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October 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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October Birthdays

7	Kayla Davis
11	Laura McLaughlin
12	David Sickels
14	George Letson
18	Steve Bouska
21	John Bates
22	Don Johnson
23	Greg Burris
	Tracy Rudd
28	Virginia Bruster
30	David Safely

October Anniversaries

19	Bob & Diane Bowen
19	Gary & Elaine Thompson



WELCOME...

From the President to the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club October 2026 Club Newsletter

October is the month to get the Corvettes out as often as we can before that four letter word shows up in November/December. Fall is a great time to enjoy the leaves changing color and then even more fun when we have to start raking them!

Saturday, October 17-Halloween Party. You've probably guessed by now that Halloween is my favorite time to celebrate. I will be bringing plenty of wood for a crazy bonfire.

Sunday, October 25-Annual Leaf Run. Jim is working on the details of the route we're taking and where we will be eating lunch.

On **Tuesday, September 22nd** the E-Board met to discuss whether to continue staying with NCCC or discontinue our membership with them.

E-BOARD MEETING RESULTS

"After much discussion, we decided that there was too much research to do before the October meeting so we all voted to continue researching and investigating and vote sometime next year for the possible discontinuing of NCCC. So this year we will still continue to sign up and pay along with our club dues and additional dues for NCCC."

"An e-mail will go out to the membership October 1st telling them there will be no vote at the October meeting to vote for continuing or dropping NCCC. It will come sometime in 2027, once we have all our ducks in a row and ready to make this change. At that time, the club will all vote to decide what they want for our club for this matter going forward."

Also, watch for an e-mail in early October from Gary Thompson which will include the CRCC Membership New/Renewal Form, including the cost for new CRCC/NCCC membership dues.

See you soon, Al/Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Meeting Minutes September 17, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 47 members present. There were 3 guests present. We welcomed Tim Glynn who had his first visit to an event. Tim and his wife Cathy moved to Marion from Sioux Falls. We look forward to seeing them at another event. Also John and Honguei Cole in which John was a previous member, so they wish to rejoin. Welcome back to the club. September was food night sponsored by our great sponsor Pat McGrath. Thank you to the McGrath's and Joe Wilson for setting this up for our club.

Good and Wellness-

- No report

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

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

Special car projects, family announcements, and general information-

- It was reported that Bob Bowen bought a new car which is a 2024 Torch Red C8. Congratulations to Bob and Diane.

Approval of Secretaries Report-

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

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent get well cards to Mark Daubert, Carman Irelan and John Schindler.

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- Treasurer, Felicia Richardson gave her report for September. She also shared that she found software for her new computer.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

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

- No report

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminders of the following activities.....
 - Jim commented on the successful cruise to the Hale Supper Club on September 9th. It was a great cruise and everyone enjoyed the food.
 - Jim commented that the September Honor Flight on September 15th went well and some members held the flags to honor the veterans.
 - The Thomas Grove Assisted Living Show and Shine was moved to September 25th from 10:00 - 12:00. It was cancelled for the second time due to rain.
 - The GROW event will be September 26th at the Kazimour Farm and Orchard for members to attend. It will be a Show and Shine. Coolers permitted and bring chairs. You may start arriving at 9:00 AM. The time of event is 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The address is 2630 Otis Road S.E.
 - The Marion Show and Shine will be September 27th from 10:00 - 2:00PM in Thomas Park. Bring chairs and coolers if wish. It was then cancelled due to flooding.
 - Swisher, Iowa Show and Shine October 3, 2026 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 129 Rose Avenue.
 - Honor Flight October 13th
 - Halloween Party in Midway Park October 17th. Bring chairs and a side to share. This event is in the pavilion and the address is 3420 Midway Road, Toddville.
 - Leaf Run October 25th. More to come.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd wants to thank Chris Thompson who has helped with the new Iowa parade process.

We have all 18 contracts and working with Iowa with their new process.

The 18 parades are currently filled and a big thanks goes out to those members who have signed up to make these parades special for our community and to help raise money for the Honor Flight Fund and Camp Courageous.

Thanks to the members who are working with Tracy, Chris and the University to work through the added steps for doing the parade and having your driving record checked. The forms will be sent to them and then a time when you can call with your DL # and the checking to be done. Then you can ask for them to delete your information. Thanks again with your patience with all of this.

Central City, September 11th

Lisbon, September 16th (Cancelled by Lisbon as worried about possible rain)

Marion, September 17th

Alburnett, September 18th
Linn Mar September 23rd
Kennedy, September 23rd
Solon, September 23rd
North Linn, September 23rd
Mt. Vernon, September 24th
Clear Creek September 24th
Prairie September 25th (Postponed to October 9th, 2026)
CenterPoint- Urbana September 30th
North Cedar, September 30th
West Branch, September 30th
Benton Community, October 2nd
Iowa City High, October 7th
Springville October 9th
University of Iowa October 30th

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 and Mike Finley, John Schindler-

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

Old Business-

- The four flag teams have completed four holidays and have 1 more remaining.
- *President, Al Willenborg thanked the teams.*
- *President, Al Willenborg visited the GROW Kazimour Farm and Orchard. There will be a donation bucket for donations for the kids and adults in which they train and help with job skills. They will have food trucks available for for food. There is plenty of space for us and you can take coolers. The address is 2630 Otis Rd. S.E.*

- Trustee, Chris Thompson gave a brief report on the proposal from the lawyer in regards to dropping NCCC.

He informed the membership that we weren't getting our money's worth since we no longer did race events or sponsored Car Shows.

In the proposal the lawyer gave his suggestions of some insurance companies for extra coverage for parades above our individual drivers insurance.

It was discussed that the time frame was short to do the needed investigations

of different insurances. It was suggested and a motion was made to not vote in the October meeting to end our membership and instead wait until next year to continue this process.

A motion was made by Lyle Knutson and seconded by Karla McMurrin. It was defeated. There was further discussion and it ended that there would be an executive meeting scheduled to discuss more to see what could or should be done and if there was time to get the research all done by the October meeting to vote. We wish to thank Chris Thompson for the long hours he has spent on this for our club and to the lawyer we hired for all of his work and suggestions.

New Business -

- President Al Willenborg asked for Malinda Finley to come up and talk about the Christmas Party. She asked members to give her and Jim McLaughlin ideas for entertainment and food choices. More to come about the Christmas Party.

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Del Winter
- Our next meeting is October 15th, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.
- President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Felicia Richardson and seconded by Malinda Finley. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.



**Be a kid at heart and
join us for the
Halloween Party
Saturday, October 17th**

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club October 2026 History Report

Of all the months to cruise Fall offers the most beautiful scenery. Autumn carries more gold to look at than any other season. There are few finer things than a fall cruise in the Corvette with really great friends.

In October of 1976 There was a Halloween party on October at Pusateri's Restaurant in Dubuque, Iowa. There was a live band, sandwiches, cash bar and prizes for costumes. The cost was \$500 to \$600 per couple. If you wished to stay overnight, the Tri State Members would put you up in their homes. Somehow I'm just sure this was a joke!! There is a box social being planned for November.

In October of 1986 There was a report given at the meeting about the hay rack ride. It was reported there was a full moon, nice weather and a scary ride. The Christmas party was being planned at the Longbranch. A gift exchange with a limit of \$2 to \$5. Doug Haldek was still featuring new members and was still asking for photos for the photo album. He will bring it to the Christmas party. There was a vote to give the Governor money for travel to meetings. It was approved to do so. There was also a vote to pay for mileage both ways to the person who pulled the trailer.

In October of 1996 There were many homecomings done this October. The leaf run was October 6th. Carol and Gary Cummings invited all to their daughter's wedding on November 16th. If your Corvette wasn't in storage you were invited to bring it as a surprise for the bride and groom as well as fun for the caravan. A hay rack ride was on the 12th. There was a dinner meeting at Café Italia on the 17th and a Madison County cruise on the 20th.

In October of 2006 Social Director Jim McLaughlin reported the Halloween Party would be at Road Apple Trails on the 21st. Cindi Kocher was helping to plan the Halloween Party. Just a side note here for all who did not know Cindi. Her FAVORITE holiday was Halloween. She LOVED dressing up as a witch and had the witch cackle down to a science. There are photos in some of the albums of Cindi in her famous outfit. There was a report from Al Willenborg on the memorial for Marsha Abney. He reported there will be a plaque to memorialize CRCC members. The plaque will be 16 X 20 and a plate will be put on it when a member passes. It will probably be at Camp Courageous. Bernie is going to check with Charlie Becker to see if this proposal is acceptable. The Plate would have the photo of the CRCC member and their date of birth and death. A motion was made by Mike Williams and Seconded by Cheryl Roberts. The motion passed. **Bernie what is the update on this??**

In October of 2016 Mike and Malinda Finley were guests at the October 20th meeting. They had a 2013 Red Gran Sport. Other guests were representatives of the charities CRCC donates

to. David and Annette Grant were voted in as new members tonight. It was a food night. The fall leaf run on October 23rd was to the freedom Rock in Epworth. On Saturday the 29th there was the annual Halloween party at Midway.

Here's a little Corvette trivia:

There were no Corvettes ever released in 1983. 43 were produced and 42 were crashed in crash tests or crushed. A single 1983 Corvette was saved and is on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

According to some, there were actually 47 1983's produced and a few may still be in existence, but that debate has never been resolved.

It was a great summer. Fall is here. Time to slow down and enjoy the time with CRCC friends.

Got any ideas for some winter fun?? Tell our wonderful social director. He would love to hear from you.

Your Historian, Malinda Finley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- October 13 Honor Flight #61
- October 15 CRCC Member Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- October 17 Annual Halloween Party
- October 25 Annual CRCC Leaf Run

NOVEMBER

- November 19 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland

DECEMBER

- December 12 CRCC Annual Christmas Party

Dark Chocolate and Pumpkin Swirl Cake

PREP 30 min. BAKE 55 min. at 350°F
COOL 2 hr. MAKES 12 servings

Nonstick cooking spray

- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1¾ cups granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 oz. dark chocolate, melted
- 2 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. finely shredded orange peel
- 2 to 3 Tbsp. milk or orange juice

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9×5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray. Line pan with parchment; coat with cooking spray. Set aside.

2. In a bowl whisk together flour, spice, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

3. In a medium bowl whisk together eggs and sugar. Add butter, buttermilk, and vanilla. Whisk until combined. Fold in pumpkin.

4. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients all at once; whisk just until no lumps remain.

5. Divide batter in half. Add melted chocolate and cocoa powder to half the batter; stir to combine.

6. Alternately add batters to pan. Using a knife, swirl through batter. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until cake has risen and crackled, and a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Remove; let cool 20 minutes. Invert onto a wire rack; cool completely.

7. For orange glaze, in a small bowl stir together powdered sugar, orange peel, and milk. Spoon over cooled cake.

EACH SERVING 341 cal, 12 g fat, 52 mg chol, 216 mg sodium, 57 g carb, 2 g fiber, 4 g pro.



CRCC Sponsors and Supporters



Supporters of the CRCC Car Show



Automotive repairs and custom work



Joe Wilson
319-393-6300 Ext 1160

Benjamin Taylor
319-393-6300 Ext 1241



Club awards and plaques, clothing



Supporters of the CRCC Car Show



Automotive graphics and wrap



Automotive electronics and sound systems



Tires and wheels





New 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

Stock: C261310
VIN: 1G1YC2D47T5114807

Details

MSRP	\$100,025
McGrath Savings	-\$8,030
Doc Fee	+\$180
Sale Price	\$92,175
Clear Guard Protection	+\$1,295

● Exterior: Black

● Interior: Red

Location: Pat McGrath Chevyland



New 2027 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport

Stock: C270037
VIN: 1G1YT2D51V5300760

Details

MSRP	\$103,770
McGrath Savings	-\$3,775
Doc Fee	+\$180
Sale Price	\$100,175
Clear Guard Protection	+\$1,295

● Exterior: Blue

● Interior: Black

Location: Pat McGrath Chevyland