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August 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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August Birthdays

8	Robert Lillibridge
11	Teresa Scheeler
13	Lori Brendes
14	Daniel Scheeler
17	Dave Machacek
20	Diane Bowen
	Malinda Finley
23	Audrey Dolphin
26	Randy Sanders

August Anniversaries

12	James & Carolyn McAuliffe
13	Ron & Cindy Davis
24	Bill & Wendy Fletcher
26	Marv & Diane Peters

WELCOME...From the President **to the CRCC August 2026 Club Newsletter**

Here comes August! Is this where we say, what happened to summer?

On **Saturday, August 15th**, the New Bohemia & Czech Village Group is holding their **3rd Street Block Party**. There will be a Show & Shine Car Show from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

I have been in contact with the event director and she is looking forward to having our Corvettes there. She is reserving a special area for us to park. **This is our chance to highlight CRCC!** I hope you will plan to attend. We have to move the Corvettes at 11:00 AM as they will have a "Playing in the Street" Kids Zone from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

You can plan to go back to New Bo later in the day as there will be "Music in the Courtyard" from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Following that will be "Meet You at the Corner" featuring the band Funk Daddies from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

So let's all plan on a fun day by supporting the New Bohemia & Czech Village Group on **Saturday, August 15th**.

Our other fun activity is the Kernels game and party area on **Saturday, August 29th**. Jim has the tickets. The cost is \$38.00 per person. This includes all you want to eat such as burgers, brats, beer, sodas and ice cream. Always a fun time. Oh, and a baseball game!!!!

Tracy and Chris were able to fix the problem of removing the 2025 homecoming parades. It is now good to go. Keep signing up for the parades. We need your help as we have lost a few reliable drivers from past years. If you have trouble signing up, just give Tracy a call.

Chris did a good job explaining the meeting he and Gary had with the attorney about details of possibly ceasing our membership and insurance to the NCCC. Following discussion, a motion was made to go ahead to see what our options could be. We will keep you updated.

See you soon, Al/Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 36 members present. Mary Johnson, Secretary of Camp Courageous Board attended our meeting to tell us of their Pineapple Gala on Friday, August 21st at Double Tree in Cedar Rapids. She explained they are doing a tribute to Charlie Becker by having people and groups thank him on video which will be shared at the Gala. She took a video of all who attended the meeting telling Charlie "Thank you."

President, Al Willenborg thanked the "Three Amigos" for all their hard work and delicious meats for the BBQ. Thanks guys!

Good and Wellness-

- Dean McCall and Nyla attended the BBQ and he is doing better. Everyone who attended was glad to see him and catch up.

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

- President, Al Willenborg read the July birthdays and anniversaries.

Special car projects, family announcements, and general information-

- No report

Approval of Secretaries Report-

- President, Al Willenborg asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretaries report for the June meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Bob Irelan and seconded by Chris Thompson. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- No report

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- Treasurer, Felicia Richardson wasn't present so no report was given.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

- No report to approve.

Webmaster Report-

- No report

Vice President Report Bob Irelan-

- Vice President, Bob Irelan reported on the 50/50 amount.

Governor Report Gary Thompson-

- Governor, Gary Thompson reported that he and Chris Thompson went to visit with a lawyer about the path to separate the club from NCCC ties and what it involves. Due to the increase in membership dues many have agreed this may be the time to make this change. More information in New Business.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminders of the following activities.....
 - Jim reported the BBQ was a success and 68 people attended.
 - The July dinner cruise will be to Denali's on the River in Independence, Iowa at 1749 Golf Course Blvd. We will meet at the Otter Creek Park 3414 Otter Creek Rd. and leave promptly at 5:00 PM. RSVP Jim.
 - Vette's in Park July 24 and 25th. Leaving from Otter Creek Park on the 24th and leaving promptly at 9:30 AM.
 - New Bo Show and Shine will be August 15th from 8:00-11:00 AM. Music will be provided by Funk Daddy.
 - Annual Kernel's game and party area August 29th. Jim has tickets to sell. They are selling for \$38.00 for a single or \$76.00 for a couple. See Jim.
 - The GROW event will be September 26th at the Kazimour Farm and Orchard for members to attend.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd found when loading the parades into the sign-up sheets that the old information remains so when picking a parade to sign up for, you will see two parades for each school. He doesn't have the authority to remove this information at this time. Make sure you pick the 2026 parade to sign up for. We will try to work on this to correct. Thanks to all who have signed up.

For questions or for the ID and password please contact Tracy or Sue Rudd.

This is the current list with contracts.

Central City, September 11th

Lisbon, September 16th

Kennedy, September 23rd

Solon, September 23rd

North Linn, September 23rd

Mt. Vernon, September 24th

North Cedar, September 30th

West Branch, September 30th

Benton Community, October 2nd

Iowa City High, October 7th

Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- No report

E-mail Messenger Report Jim McLaughlin-

- No report

Face Book Director Mike Finley-

- No report

Trustee's Report- Chris Thompson, Mike Finley, and John Schindler-

- Trustee, Chris Thompson reported number of members that were in attendance.

Old Business-

- *No reports*

New Business -

- Mark Daubert suggested we make up more club cards to hand out to prospective members and add information about time and place of our monthly meetings. President, Al Willenborg said he would try to come up with new card.
- Kathy Willenborg and Laura McLaughlin started to plan for a basket for donating to the Pineapple Gala from the club. Sue Rudd said she would also try to help, if needed.
- Chris Thompson, Trustee and Gary Thompson, Governor met with Jase Jensen an Attorney with Howes Law Firm to discuss getting an legal opinion regarding the topic of CRCC's vulnerability, if we cease our membership to the NCCC and the insurance that comes with the NCCC connection. After discussion of the flat fee of \$1,200.00, with \$600.00 due at signing and a \$600.00 balance when the memorandum is delivered. **Karla McMurrin made a motion and it was seconded by Bob Irelan to begin the process. All were in favor with one vote opposing. The motion passed.** So Chris Thompson, Gary Thompson and Al Willenborg will move forward to begin this process. Attorney Rick Barrett has given a date of August 24th for a plan for analysis to the club. Thanks to Chris, Gary and Al for working on this important matter for us.

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Tracy Rudd
- Our next meeting is August 20th, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevyland. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and seconded by Bob Irelan. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

July 2026

History Report

Life is beautiful if you are on the road to somewhere in a Corvette in the fall.

In **August of 1976** Connie Crispin replaced Connie Mitchell as historian. There was a canoe trip going down the Cedar River and with a kegger right after. It was decided to reserve Woodpecker Hill for another sledding party in January of 1977. The September meeting will be held at Don Johnson's with a hay-rack ride and a hog roast. Don is also looking into a winter volleyball league. The meeting was at the Farm Bureau.

In **August of 1986** Historian Doug Hladek is wanting to do profiles of members for the newsletter during the slow times of year. He is also asking for pictures of the events for photo albums. The Street Rods are having a party at the Sheraton Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You can show your cars and party!

In **August of 1996** There was the Tanager Balloon Fest on the 3rd and 4th. The meeting was at the Norwest Bank on the 15th. The '96 car expo was held at Kmart. There was a canoe trip starting at 7:45 AM on the 18th. There was a Cape Girardeau weekend the 23rd thru the 26th. Arby's night was the 31st.

In **August of 2006** The monthly meeting was at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church. Dick Butschi announced he had a new granddaughter. Wayne Martin announced he had received a letter from the Newton Speedway and CRCC members would be allowed to do a parade lap around the track with the drivers. A cruise to Gunder for Gunder burgers was August 20th. The Auto Cross was August 26th and 27th. A September cruise to Hale was being planned. There was a treat list so members could sign up to bring treats to the meeting.

In **August of 2016** On August 9th there was a cruise to Daly Creek Winery in Anamosa. Auto Cross was the 27th and 28th. John Schindler said he would like to see students who ride in the Corvettes at Homecoming receive a token such as a key chain to remember the experience. A motion was made by John and seconded by Lyle Knutson. Darrell Hatchell won the 50/50.

Here it is! Another season is getting closer to being half over. 2026 has been busy and lots of fun! Your Historian, Malinda Finley

Strawberry Cheesecake Bites

(pictured on cover)

PREP 30 min. BAKE 50 min. at 325°F

COOL 1 hr. CHILL 4 hr.

MAKES 54 servings

- 1 3/4 cups shortbread cookie crumbs (about 30 square cookies)
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 4 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Sliced strawberries
- Honey (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line a 13×9×2-inch baking pan with heavy foil, extending foil over edges of pan; set aside.
2. For crust, in a medium bowl combine cookie crumbs and the 1 tablespoon sugar. Stir in melted butter until combined. Press into bottom of prepared pan; set aside.
3. For filling, in an extra-large mixing bowl beat cream cheese and the 1 1/4 cups sugar with a mixer on medium-high until fluffy. Beat in flour until combined. Add eggs and the 1 tablespoon vanilla; beat on low until combined. Stir in 1/2 cup of the sour cream. Pour filling into crust-lined pan. Bake 40 minutes.
3. For topping, in a medium bowl stir together the remaining 1 1/2 cups sour cream, the honey, and the 1 teaspoon vanilla. Remove cheesecake from oven. Spread topping over cheesecake. Bake 10 minutes more. Cool in pan on a wire rack 1 hour. Cover; chill at least 4 hours.
4. Use foil to lift uncut bars from pan. Cut into 54 bites. Top each bite with a strawberry slice. If desired, drizzle with additional honey.

EACH SERVING 130 cal, 9 g fat, 35 mg chol, 91 mg sodium, 11 g carb, 0 g fiber, 2 g pro.

MACADAMIA NUT-CRANBERRY SHORTBREAD



Macadamia Nut-Cranberry Shortbread

PREP 45 min. BAKE 1 hr. at 325°F

MAKES 32 bars

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups cold, unsalted butter
- 2 cups cranberries from Candied Cranberries and Cranberry Syrup
- 1 cup chopped macadamia nuts
- 1 cup white baking pieces
- 1/2 cup coarse white decorating sugar

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line a 13×9×2-inch baking pan with parchment.
2. In a large bowl whisk together flour, granulated sugar, and salt. Using a box grater, grate cold butter over flour mixture; toss to coat. Using your fingers, massage butter into flour until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal and sticks together when squeezed.
3. Add Candied Cranberries, nuts, and baking pieces; stir lightly to mix.

Transfer dough to prepared baking pan; press evenly. Sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake 1 hour or until top is golden brown. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Remove uncut bars from pan. Cut into 32 bars.

Candied Cranberries and Cranberry Syrup

In a 2-quart saucepan combine 3 cups sugar, 1 cup grapefruit juice, 1 cup cranberry juice, 1 vanilla bean (cut in half), 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, zest from 1 orange and 1 lemon, and a pinch of kosher salt. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is melted. Remove from heat. Let stand 1 hour. Stir in 12 ounces thawed cranberries. Let stand until room temperature. Transfer to a bowl. Cover; chill 4 hours or overnight. Drain cranberries well, reserving syrup in a container. Makes 4 cups syrup. Place 1/2 cup sugar in a bowl. Add cranberries; toss to coat. Transfer to a parchment-lined pan. Let stand 1 hour. Loosely cover up to 1 week. Makes 4 cups cranberries.

EACH BAR 275 cal, 17 g fat, 31 mg chol, 85 mg sodium, 29 g carb, 1 g fiber, 2 g pro.

DESSERTS 27

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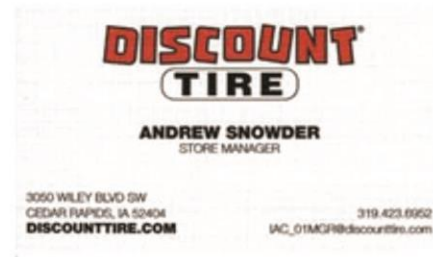
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Automotive graphics and wrap



Automotive electronics and sound systems



Tires and wheels



CRCC Newsletter

McGrath Chevyland Inventory



1995 CHEVROLET CORVETTE BASE

Used 65,552 miles

Retail Price \$13,770

McGrath Savings **-\$1,020**

Sale Price \$12,750

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2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 1LT

New

MSRP \$79,100

McGrath Savings **-\$4,000**

Adjusted Price \$75,100

Sale Price \$75,100



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$90,190

McGrath Savings **-\$4,000**

Adjusted Price \$86,190

Sale Price \$86,190



2024 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$85,535

McGrath Savings **-\$9,500**

Adjusted Price \$76,035

Sale Price \$76,035

\$2,500 Camaro

Loyalty Cash on this

2024 Chevrolet

Corvette Stingray

model

[Details](#)

Conditional Price **\$73,535**



2024 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$86,205

McGrath Savings **-\$9,500**

Adjusted Price \$76,705

Sale Price \$76,705

\$2,500 Camaro

Loyalty Cash on this

2024 Chevrolet

Corvette Stingray

model

[Details](#)

Conditional Price **\$74,205**



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 2LZ

New

MSRP \$134,745

Sale Price \$139,745

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 15 Show & Shine Car Show at New Bo area 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
See front page for full details
- August 20 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- August 21 Camp Courageous Pineapple Gala
- August 29 Annual Kernel's Baseball Game & Party Area. \$38.00 a person
- Sept. 15 Honor Flight # 60
- Sept. 17 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- September 26 GroFest at Kazimour Orchard
- October 13 Honor Flight #61
- October 15 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- November 19 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- December 12 Annual CRCC Christmas Party