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NRL Reporter

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51 Years and Still Going Strong!



Celebrating NRL December Birthdays!



*Pictured here at our NRL Christmas Dinner
Cindy, Katy, Carol, John and Leann*

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Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

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- 1) Be a Corvette Enthusiast at the time of Application.
- 2) Be at least 18 years old
- 3) Submitted the first year's NRL/NCCC New Member dues of \$75 Single/\$125 Couple, which includes an NRL club shirt. All members will also receive a NCCC membership card.
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From the Office of the President

December 2023



I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. One car is put away, and the other is of course out being serviced. Hopefully she comes home soon & can rest until Spring.

At our October meeting we elected the following officers for 2024. Congratulations and thank you for serving and making our club GREAT! Diane Wagner – President, Fred Marano – Vice President, Cindy Barbera – Secretary, Dan Wagner – Governor, Linda Fairlamb – Competition Director & Treasurer, Ed Frost – Membership Director, Pat Lopardo – Publication Director, Elizabeth Ball – Director of Public Relations, Ed Wodniakowski & Santo Scafide – Sergeant At Arms.

Saturday, December 2nd was our Annual Christmas Party/Dinner. We had an awesome turnout! Thank you, Ed Frost and Kim Scafide for putting together a beautiful evening. We were also blessed with Pat & Sue Lopardo from Vegas! It was great seeing them, and Sue even put together a “Family Feud” game that was fun to watch. I'm sure pictures are in this reporter & soon on our website.

At our December meeting we are having the annual “white elephant gift exchange.” Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift and leave it on the table at the door before you enter the meeting room. If you're a baker, bring a cookie to share!

Your newly elected officers will be meeting after the 1st of the year to review your suggestions and start planning our event calendar. On a personal note... thank you for making our club great & cheers to a fun and eventful 2024!



Our next membership meeting is on December 12, 2023 at Real Time Sports in Elk Grove Village, IL. Pizza at 7, meeting starts at 7:30. Until then.....

Happy Motoring and remember to Save the Wave.

Diane Wagner
President
Northern Rays LTD.



Northern Rays Corvette Club General Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023
By: Fred Marano

Meeting Location - Real Time Sports, Elk Grove Village, IL
- Pizza was served at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Diane Wagner

President's Report – Diane Wagner – Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed with motion for approval by Linda and seconded by Tom.

A Warm Welcome to our new members Joe & Lori Jocheim, Tom Novak & Leann Elliot, Chris Mooses, and George Sulkowski (Ski)

Diane noted the many raffle gifts, which will be drawn later during the meeting.

Club Officers Elections for 2024:

- Fred motioned to approve the nominees and all nominees accepted their positions.
 - o President – Diane Wagner
 - o Vice President – Fred Marano
 - o Governor – Dan Wagner
 - o Secretary – Cindy Barbera
 - o Treasurer – Linda Fairlamb
 - o Competition Director – Linda Fairlamb
 - o Members Director – Ed Frost
 - o Sergeant-at-Arms – Ed Wodniakowski & Santo Scafide
 - o Public Relations – Elizabeth Ball
 - o Publications – Pat Lopardo

Events held this past month with some good fall weather:

- Final Midwest Auto Cross weekend of October 14 / 15 at McHenry County College was a wet and rainy weekend, Linda & Fred ran the course with Dan & Diane helping, car is in the Shop 😞. But the good news is the Club's share of the event was \$713.00.
- October 21st at Blackhawk Farms Raceway Corvette Oktoberfest Track Day, South Beloit, IL. Was attended by Chris S. and the only one from our club that attended. A little disappointing would like to see more next year.
- Officers meeting held on Nov. 20th hosted by Kim & Santo to discuss various items for the coming year.
- October 26th final Best Burger event was held at the Bull Moose, Sandwich, IL.

Parliamentarian Report: - Linda Fairlamb – opened for discussion on the changes as presented at the last meeting for clarifications on Membership, Duties of the Secretary, and Duties of the Historian. Also noted in the November Reporter, discussion was minimal.

- Next month's meeting we will vote on the changes.

Vice President's Report – Kim Scafide – not present, but presenting by Diane:

- Happy Birthday to our only November Birthday member - Pat Lopardo!
- The final Best Burger event was held at Bull Moose in Sandwich, IL hosted by Iris & Vern. We had a great turnout (17) members, that also enjoyed the loooong drive out. 😊 We all sat in President Roosevelt's campaigning dinner car from 1912. The Burgers got a great review, in fact it was enough to push the winning of Round 2 Best Burger Event to Iris at \$76.00, Congratulations!
- Christmas Dinner will be at Villaggio's in Roselle, cocktails at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. RSVP of attendance and meal selection our due today or with in the next day or so with payment. See Kim's email of 11.10.23.
- Next meeting of December 12th is also our White Elephant Gift Exchange, to participate you need to bring a wrapped gift. Details of the exchange will be presented on that day. Also, members should bring some Christmas cheer cookies to pass around and wear something festive.
- We are also planning a Murder Mistry Dinner for January 13th, please sign the calendar event sheet if interested. Diane will send out an email in the next few days for registering and purchasing tickets.
- Next Meeting December 12th.

Governor's Report – Dan Wagner – not present, but presenting by Linda:

- Voting @ last Governor's meeting passed to change Sanctions from 10 to 14.
- The NCCC vote for the new VP of Competition was won by Rene Cardenas from Michigan.
- The NCC Convention for 2025 will be hosted by the Midwest Chapter August 17 thru 25th. The Convention Headquarters will be at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells with room rates around \$156 per night. Volunteers will be needed by various clubs; more information will be forthcoming.
- More information to be presented on NCCC scholarships.
- NCCC competition points will be split next year into more categories, information will be forthcoming on the change.

Secretary Report – Fred Marano – Nothing New

Treasurer's Report – Linda Fairlamb – Club dues renewals are all paid up for the 2024 season!

Competition Report – Linda Fairlamb – Our NRL Club came in 4th in the region with over 200 points with NRL club racers placing very well within the region:

- Ladies – Linda #1, Diane #2 Men's – Dan #5, Fred #23
- Diane added the National standings for those in the top 15: Ladies: Linda #4 and Diane #7.
- The NRL Club is currently 14th in the Nation although these results may change as there is still competition going on in the warmer climate locales.

Public Relations Report – Elizabeth Ball – Nothing New

Membership Report – Ed Frost – Not Present

Publications Report – Pat Lopardo – Keep sending in photos and stories. Take a look at the November Reporter.

- Also take a look at the possibility of advertising, very economical and it helps with club funding.

Web Master Report – presented by Linda F., The Chappel's are not renewing membership for 2024, as well as DiGiovanni's so a new Host & Web Master will need to be appointed. At Present we are looking into redeveloping our Web Page and finding a new Host, which was previously hosted by the Chappel's the last few years.

Sergeant at Arms Report – Ed W. & Santo S. – 1 Car by new member, Yahoo!

- 10 min. brake:

Raffles coordinated by:

Ed W. for the 50/50 – tickets \$1 each or six for \$5

Elizabeth for the General Raffle – tickets \$4 each or three for \$10

Winners this week enjoyed the following prizes:

General raffle

Snow Man Bucket – Elizabeth

Fall Wreath – Terri

Cutting Board. – Leann

Corvette 70th Addition Book – Mark

Mistry Box – Mike

Booze Buquet – Diane

Gift Card \$25 - Iris

Terri - won the 50/50 Cash Prize of \$47.00

Your contributions and ticket purchases support NRL and our pizza sharing at each meeting. Thank You!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. motion by Tom and second by Ed.

Next Meeting December 12th , 2023



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NRL BOARD MEETING – November 7, 2023

The board meeting was called to order by Kim Scafide at 7:10pm. All board members per present per roll call, Fred Marano and Pat Lopardo via Zoom.

The following items were discussed.

- 1) Current financial standings. Linda presented the profit/loss for the year.
- 2) Charities – The board discussed which charities and dollar values to donate. \$300 to Villa Park VFW, \$300 to Lion's Club, \$600 Itasca Food Pantry.
- 3) Christmas Dinner menu presented by Ed Frost. Kim will make center pieces, and Sue Lopardo volunteered to host a game. Fred Marano offered to look for a DJ.
- 4) Discussion/Motion on Web site charges from years past reimbursement to Michael G. was discussed. Motion made by Kim Scafide, second by Ed Frost. Board approved payment of \$330.00
- 5) Website transfer/webmaster discussed. Plan being worked on by Linda, Sue, Pat & Diane.
- 6) December meeting Xmas party ideas – Kim Scafide
We will do the white elephant gift exchange, and ugly/festive sweater, and bring a cookie to share.
 - A. Event/Planning Calendar discussion. Everyone talked about a January 2024 event. Diane will pass out event suggestion forms at the November meeting for future consideration for 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Wagner and seconded by Ed Frost. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wagner
NRL President



NCCC President's Message

December 2023

Here we are in the midst of the Holiday season! Hope you get to spend some time with family and just kick back to enjoy it! My season is pretty quiet. What Florida lacks in snow, it makes up in lights and decorations! It's really amazing.

Competition season is coming to an end for 2023. Congratulations to Lauren Killam and Dave Buck (close one with Howard Curtis) our National Champions. ICE from the Indiana Region again, wins the top Club for 2023!

*Deb Murphy - NCCC
President*

I also want to congratulate Rene Cardenas our 2024-2025 Vice President of Competition. With all of the competition changes voted in as of November, he has his work cut out for him! Thanks to Tom West for stepping up to take over as Sgt at Arms. That is a busy job and I am sure that Butch will help with the transition.

Allen Morris and Ellen Schwartz also agreed to serve for another term. It's great to have their experience on the Executive Board. Michele Cantelmo, Director of Charity/Sponsorship; Walt Jenkins, IT Director and Elaine Heretta, Director of Publications have also agreed to stay. Our organization has always been fortunate to have members volunteer for these positions. Thanks again to all of you!

Not sure if you saw the notice from the National Corvette Museum (NCM), but Corvette Plant tours will be suspended as of February 5, 2024. There is no date to start them again. If anything changes, I will let you know.

If you have not been to the NCM website, be sure to check out the Corvette Store site. The new store manager has updated the site to make it easier to find items. They have some Christmas decorations and new clothes.

NCCC Renewals are rolling along. If you have not paid your dues for 2024, be sure to get to your club or contact the Regional Membership Director.

The 2024 NCCC Convention in Joplin MO should be a great time. Don't forget that it is scheduled for May 13 – 19, 2024 - a little earlier than usual. They've scheduled a Route 66 tour and Valve cover races during the week besides a pool party. Check out the schedule and other information on the website. That's all I know for now! See ya down the road.

Deb Murphy
NCCC President

Results of NRL Elections for Calendar Year 2024

Officer/Position:	Winners of Elections:
President	Diane Wagner
Vice President	Fred Marano
Secretary	Cindy Barbera
Treasurer (2 year term) (Next up in for 2025 elections)	Linda Fairlamb
NCCC Governor	Dan Wagner
Director of Competition	Linda Fairlamb
Membership Director	Ed Frost
Publication Director	Pat Lopardo
Director of Public Relations	Elizabeth Ball
Sergeant At Arms (2 positions)	Ed Wodniakowski Santo Scafide

Happy Birthday



December Birthdays

Marilyn Young December 2

Cindy Barbera December 2

John Baldacci December 2

Carol Lenz December 8

Katy Baumer December 11

Linda Fairlamb December 24

Events Calendar 2023


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NRL Events are posted on our website: www.northernrayscorvetteclub.com

Dates	Event	Key Contact
Tues. Nov. 14th	<p style="text-align: center;">NRL General Meeting at Real Time Sports and via ZOOM Watch our website for updates Watch email for conference line number</p>	
Sat Dec. 2	<p style="text-align: center;">NRL Christmas Dinner Villagio's Restaurant Lake Street, Roselle, IL</p>	Ed F, Sue B. and Kim S.
Tues. Dec. 12	<p style="text-align: center;">NRL General Meeting at Real Time Sports and via ZOOM This is our final meeting of the year. We will have a "White Elephant" exchange to celebrate Christmas Watch our website for updates Watch email for conference line number</p>	Diane S, Kim S., Sue L.

NRL Virtual Event!

Make a Donation Online to the Northern Illinois Food Bank or a Food Bank of your choice!

Let your heart  and your pocket-book lead you!



Planning!
General Raffle Donors – 2023 NRL Meetings

Sign Up Today & Thank You!
 Your contributions help us share the fun and also enjoy Pizza at each meeting.

January	Dan & Diane W.	Pat & Sue Lopardo	
February	Kim Scafide	Linda Dunlap	
March	Dan & Diane W.	Sue & Ed Frost	
April	Mike Baumer	Fred & Sue Marano	Mark & Cindy Barbera
May	Marilyn Young	Ed & Sue Frost	
June	Linda Dunlap	Terry W.	
July	Linda Fairlamb	Mark & Cindy Barbera	Marilyn Young
August	Mike Baumer	Phil & Sue Chappel	Libby & Michael DiGiovanni
September	Kim Scafide	Linda Dunlap	Terry W.
October	Rose & Tim Bruin	Linda Fairlamb	Pat & Sue Lopardo
November	Fred & Sue Marano	Rose & Tim Bruin	
<i>December – Special Holiday Meeting</i>			

Thank you for all your Support!



NRL Merry Christmas!

Beautiful Dinner with wonderful people!

Thanks to Ed, Kim and all that helped make this a very special evening!



Happy Holidays Everyone!

NRL Family Feud 2023

**Definitely
Serious
About this
Game**



**Chris' Team was
the Winner!
300 Points!**



2024 Tentative Midwest Region Schedule of Events ~ November 25, 2023

DATE		EVENT	LOCATION	HOST CLUB(S)
Feb 23 & 24	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings
6-Apr	Saturday	MWR Banquet	Madison, WI	MWR and Mad City Vettes
13-Apr	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	South Bend, IN	Windy City - Corvette Cruisers - CC of Illinois
14-Apr	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	South Bend, IN	Corvette Cruisers - Chicago Crossroads -CC of Illinois
28-Apr	Sunday	3 Rallye Events	Milan, IL	Mid-West Corvettes
May 3 & 4	Fri/Sat	NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Meetings
May 13 to 19	Mon-Sun	NCCC Convention	Joplin, MO	NCCC Convention
25-May	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
26-May	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
27-May	Monday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
2-Jun	Sunday	3 PC Car Show Events	TBN	Windy City Corvettes
8-Jun	Saturday	Rallye Event	TBN	Wisconsin Corvette Club
9-Jun	Sunday	4 Rallye Events	TBN	Badger State - Brew City
15-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	Northern Rays-Windy City-Chicago Crossroads
16-Jun	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	Northern Rays - Chicago CC - Chicago Crossroads
22-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	Mad City-Glass Favorites-River City-Wisconsin
23-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	Mad City-Glass Favorites-River City-Wisconsin
23-Jun	Sunday	3 PC Car Show Events	Tinley Park, IL	Chicago CC - Windy City
29-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Badger State - Brew City
30-Jun	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Northern Illinois Corvette Club - Brew City
6-Jul	Saturday	4 Rallye Events	Wentzville, MO	Route 66 Corvette Club
13-Jul	Saturday	PC Car Show Event	Chicago, IL area	Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club
20-Jul	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes - Stray Vettes - Kettle Moraine
21-Jul	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes - Stray Vettes - Kettle Moraine
27-Jul	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Quincy, IL	Great River - Central Illinois
28-Jul	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Quincy, IL	Great River - Central Illinois
3-Aug	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
4-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
10-Aug	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Mad City Vettes - Glass Favorites - Sunburst
11-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern Illinois Corvette Club - Sunburst Corvette Club
18-Aug	Sunday	1 Concours-2 Car Shows	West Allis, WI	Badger State Vettes
25-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Davenport, IA	Mid-West Corvettes
25-Aug	Sunday	PC Car Show Event	TBN	Windy City Corvettes
Sep 6 & 7	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings
21-Sep	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes-River City-Wisconsin CC-Central Illinois
22-Sep	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes-River City-Wisconsin CC-Central Illinois
29-Sep	Sunday	2 PC Car Show Events	Orland Park, IL	Windy City - Central Minnesota
5-Oct	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Pekin, IL	Mil-Illinois Corvette Club-Northern IL-Central IL
6-Oct	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Pekin, IL	Mil-Illinois Corvette Club-Northern IL-Central IL
19-Oct	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern IL-Northern Rays-Sunburst- Windy City
20-Oct	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern IL-Northern Rays-Sunburst- Windy City
26-Oct	Saturday	3 Rallye Events	Delafield, WI	Wisconsin Corvette Club
Nov 8 & 9	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings & Sanctioning Meeting

December Drink of the Month

By: Pat Lopardo



Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer

Ingredients

- **1 1/4 oz. Light Rum**
- **1 1/2 oz. Lemon Juice**
- **1/2 oz. Grenadine**

Mix the light rum, lemon juice, and grenadine. Add the ice cubes and fill to your own taste with Cranberry juice. Add a wedge of lemon on your glass and voila!

Enjoy!

Trivia

November 2023

Trivia *Answer*



Is the upcoming 2024 Corvette E-Ray a 2 wheel drive or all wheel drive??

The 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray is all-wheel drive. It's the first Corvette to be electrified and offer all-wheel drive. The rear axle is powered by the C8 Stingray's LT2 V-8, while the front wheels are powered by an electric motor.

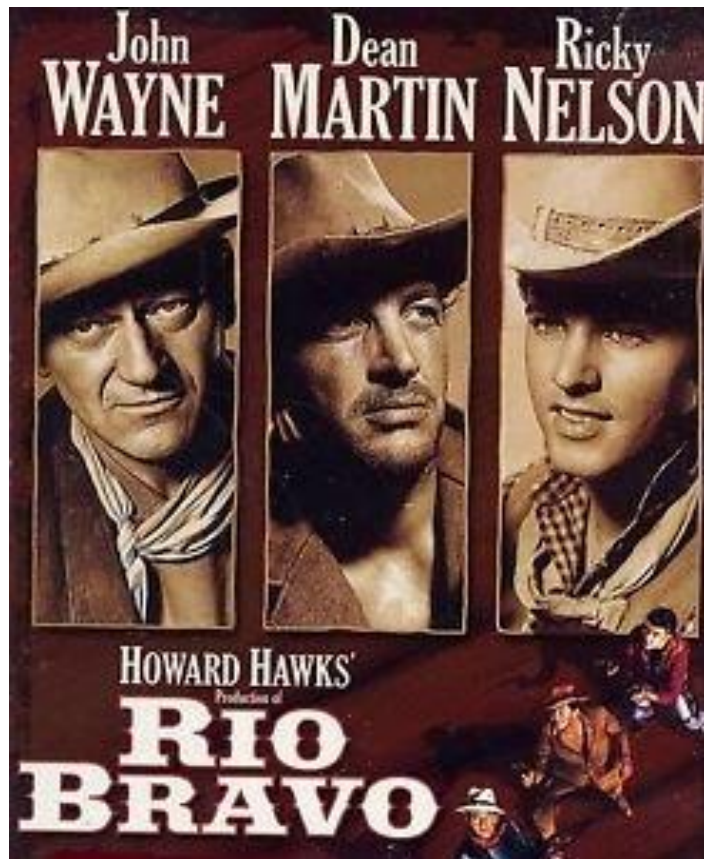
Hint: I wouldn't plow snow with it

Trivia

December 2023

Trivia Question

John Wayne was a true American Hero and he once owned a Corvette. What year was his Corvette?



December 2023 – Tech Tips

By Pat Lopardo



C8 Corvette Launch Control

1. The first step is to put the car in drive and select Track mode
2. Double-tap the ESC Off button just ahead of the mode selector knob. This will bring up the PTM (Performance Traction Management) on the instrument cluster and allow you to select which program you want with the mode selector knob. The programs are familiar—Wet, Dry, Sport I, Sport II, and Race—and the computer safety net shrinks as you go through them. It doesn't matter which you pick; launch control works in all of them and will give the best launch regardless.
3. Once you've selected a PTM mode, it's as easy as standing on the brake with your left foot, flooring the gas with your right foot, and lifting off the brake after the revs settle at 3,500. Then hang on !!!



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If you wish to create a new ad, we can assist you with your design at no additional charge.

Ad Size	One Month	Three Months	Six Months	One Year
1/8 Page (Business card size)	\$2.50	\$7.00	\$13.00	\$25.00
1/4 Page	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
1/2 Page	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
3/4 Page	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$140.00
Full Page	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$175.00



The End

