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July 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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July Birthdays

9	Linda Thompson
11	Karla McMurrin
19	Larry Beebe
21	Dennis Bruster Larry Knapp
22	Pam Van Heukelom
27	Bob Bowen
28	Kathy Brunssen
29	Larry Wear
30	Paul Hildebrand

July Anniversaries

11	Dave & Annette Grant
15	Lee & Beckie Oksendahl
24	Jim & Pat Schneider
26	Chuck & Kim Buckingham



WELCOME...From the President to the CRCC July 2026 Club Newsletter



“Let’s party like its 1776.” Okay maybe not that crazy! This is an amazing time when we have the chance to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America! I’m sure you have seen and heard how we can all join in the celebrations. I hope you all take the time to reflect on what this means for all of us.

- **Saturday, July 4th**: You can start your celebrating by attending the Freedom Fest Car Show on the 2nd Avenue Bridge from 8:00 AM to Noon. Trophies will be given for the Top 25. Also go and enjoy the pancake breakfast inside the Veterans Building.
- **Saturday, July 11th**: Get ready for the CRCC Annual BBQ by our famous **Three Amegs, Dan, Jim and John**. The ribs and chicken will be prepared by them. Plan to bring a covered dish to share, your beverage of choice (water will be provided), your tableware, and a lawn chair. Come around 4:00 PM and plan to eat around 6:00 PM.
- Many of you are planning to go to the Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa on **Friday July 24th and Saturday, July 25th**. Check the website for details and also watch for Jim’s emails for any updates.
- Looking ahead, since Maureen Rompot told us about the “GroFest at Kazimour Orchard” I have talked to her for more information. I will be going there later this summer to check on parking and seeing the orchard. This is scheduled for **Saturday, September 26th**. You can also go to the website **Growattheorchard@gmail.com**.
- Quick note about upcoming homecomings. As you can see there are already three scheduled for September 23rd. Let’s help Tracy fill these parades.

See you soon, Al/Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 48 members present. Bob Zahn attended the meeting and wanted to join since he had met the requirements of attending two events. He has a 2005 white C6 and is from Rockford, Illinois. President, Al Willenborg asked for a vote and he was voted into the club. Welcome Bob. President, Al Willenborg reminded members to thank Joe Wilson and Pat McGrath for supplying the club with food night. Thanks Joe and Pat McGrath for treating the club.

Good and Wellness-

- Malinda Finley reported that Becky Oksendahl was doing well recovering from her broken leg.

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

- President, Al Willenborg read the June 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 May meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Cliff McDonald and seconded by Laura McLaughlin. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- No report

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- Treasurer, Felicia Richardson went through the financials. She reported she is working on her new computer and getting the needed programs she needs for her financial reports for the club. She also said she would be moving the Homecoming funds from the General Fund to the Honor Flight Fund.

Approval of Treasurer's Report-

- President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **A motion was made by Mark Daubert and seconded by Paul Hildebrand. 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-

- Governor, Gary Thompson reported that he has discussed with former Governor Mike Finley about the option of not renewing our NCCC membership for next year. We will have discussions at future meetings and eventually vote on this matter.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported that the June 10th cruise to the Copper Boar sadly had to be cancelled due to weather. He asked members if they wanted it to be rescheduled and he said he would try this since he got a favorable response.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminders of the following activities.....
 - Jim thanked members who attended the Otter Creek Lion's Legion Show and Shine on June 13th.
 - Alburnett Show and Shine June 20th, meet in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville and caravan together
 - Marion American Legion 298 Car Show Sunday, June 28th
 - Annual BBQ July 11th in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville
 - Heritage Parade in Mt. Vernon at 10:30 on July 11th.
 - Vette's in Park July 24th and 25th
 - New Bo Show and Shine will be August 15th
 - Annual Kernel's game and party area August 29th
 - 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 was absent so Sue Rudd reported he had 8 contracts. Tracy will be starting sign-up soon so watch your e-mails. Tracy 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. 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
Benton Community, October 2nd

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-

- *President, Al Willenborg reported again that we have a 4th team and still need members to volunteer to be substitutes for our four flag teams.*
- *President, Al Willenborg asked club members what they thought about the new speaker system bought for the club. Everyone seemed very happy with it and could hear everything said at the meeting much better.*
- *President, Al Willenborg asked John Watertor to talk about his finding of the 2019 newsletters to give to Malinda Finley, our Historian. Thanks John.*

New Business

- *President, Al Willenborg had cling on stickers if members wanted them for their cars.*
- *President, Al Willenborg asked for a bid on the Corvette car cover Lyle Knutson brought to the club donated by Tom Otto, from Robins, Iowa. A big thank you to Tom for his considerate donation. Sue Rudd bid \$100.00 for it and the money will go to the Honor Flight fund.*
- *President, Al Willenborg reminded the club that there will be the Freedom Festival Car Show and Pancake Breakfast on July 4th in downtown CR.*
- *President, Al Willenborg shared that Camp Courageous was sponsoring the Pineapple Gala again on August 21st. The club may become involved by donating an item for their auction.*
- *President, Al Willenborg called on Lyle Knutson who reported that Mid America Motorworks located in Effingham, Illinois was directly hit by an EF-3 tornado and severely destroyed on June 17th but thankfully no injuries were reported. Many members have visited this Corvette headquarters and My Garage Museum. We all send them our support for rebuilding and cleanup.*

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Teresa Scheeler
- Our next meeting is July 16th, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevyland. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Lyle Knutson and seconded by Paul Hildebrand. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

July 2026

History Report

Difficult roads often lead to a beautiful destination.

In July of 1976 There was no newsletter written because there was only one submission turned in. Not enough to warrant a newsletter.

In July of 1986 On the 13th there was a trip to Adventure Land with 24 people going. Doug Hladek is the Historian and is asking for photos to be turned in as he was trying to arrange the photo albums. Art and Mark Christoffersen were voted in as new members. There was a beach party on July 19th and 20th at Williamsburg. Leaving from the Sea Galley at 7:30 arriving at the beach at between 8 and 9. There will be water to wash the cars and the banner was set up. Plans are ongoing for the December 6th Christmas party.

In July of 1996 There was an Arby's night on The 6th. A canoe trip on the 14th. A Vinton cruise on the 20th. A trip to the races at Hawkeye downs to support the Kidney Foundation and another Arby's night on the 27th and a Wyoming cruise following dinner.

In July of 2006 President John Dolphin reported the June car show was a success. The trophies were given out early due to dark clouds building to the west. Sure enough there was a downpour while cleanup was in process. Members hung out in the trailer until it passed and when all was said and done the trailer was hooked up and another car show was in the books! It was reported in the July newsletter that Treasurer Marsha Abney passed away on June 17th. There was a parade in Shellsburg on the 15th with Gary and Carol Cummings having brats at their house after.

In July of 2016 John and Pam Van Heukelom were voted in as new members. They own a 2009 Red Corvette. **Congratulations on your tenth anniversary with CRCC.** Cindi and Terry Kocher reported selling their 2004 Corvette with a manual transmission and 2 days later purchase the exact same Corvette only with an automatic transmission. Laura McLaughlin was recovering from a broken hip. **Congratulations on your tenth anniversary Laura.** You have recovered well! President Chris Thompson reported that CRCC had participated in 3 Freedom Festival events. June 25th The Great Race, July 2nd the Freedom Festival Parade and

on July 4th the Freedom Fest car show. The Freedom Festival staff sent a thank you for all the club's participation.

How about a little something from July of 1968!! The meeting was July 18th and held at Rapids Chevy Truck Center. The soap box derby was July 21st. CRCC sponsored Kevin Mallory. The guys are trying to get the wives to come to the meetings. They are also trying to get them to drive in the auto cross and rally events!

Here's to open roads and the joy of driving!
Your Historian, Malinda Finley

☀ pan-roasted butternut squash

PREP 35 min.
MAKES 6 servings, 1/2 cup each

what you need

- 1 butternut squash (1 1/2 lb.), peeled, seeded and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 cup **Kraft** Lite Balsamic Parmesan Asiago Vinaigrette Dressing
- 2 Tbsp. **Kraft** Grated Parmesan Cheese

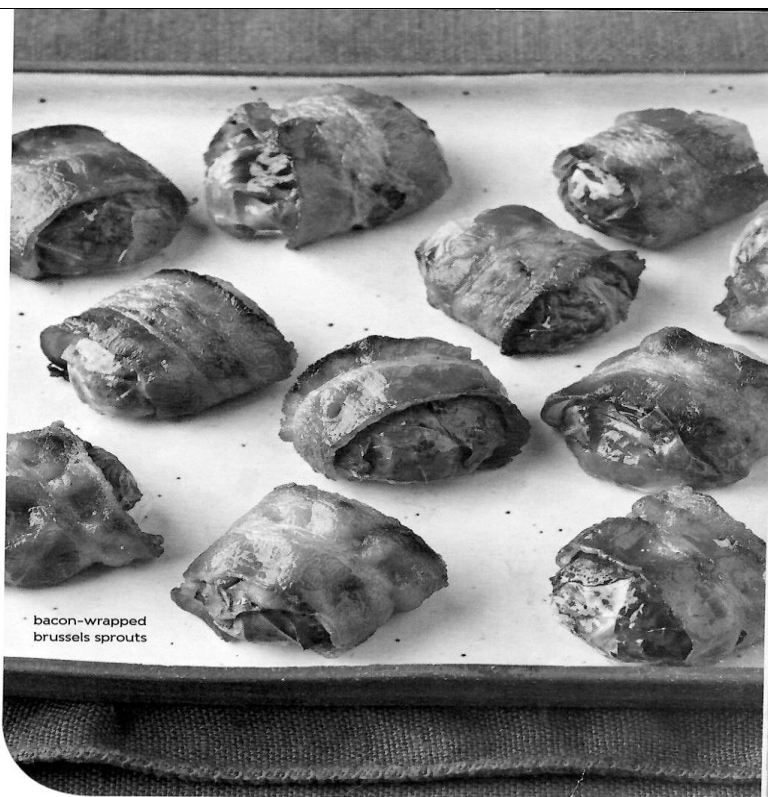
make it

BRING squash, water, butter, thyme and pepper just to boil in large skillet on medium-high heat; cover. Simmer on medium heat 5 to 6 min. or until squash is crisp-tender. **UNCOVER** skillet; cook squash on high heat 4 to 6 min. or until squash is lightly browned and liquid is cooked off. Remove from heat.

ADD dressing; stir to evenly coat squash. Sprinkle with cheese.

NUTRITION BONUS: Both high in vitamin A and a good source of vitamin C, this delicately seasoned butternut squash side makes the perfect accompaniment to your favorite cooked lean meat.

calories 80, fat 3g (sat 2g), chol 10mg, sodium 240mg, carb 13g, fiber 2g, sugars 5g, protein 2g, vit. A 200%^{DV}, vit. C 15%^{DV}, calcium 8%^{DV}, iron 4%^{DV}



bacon-wrapped brussels sprouts

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PREP 15 min. **TOTAL** 40 min. **MAKES** 20 servings

what you need

- 10 slices **Oscar Mayer** Bacon, cut crosswise in half
- 3 Tbsp. **Grey Poupon** Savory Honey Mustard
- 10 large Brussels sprouts (1/2 lb.), cut lengthwise in half

make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

PLACE bacon, in batches, in single layer on paper towel-covered microwaveable plate; cover with second paper towel. Microwave on HIGH 1 1/2 min. (Bacon will not be done.)

SPREAD bacon with mustard. Place 1 Brussels sprout half, cut side up, on center of each bacon piece; fold ends of bacon over sprout. Place, seam side down, on rimmed baking sheet. Repeat with remaining bacon and sprout pieces.

BAKE 20 to 25 min. or until bacon is crisp and sprouts are tender.

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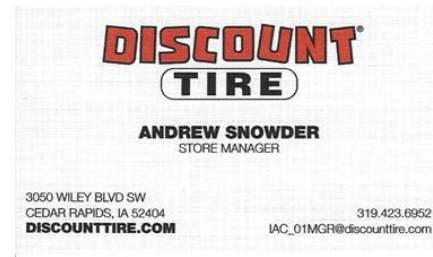
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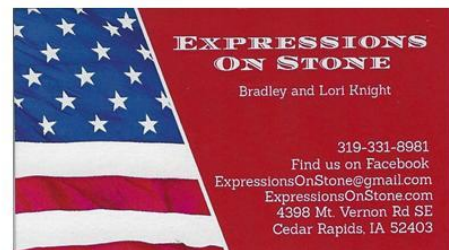
Automotive graphics and wrap



Automotive electronics and sound systems



Tires and wheels



CRCC Newsletter

McGrath Chevyland Inventory



Get More at McGrath **MORE SELECTION MORE VALUE MORE FUN!** **WE SAVE OVER \$11,000!**

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 **-\$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

- July 4 Freedom Festival Car Show Downtown on the 2nd Avenue Bridge 8:00 AM to Noon. Trophies for Top 25. Go hungry and enjoy a pancake breakfast!
- July 11 CRCC Annual BBQ by the Three Amigos – Dan, Jim and John
- July 16 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- July 24 & 25 Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa
- July 31 Wall of Fame – Hawkeye Downs
- August 15 Show & Shine Car Show at New Bo area 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- August 20 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- August 21 Camp Courageous Pineapple Gala
- August 29 Annual Kernel's Baseball Game & Party Area. \$40.00 a person
- September 15 Honor Flight # 60
- September 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