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February 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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## March Birthdays

12	Brian Pospichal
14	Ron Davis
16	Lee Oksendahl
18	Dan Colby
22	Gary Cummings
27	Dick Butschi
29	Dee Baas

## March Anniversaries

### March 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

## From the President's Desk

*Welcome*  
to the CRCC February 2026  
Club Newsletter

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB

We celebrated CRCC's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday at our February 19<sup>th</sup> member meeting. What made it even more memorable was the fact that CRCC was Incorporated on February 19, 1963. So I decided we needed a birthday cake to celebrate. Also, the banner that flies at the Corvette Museum showing 63 years has been ordered.



As of now March will still be a quiet month except for Jim's monthly dinner scheduled for Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Casa De Ojos Locos. The address is 3025 Mt. Vernon Rd SE. Be sure to let Jim know if you plan to attend.

Our March member meeting will be our food night. Plan to come to enjoy the food provided by McGrath.

I will continue to work on putting together a calendar of events and activities so we can keep up to date in the coming months.

See you soon.  
Al, aka Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19th, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 26 members present plus 4 on the phone. Al brought a club 63rd birthday cake to share with members since it fell on February 19th. Thanks Al.

Good and Wellness-

- It was reported that Bob Bowen received a pace maker and Syl Schocbrock had been in the hospital. Al played the video from Geof Knoerzer and Malinda reported he was in the hospital with complications from his chemo treatment. Please keep these 3 in your thoughts and prayers and send cards.

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

- President, Al Willenborg read the February 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 January meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and seconded by Linda Thompson. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent get well cards to  
Bill Stepanek  
Mark Daubert  
Linda Frank  
Geof Knoerzer

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 Gary Thompson and seconded by Chris Thompson. 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 February 10th cruise was to Napoli's and the food, service and fellowship were all great. There were 22 in attendance.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the March cruise would be at Casa de Ojos locos restaurant on March 11th at 5:30. The location is 3025 Mt. Vernon Rd. N.E. in Cedar Rapids.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminded of Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa on July 24th and 25th. Go into the email and reserve rooms ASAP, if interested.

### Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd reported he needs to check with Felicia if we have received checks from Alburnett and Benton Community. Both have said to Tracy they need to send.

### Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- Historian, Malinda Finley said she had information for AI about the history of the club that she brought to the meeting.

### 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 talked about the 3 flag teams we currently have and we are still waiting to hear if another team may be needed to help finance our Honor Flights.
- President, Al Willenborg reported that we will discuss and vote if necessary on any money and fund financials in April when all the Snow Birds return so as to have a larger member base to discuss and vote.

### New Business-

- *President, Al Willenborg* said the new club banner at the Corvette Museum had been paid for and been sent.
- *President, Al Willenborg* said that food nights for 2026 would be March, June, and September.
- *Trustee, Chris Thompson* said he has been updating the Website and calendar.
- *President, Al Willenborg* announced the Monticello Car Show was being held February 21 and 22nd.

- *President, Al Willenborg announced New Bo would be having a car show with bands on August 15th.*

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Jane Sickels
- Our next meeting is March 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 Paul Hildebrand and seconded by Malinda Finley. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

## History Report for March 2026

When you get a Corvette out in the spring it feels like they are brand new all over again!

In March of 1976 It was announced that Terry and Cindi Kocher were planning a wine tasting party on April 24th. The hat was passed at the meeting to buy a savings bond for the Soap Box Derby. \$17.76 was collected. The club also voted to pay the \$50.00 entrance fee for the driver. They had a slide show of the Concourse they held in February at the meeting.

In March of 1986 There wasn't anything planned for March with plans being made for the rest of the year. There was a reminder to get any shirts you wanted ordered so they would be ready for Summer.

In March of 1996 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> they had an Ellis Landing get together. On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> there was a St Patty's weekend in Williamsburg. The 30<sup>th</sup> there was a bowling party at Jubilee Lanes.

In March of 2006 Social Director Jim McLaughlin reported that it was common courtesy when the club goes out to a dinner cruise that members pay their own bill. Nothing else was explained!! The dinner cruise was to American Bistro. There was no kick off breakfast for Camp Courageous. Each club entered was encouraged to bring an item to be auctioned off. President John Dolphin suggested a crock customized for the event. The motion carried and a crock was purchased.

In March of 2016 CRCC was given an award from the Brain Injury Alliance in recognition for their support. Governor Garland Groom gave a report on the NCCC and noted that it was a good thing for members to visit the website because there are things there that could benefit club members. Clubs can also send pictures to go on the calendar for next year. Social activities being planned are bike rides, a canoe trip, IA speedway event, Kernels game, riverboat cruise, and a potluck picnic. President Chris Thompson reported he only used his snow blower once this year and it was on the 8 inches of snow we got before Thanksgiving. It is now time to get all the sand cleaned out of the garage and to get ready to get the Corvette out!!

In March of 2026 we are planning for a great year with our Corvettes and our members. Let's make it a great year by letting Social Director Jim McLaughlin know what you would like to do this summer. If you go to a fun restaurant the club would like, give Jim the information. If you know of an event, you know is fun and the club would like, tell Jim. If you know someone who has a Corvette and isn't a member, invite them to a meeting. Guests are always welcome. Invite them to come on a cruise.

Remember not waving at another Corvette when meeting them on the road is a serious breach of Corvette etiquette!

Life is too short to be driving boring cars!

Home is where the Corvette is parked!

Your Historian, Malinda Finley

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- March 11                      Corvette Club dinner at Casa de Ojos locos
- March 19                      Corvette Club Member Meeting
  
- April 16                      Corvette Club Member Meeting
  
- May 16                        Houbby Days Parade
- May 17                        Cruisin' for Camp Courageous
  
- June 28                      Marion American Legion Car Show
  
- July 4                         Freedom Fest Car Show
  
- July 24 & 25                Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa
  
- August 15                    Car show at New Bo

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## Chicken Mushroom Dijon

This chicken Dijon with mushrooms is a great easy recipe for last-minute guests or a busy weeknight when you want something a little special. You may want to double the sauce and serve it over rice.

Submitted by **DebbyJean**

**Prep Time:** 15 mins

**Cook Time:** 15 mins

**Total Time:** 30 mins

**Servings:** 4

*Sauce would be good  
with pork chops*

## Ingredients

½ cup milk

⅓ cup all-purpose flour

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, pounded to an even thickness

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tablespoon butter

2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms

2 tablespoons dry white wine (Optional)

1 ½ cups prepared chicken gravy - *could use cream of mushroom or chicken*

1 cup half-and-half

1 ½ tablespoons Dijon mustard - *use to taste - maybe a little more.*

salt and ground black pepper to taste

## Directions

### Step 1

Gather all ingredients.

### Step 2

Pour milk into a wide, shallow bowl. Spread flour into a separate wide, shallow bowl. Dip each chicken breast half into milk to coat; move to the dish with flour and press chicken into flour to coat entirely.

### Step 3

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Fry chicken in hot oil until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side. Remove chicken to a plate; drain fat from the skillet and return to medium-high heat.

### Step 4

Melt butter in the skillet. Sauté mushrooms in hot butter until softened, about 2 minutes.

### Step 5

*Pour wine over mushrooms, stir in gravy, half + half and mustard. Season with salt + pepper. Simmer 7 min*

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/240704/chicken-mushroom-dijon/?print>

*Step 6. Return chicken to skillet - cook until no longer pink about 1/2 5 min*

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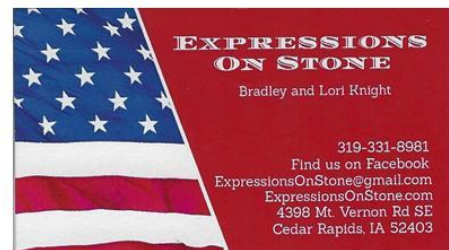
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New

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 2ZL

New

MSRP \$134,745

**Sale Price \$139,745**



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