the meeting of July 18, 2019

Madeline

Date: 7/18/2019

Minutes: Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
Board Meeting 7/17/2019
Madeline Watertor Secretary

The June Board Meeting was held at Godfather's Pizza by President Geoff at 6:00 on June 17, 2019.

Present were: Diane Bowen, Dave Fellmet, Garland Groom, Dennis Primrose, John Stutzman, Madeline Watertor and Geoff Knoerzer.

Garland reported CRCC is in need of Umbrella tents. Harbor Freight was having a sale and Garland was authorized to buy the tents.

Geoff reported that various members would like CRCC to have a storage space for club records etc, Some members have too many records to store in their homes.

There was discussion about finding a secure spot for the club trailer. The trailer needs fixing, some water has been running in. The cost for fixing the trailer could be up to \$1500.00. The discussion was tabled for now to fix the trailer.

CRCC will be needing a new leader for the Car show in 2020. Geoff has reported he will not be doing the 2020 CRCC Car Show.

Dave Fellmet reported he will be sharing the financials of the 2019 Car Show with KCRG.

The By-Laws have been worked on. Look on the NCCC site for working of the Standing Rules and By-Laws.

If the club wants to change to electronic balloting members need to supply an e-mail address. Geoff will be sending a letter to this effect.

It was approved for the club to buy 2 canopy tents and 3 club helmets.

If there is a change in the By-Laws the Secretary of State needs to be notified. The Trustees will be looking at the By-Laws for an update.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
Minutes Meeting July 18, 2019

Madeline Watertor Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Geoff at 7:02 PM. There were 62 people present at the meeting.

Guest present was Bill Aossey. Bill owns a 2016 Z06 Blue Corvette. Bill wanted to join CRCC so he was voted in as a new member.

President Geoff read the list of members celebrating birthdays during the month of July.

President Geoff asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June Meeting Minutes. There were no additions or corrections. President Geoff called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and was seconded by Bob Bowen to approve the minutes. The motion was passed.

Secretary Madeline Watertor reported a Sympathy Card and Memorial Donation had been sent to Carolyn McAuliffe for the death of her father, and a Sympathy card had been to Joan Foster for the death of her brother. A Get Well card had been sent to Jim McLaughlin, Jim had a medical emergency while riding his bicycle. A thank you card had been sent to Jon Jordan. Jon won the 50/50 drawing at the Car Show. Jon donated his winnings of \$273.00 back to CRCC.

Vice President Dave Fellmet reported new pictures of the 2020 Corvette are being unveiled in California.

Treasurer Larry Bushaw presented the club's financial reported. CRCC will donate \$15,000.00 from proceeds of the Car Show to the charities. The total of proceeds made from the Car Show was \$15,972.19. \$972.19 will be left for the 2020 Car Show. President Geoff called for a motion to approve the financials presented. A motion was made by Lyle Knutson and was seconded by Diana Knutson to approve the financial reported as presented. The motion was passed.

Garland Groom reported the Bowen's and the Fischer's attended the NCCC convention in Denver.

Social Director John Stutsman reported 48 people were at the July Tuesday dinner at Mosleys.

There will be a barbecue banquet on August 10 at Midway Park. The August Tuesday dinner will be on August 13, in Quasqueton at Wolfey's Wapsie Outback.

There was interest in having a go-kart event at Speedy's Go Kart Track. An event at the Gladbrook Match Box Museum was talked about.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd and Historian Sue Rudd was out of town. Check the club website for schools participating in the homecoming events.

President Geoff talked about things that were discussed at the board meeting. An onsite storage was discussed, the trailer needs to be repaired, the club's ByLaws were discussed. There was discussion about electronic voting. Garland will purchase umbrella tents and helmets.

The winner of the 50/50/drawing was Virginia Bruster. President Geoff called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by John Baker and was seconded by Melinda Finley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be on August 15, 2019.