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April 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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May Birthdays

2	Steve Goss
9	Nyla McCall
14	Ron Davis
16	Jan Gilmour
26	Cecilia McCrear
27	Bill Stepanek
30	Todd Davis

May Anniversaries

1	Richard & Deb Rozinek
5	Keith & Janet Huebner
6	Dan & Barb Colby
6	Jack & Jan Gilmour
6	Don & Sandy Johnson
10	Todd & Kayla Davis
13	Jerry & Kathie Adams
13	Jim & Laura McLaughlin
20	Del & Kathy Winter
27	Dan & Karla McMurrin
29	Lyle & Dianna Knutson

From the President's Desk

Welcome
to the CRCC April 2026 Club Newsletter

HAPPY MAY DAY!

Now that we've had our April showers (and hail) we will once again be seeing all the beautiful flowers starting to bloom. I look at May as the start of all the fun events that will be available to us to participate in.

We just had the first Honor Flight of the year on April 21st with the next one scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th. I hope you plan to attend some of these Honor Flights including the two scheduled in the fall. It's a special time to see how much the Veterans appreciate the welcome home ceremony.

The Houby Days parade is Saturday, May 16th starting at 10:00 AM in Czech Village. This is a good time to enjoy all the different shops and restaurants that are there. There is also a car show that will be on the East side of the Czech & Slovak Museum from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. You register the day of the show. Just in case it ever comes up as a trivia question, Houby is the Czech word for mushrooms!

Sunday, May 17th is Cruisin' for Camp Courageous. Jim will post an email telling about the time and place to meet to cruise as a group to the show. Also remember they are always in need of items for the camp. You can check their 'wish list' on line for ideas.

I want to thank all the members that have been placing flags in Hiawatha for the past year. This is sponsored by the Hiawatha American Legion. I am excited that we will now have four teams. However, we do still need one person to complete our fourth team. I would also like to have a couple of substitutes available if we would need someone to fill in. Let me know if you are interested. The flags are put out for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Veterans Day. This project is a great way for our club to be able to continue providing the plaques for the Veterans that go on the Honor Flights. Thanks George for setting this project up for us.

See you soon,
Al, aka Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 41 members present. President, Al Willenborg introduced Julie Davis from Camp Courageous to talk to the club about the upcoming car show. She apologized for the error in last year's results saying our club got 2nd place not 3rd. She handed out key chains with our club logo on one side and their thanks for the years of our support for the Cruisin' Car Show on other side. If you weren't at the meeting Al has extras. She announced Charlie has stepped down and Craig Stadtmueller has taken his place. The show is May 17th and you can send in your entry form or take it on the day of the car show. You need to put on the form that you are a member of CRCC. Also you have to be present with your car on the day of show for it to count.

President, Al Willenborg said the team of Mark Daubert, Paul Hildebrand, and Al are still looking at options for a sound system.

Good and Wellness-

- No report

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

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

Special car projects, family announcements, and general information-

- Dave Marsden bought a 2015 C7 Arctic White corvette and his old one is staying in the family. Congratulations to Dave and family.

Approval of Secretaries Report-

- President, Al Willenborg asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretaries report for the March meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Carl Pentico and seconded by Mark Daubert. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Ramona Purcell and family for Dennis Purcell's passing. Dennis and Ramona were past members.
- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Jim and Laura McLaughlin for the passing of Janet McLaughlin their sister-in-law.

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- Treasurer, Felicia Richardson went through the financials. She commented that the money currently in the Homecoming fund was complete and would now be moved to the Honor Flight fund. She also mentioned she was having trouble with her old laptop and thought she

may need an upgrade with Windows 11. The group thought we may need to purchase a new computer for her. More to come.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

- President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **A motion was made by John Dolphin and seconded by Laura McLaughlin. The motion passed.**

Webmaster Report-

- No report

Vice President Report Bob Ireland-

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

Governor Report Gary Thompson-

- No report.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the April 14th cruise to Sally's was good even though due to the weather it had to be moved to Wednesday.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the May 13th cruise will be to Blind Pig at 126 E 1st Street, Monticello, Iowa. Watch for email and RSVP from him.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminders of the following activities.....

Honor Flight April 21st

Camp Courageous May 17th

Otter Creek Lion's Legion Show and Shine in Midway Park June 13th

Alburnett Show and Shine June 20th, meet in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville and caravan together

Annual BBQ July 11th in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville

Vette's in Park July 24 and 25th

New Bo Show and Shine will be August 15th

Annual Kernel's game and party area August 29th

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd reported he sent out the welcome emails to the schools and are already getting responses from some to hold their dates.

This is the current list..... but no contracts yet.

Central City, September 9th

Lisbon, September 16th

Kennedy, September 23rd

North Linn, September 23rd

Linn Mar, September 23rd

Mt. Vernon, September 24th
North Cedar, September 30th
Iowa City, City High, October 7th

Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- Historian, Malinda Finley said she has the photo album for anyone to look through and this would be the last meeting she will have it for viewing.

E-mail Messenger Report Jim McLaughlin-

- No report

Face Book Director Mike Finley-

- No report

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

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

Old Business-

- President, Al Willenborg brought up the money from the selling of the trailer for discussion. After discussion it was a consensus to place the money in the general fund. President, Al Willenborg asked for a motion. **A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and seconded by Bob Ireland. The motion passed.** There were a few other recommendations and President, Al Willenborg said to fill out a request and present to the club for special uses for any money.

New Business-

- *President, Al Willenborg reminded dates for the 2026 Honor Flights and encouraged members for a good turnout at the airport.*
 - April 21st*
 - May 12th*
 - September 15th*
 - October 13th*
- *Wayne Martin brought books he is donating for anyone interested in the taking.*
- *Wayne Martin brought 3 framed pictures to auction off. Thanks Wayne.*
 - 1. Iowa Speedway went to Paul Hildebrand \$25.00*
 - 2. 1960 Corvette went to Jim McLaughlin \$20.00*
 - 3. Red 1963 Split Window went to George Letson \$60.00*
- *President, Al Willenborg was told by George Letson we could have another team for putting up and taking down flags for the Hiawatha Legion's 5 Holidays.*

It is a great money maker for the club so please consider.
This is the 4th team so far and thank you. We need a 4th volunteer, please.
 - 1. John Van Heukelom*
 - 2. Harvey Miller*
 - 3. Dave Marsden*
 - 4. ??????*

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Jane Sickels

- Our next meeting is May 21st, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevylnd.

President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and seconded by John Dolphin. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:21.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.



Julie Davis from Camp Courageous speaking at the April 16th member meeting talking about the upcoming Camp Courageous car show scheduled for May 17th.



President Al and Vice President Bob are anxious to draw the next winning ticket!

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

May 2026

History Report

**CRCC creating memories one drive at a time!!!
Let's see what memories have already been made!**

In May of 1976 The President was Chris Contard. The monthly meeting was held at Thomas Park. Members were to bring a picnic supper, their kids and their cars. This was to keep the meetings fun and not boring. There is a pool party being planned for June and each attending person is asked to bring a \$2 to \$4 item for door prizes. Sally and John Machovek were voted in as new members at the May 18th meeting according to the meeting minutes.

In May of 1986 It was reported that the Blind Rally went well with 29 children participating and 12 club members participated. Dave Kurka found tires for the trailer at a better price and they are better quality.

In May of 1996 The Arby's cruise was on the 4th. There was a Blind Rally on the 5th. Crusin' for Camp Courageous was on the 19th. Jan Coleman the Social Director reported 50 people attended the Rubes Steak house cruise. She is working on a comedy night at Penguins, a car show in Sam's parking lot and a Marquette riverboat brunch. The thank you card from the Blind school was read at the meeting. Most of the drivers also got a personal thank you. Some were in Braille. Rob Bowen invited all members of the Corvette Club to his wedding to Kim Westoff on June 22 in New Vienna. He would also like some Corvettes to carry the wedding party to Dyersville and back after the wedding. There will be special reserved Corvette parking. All Corvettes are invited to go on the cruise. Rob said the Corvettes would look great in wedding photos!

In May of 2006 The Blind Rally was May 6th. Vice President Wayne Martin said he has been in touch with the Newton Race track and the Corvette Club may be participating at the opening of the speedway in September. Social Director Jim McLaughlin had signup sheets for various events he was planning. On May 27th there was a Chariton Weekend.

In May of 2016 The May dinner cruise went to the Vine on the 5th. May 18th is the next honor flight this year. John Schindler announced that he and Andrea were proud grandparents of a new baby girl. Dean McCall announced that he and Nyla

were the proud GREAT grandparents of a great gran daughter. Dick Butschi and Lori Brendes will be attending a graduation party at Dennis Albaugh's. I found a 1967 Newsletter. Mimeographed on legal size paper. It's from November 1967. Lowell Phelps gave a report from the Christmas party committee. The Christmas party is planned for Dec. 16th at the Ronneburg Inn. The dinner was family style and a little over \$2.00 each and all you could eat! The good old days!!
Your Historian, Malinda Finley

Asparagus Spring Rolls with Lime Aioli

START TO FINISH 45 min.
MAKES 8 spring rolls

- 1 lb. fresh asparagus spears, trimmed
- 2 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper
- ½ tsp. sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 Tbsp. snipped fresh chives
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 8 round spring roll wrappers
- 6 oz. ham steak, cut into ½-inch strips
- Romaine lettuce leaves, ribs removed
- 1 recipe Lime Aioli

1. Cut asparagus into 3- to 4-inch pieces. In a large saucepan cook asparagus in boiling water for 1 minute. Drain; rinse with cold water. Drain again.

2. In a large bowl stir together rice vinegar, crushed red pepper, and sugar. Add asparagus; toss to coat. Cover and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl beat eggs lightly with a fork. Stir in chives. Pour oil into a medium-size nonstick skillet. Preheat skillet over medium-high heat. Add egg mixture; cook until eggs are set and surface just begins to look dry. Slide egg sheet from pan to a cutting board and cut into eight strips.

4. To assemble spring rolls, pour hot water into a shallow dish. Dip one spring roll wrapper into the water; remove, allowing water to drip off. Transfer to a clean round dinner plate. For each roll, center four to six pieces of asparagus and an egg strip on a lower half of the

wrapper. Top with ham strips and lettuce leaves. Fold bottom edge of wrapper over filling. Fold in opposite sides; roll up from the bottom. Discard any remaining liquid from asparagus. Serve spring rolls with Lime Aioli.

Lime Aioli In a small bowl combine ½ cup mayonnaise and 2 tsp. finely shredded lime peel; season to taste with freshly cracked black pepper. Cover and chill until serving or up to 3 days.

per spring roll: 211 cal, 15 g fat, 88 mg chol, 363 mg sodium, 12 g carb, 2 g fiber, 8 g pro.

APPETIZERS 3

CRCC Sponsors and Supporters



Supporters of the CRCC Car Show



Automotive repairs and custom work



American Laser & Awards

Club awards and plaques, clothing



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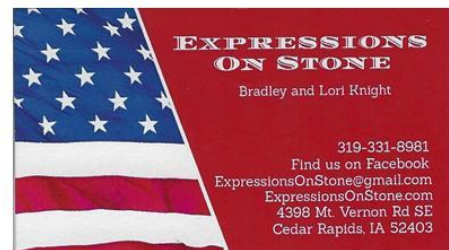
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Automotive electronics and sound systems



Tires and wheels



CRCC Newsletter

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1995 CHEVROLET CORVETTE BASE

Used 65,552 miles

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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 **-\$2,500**

[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 **-\$2,500**

[Details](#)

Conditional Price **\$74,205**



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 2ZL

New

MSRP \$134,745

Sale Price \$139,745



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 12 Honor Flight #59
- May 13 May Dinner cruise to Blind Pig in Monticello
- May 16 Houby Days Parade in Czech Village, 10:00 AM – Car Show
- May 17 Cruisin' for Camp Courageous
- May 21 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd

- June 13 Otter Creek Lions Legion Show & Shine Show at Midway Park
- June 18 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd
- June 20 Alburnett Show & Shine Car Show
NOTE: 8:00 AM line up at Midway Park in Toddville
- June 27 Freedom Festival Parade
- June 28 Marion American Legion Show & Shine Car Show 9 am to 3 pm

- July 4 Freedom Fest Car Show Downtown 8:00 AM to Noon
- July 11 CRCC Annual BBQ by the 3 Amegos
- July 16 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd
- July 24 & 25 Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa

- August 15 Show & Shine Car Show at New Bo area 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- August 20 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd
- August 29 Annual Kernel's Baseball Game & Party Area. \$40.00 a person

- Sept. 15 Honor Flight # 60
- Sept. 17 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd

- October 13 Honor Flight #61
- October 15 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd

- November 19 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevylnd

- December 12 Annual CRCC Christmas Party