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January 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

## From the President's Desk

### February Birthdays

- 6 Gary Thompson
- 11 Darrell Hatchel
- 12 John Watertor  
Carol Hamilton
- 20 Wendy Fletcher
- 22 Barb Colby
- 27 Kathy Houser



**Welcome**  
**to the CRCC January 2026**  
**club newsletter**

### February Anniversaries

- 14 Larry & Carol Knapp

### February 19, 2026 Meeting Agenda

- Open the meeting
- Welcome members and Guests
- Vote in new members
- Goodness & Wellness
- Secretary report
- Treasurer report
- Officer reports
- Old business
- New business
- 50/50 drawing
- Adjourn

We got off to a good start for 2026 at our January member meeting. It was good to see everyone after not having a meeting since November. Many of us did enjoy our Christmas party in December.

I would like to thank all the 2025 officers and welcome the 2026 officers. A thank you also goes to the many members that volunteer throughout the year to help make the club run smoothly. Keep in mind that if you have a question or concern you can contact me or any of the officers.

You may have been seeing on the news and talk shows how people are looking back on what they were doing ten years ago in 2016. So take a minute to think back to what you were doing back then. Was it a new Corvette? A new grandchild? Did you join CRCC that year? I hope it was a great year for you!

Now we need to start looking and planning for a great 2026. Jim McLaughlin has been busy looking into a few fun Corvette events for us to enjoy. Be sure to let Jim know if you have an idea for a dinner cruise or some other activity. Also, RSVP to Jim if you plan to attend the February dinner at Napoli's Italian Restaurant at 500 Marion Blvd., Marion on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

One of the main things I want everyone to keep in mind as we go forward is to think about what the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club has lived by since 1963, which is: PROGRESS. COURTESY. SAFETY.

See you soon.  
Al, aka Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15th, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. Al thanked the old officers for their hard work in 2025 and had them stand. He had the new officers stand to acknowledge them. There were 32 members present.

Good and Wellness-

- It was reported that Bill Stepanek was recovering after some health issues in Florida by Malinda Finley. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- It was reported that Mark Daubert was recovering from injuries from moving a refrigerator down some steps by Bob Irelan. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

- President, Al Willenborg read the December and January birthdays and anniversaries.

Special car projects, family announcements, and general information-

- Congratulations to Mary and Jeff Deloy for two new grandchildren and to John and Andrea Schindler for a new granddaughter.

Approval of Secretaries Report-

- President, Al Willenborg asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretaries report for the November meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Malinda Finley and seconded by Mike Finley. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent get well cards to...  
Gary Cummings  
Dean McCall
- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Dennis Primrose for the passing of Terry Primrose. Both have been prior members.
- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Elaine and Gary Thompson for passing of Elaine's brother.

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- President, Al Willenborg in Felicia's absence read the report she provided him.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

- President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **A motion was made by Wayne Martin and seconded by Tracy Rudd. The motion passed.**

#### 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 was absent so no report was given.

#### Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the January cruise was to Pregame Brew and Chew and the food, service and fellowship was great. There were 30 in attendance.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the February cruise would be to Napoli's East on February 10th. RSVP his email if you want to be included.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin announced the Kernel's game will be on August 29th. Add to your calendars for this fun night at the ballpark.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported he is looking into fun activities for 2026. Let Jim know if you have ideas or fill out an activity form to help him.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin shared he was looking at attending Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa on July 24th and 25th. He is checking into motels for a possible block of rooms.

#### Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd reported that Felicia is looking at whether we received payment from Benton Community as it isn't showing on Treasurer's Report. Tracy also reported he has talked to Alburnett and they will be sending a check.

#### Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- Historian, Malinda Finley said she had the 2025 photo album at the meeting and it was being passed around.

#### 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 handed out new badges that had been ordered and made by Al Willenborg to members that were in attendance.

- Trustee, Chris Thompson mentioned that the ballots from the election needed to be destroyed per the Standing Rules. **A motion was made by Chris Thompson to destroy the ballots and seconded by Jim McLaughlin. The motion passed.**

#### Old Business-

- President, Al Willenborg brought up the flag teams again and thanked those who currently are helping with these events. There is still a possibility for needing another team this year so we are hopeful we can add another team to help finance our Honor Flights.
- President, Al Willenborg reported that the money from selling the trailer and it's contents would be held in the Competition Fund while trying to sell the timing equipment. If anyone knows of anyone that may be interested in this equipment or has ideas where to go to sell it contact an officer so we can try to sell it. We will eventually vote on what fund to place this money in when the time comes and the Snow Birds return in the Spring to have a larger member base to vote.

#### New Business-

- Al Willenborg brought up the annual renewal of the club banner at the Corvette Museum. The cost will remain at \$725.00 like last year. After a discussion President, Al Willenborg asked for a motion to approve replacing the banner again. **A motion was made by Tracy Rudd and seconded by John Schindler. The motion passed.**

#### 50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Tracy Rudd
- Our next meeting is February 19th, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevyland. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Malinda Finley and seconded by Laura McLaughlin. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

## January 2026 History Report

For 2026 CRCC will focus on adventure and the joy of the journey. Windows down, music up and worries gone!! Fun times!

In January of 1976 There was a sledding party on Woodpecker Hill. There was a fire inside the lodge and Chili, Hot cocoa and Hot cider was served. The cost was one dollar.

In January of 1986 There was a new staff and the newsletter didn't have any meeting minutes. They promised to do better in the future.

In January of 1996 There was a bowling party at Jubilee Lanes on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

In January of 2006 Governor Larry Beebe reported that several CRCC members' children had received West Region Scholarships.

Jim McLaughlin reported there would be a mini spring cruise in April or May and there would be signup sheets.

In January of 2016 The dinner cruise went to Parlor City.

January is typically a slow month. Getting ready for the new year is always exciting. We are looking for new things to enjoy. If you have anything you would like to do as a group, please let Jim McLaughlin know. We love to try new and different that we can enjoy as a group.

Looking forward to a great 2026. Your historian, Malinda Finley

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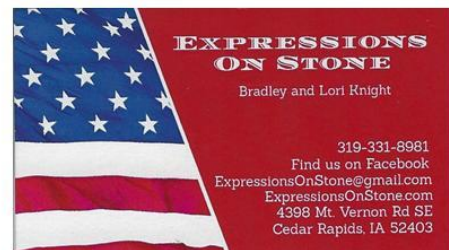
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2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

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MSRP \$90,190  
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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

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Conditional Price **\$74,205**



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 2ZL

New

MSRP \$134,745

**Sale Price \$139,745**



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