

In October, 1962, two Corvette owners met and decided they would attempt the organization of a Cedar Rapids Corvette Club. These two people were both employed by the Collins Radio Company. A notice to the effect that a Corvette Club was being formed was posted on the Collins bulletin board. Six more Corvette owners responded the notice and a meeting was held. Meetings were first held in one of the Corvette owner's homes. Officers were elected for the club and they were as follows: Joe Bernoflo, Pres., Harold Kennedy, Vice-president; Don Uhl, Secretary and Bill Fahey, Treasurer.

Reasons for organizing, by-laws, club emblem and all data necessary for organizing were discussed at the initial meeting. Later meetings produced results on these subjects and the club began to function as an organized Corvette Club.

In February, 1963, the club became incorporated for the security of the club membership. The first 15 members were designated as charter members because of their initial monetary and physical interest. By the time summer

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History of Emblem

Our club emblem, though simple in design has many ideas incorporated into it. The originators of the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club decided that this emblem should strictly be their own idea and altogether different in design. They also decided that it should be of such a design that it would fit in well with different uses for the club, on jackets, stationery, car badges, decals, etc. Eight pioneers of the club made up drawings with their own ideas and then submitted them to illustrators at the Collins Radio Company for incorporation into the design. The members had agreed that they wanted a circular emblem that would be slightly like the original Chevrolet Corvette emblem yet be individual in design. They wanted to emphasize the "C" in Corvette which would fit in with the name of our town starting with the letter "C" also. From all these ideas came our present emblem from the drawing boards of the illustrators of Collins Radio and was given final approval by the club members themselves.

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activities rolled around, the Cedar Rapids Club had grown to approximately 30 members. These members came from all walks of life bannng together to contribute to the success of their club.

One of the club's first activities was to meet with members of the Des Moines Club of Iowa and inspect the new Greenwood Road Course in its construction stages at Inianola, Iowa. It has one of the finest communication systems of any road course and that's where the Cedar

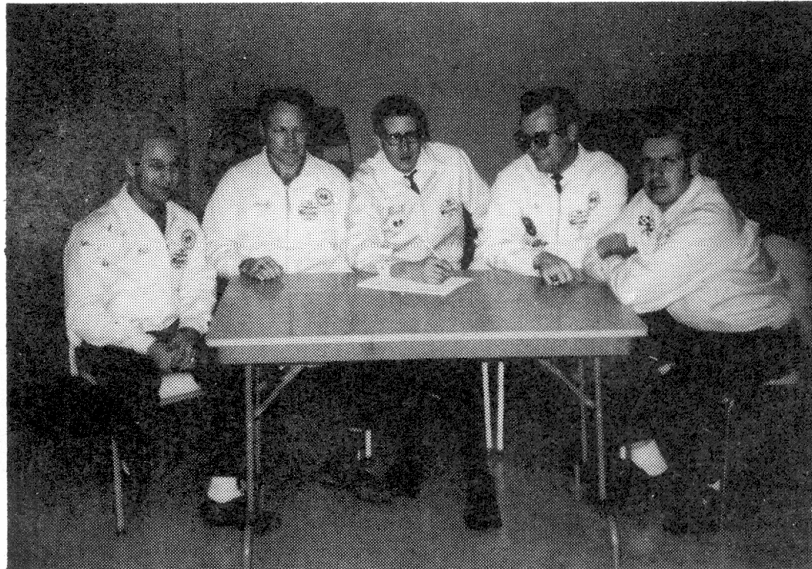
Many members of our club helped install their portable radio sets up for the flag stations, Greenwood roadway was the first road racing course ever built in Iowa under SCAA standings. To help along more on its success

the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club attended SCCA flagging school and then went on to act as flagmen for the first Greenwood event.

The club also attended the Indianapolis 500 mile race and went to Elkhart Lake as a club group. Our first big event of our own was a big Gymkhana run in July.

This event proved our ability to progress and really function together as a club group. Our first Gymkhana was an overwhelming success. We ran this Gymkhana on the Collins Radio Parking lot, using a loudspeaker PA system donated from the Park Commission. Our courses were two very successfully managed projects. The favorite course was our Grand Prix, Jr. which proved to provide stiff compe-

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1966 CRCC OFFICERS:

Left to right: Pat Kelly, president; Lowell Phelps, vice-president; Bob Palmer, secretary; Jack Gilmour, treasurer; NCCC Governor Harold Kennedy.



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tition for everyone. Also a walkie-talkie system between the starting line and the control booth was used to simplify staging, starting and timing these events. All in all, everything was a bigger success than we anticipated. Even our refreshment stand brought us in a real healthy profit. We had 90 entries for the day and received many compliments on our well-run event. We immediately began planning for a bigger, better Gymkhana for 1964.

One of our summer-long activities was providing pace cars for the Cedar Valley Stock Car Racing Association every Saturday night at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids.

When fall rolled around the club suffered the loss of many members to college and a minor rebuilding program started to stimulate new membership. We immediately planned a fall event to keep our group rolling along.

We took a fall autumn cruise in October and combined an economy run into this event. Everyone really enjoyed their trip and the big picnic lunch we had at McGregor, Iowa along with driving for top economy in a different type of competition.

The club also took to the parade

At the Easter Egg Hunt for the underprivileged children.

route doing all the official honors in the Coe College Homecoming and the Jefferson High School Homecoming.

We held our first annual Banquet at the famous Amana Colonies in Amana, Iowa, where the new officers for 1964 were announced from election returns in November. The new officers were Harold Kennedy, Pres; Ken Anderson, Vice-pres; Lowell Phelps, Secretary; and Lee Nelson, Treasurer.

Our year of 1964 started with a whirlwind of planned activities as the new officers took over. We held our first rally on February 2 and called it our "Groundhog Rally". Again the club scored a big victory on its way up the progress ladder. We had 50 entries and the course was well laid out. We received compliments from Veterans of many other rallies who said this was a well-conducted and well-planned rally. Everyone asked when the next rally would be and where. They wanted to attend more no matter where they were.

After the rally we caught our breath for a moment and then started digging in again for applying our effort towards a Car Show at Rapids Chevrolet. In

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the course of our progress, Rapids Chevrolet had gotten behind our effort in the fall of 1963 and offered to be a non-participating sponsor for us offering us a meeting place at Rapids Chevrolet and parts discount. This was a happy occurrence for us and helped our club grow into a successful unit.

Bill Fletcher of Rapids Chevrolet worked very hard with us to get ahead in the activities we had planned. Rapids Chevrolet with Bill Fletcher helped provide trophies and awards for our events and much helpful advice and counseling. Our Car Show was planned and then held the last weekend of February, 1964. It proved to be a tremendous success. The Club managed to obtain all models of Corvettes between the year 1954 and 1964. To back up the actual car part of the show we had a professional stereo system playing with sports car sounds and good music. The show had a big information board showing pictures and facts of our club in action and we also had an information booth. Movies were shown on the building of a Corvette. Both our club and Bill Fletcher were very pleased with the show's results.

Coming up for the rest of the season will be an Auto Cross in April, a trip to the 500 mile race, attending Elkhart Lake as a Club. We also will be working at Greenwood Raceway. We are planning a bigger Gymkhana this summer than last year's and plan to put forward all of our efforts to make it a huge success.

Our club has 40 members now and is growing steady in number. We always try to schedule interesting meetings including a guest speaker and always two or three racing movies. We have had speakers from the SCCA in this region, Dick Ritchie, 1963 National IMCA Midget Racing Champion, a member of the USAC mechanic team.

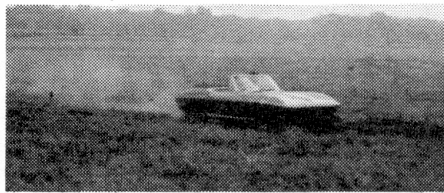
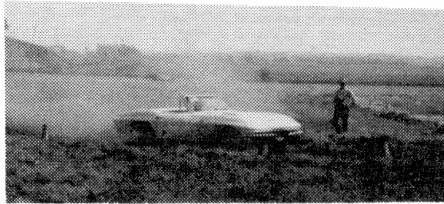
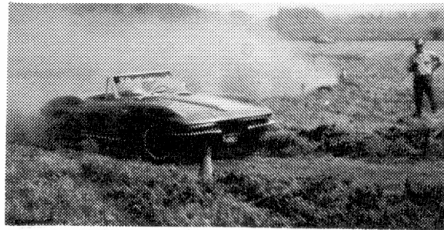
Our club has what we call an Incen-

tive Point system which gives a certain amount of points for attending meetings and events. This provides, we feel, more stimulation in the club to attend the meetings and activities. Awards will be made for the winner of this point system at our annual Banquet.

Meetings are once a month at Rapids Chevrolet in Cedar Rapids on the third Thursday night of the month.

We expect this club to grow bigger and better in the near future. We have a fine town, and a fine sponsor to grow with. We are striving for success in all of our efforts and we plan to work hard to reach our goals.

Harley Haber, NCCC Governor



SCENES FROM THE RECENT
"ROAD AMANA" FIELD GYMKHANA