



2015 CRCC History in Review



Our new year brought new officers with Lori Brendes for Secretary, Jim McLaughlin for Social Director, Tracy Rudd for Historian, and Paul Hildebrand for Trustee.

Reelected 2015 officers included: Al Willenborg, President; Chris Thompson, Vice-President; Larry Bushaw, Treasurer; Larry Beebe, Governor; Chris Beebe, Competition Director; Brian Richardson, Homecoming Director; and Kathy Willenborg, Editor. Diane Bowen (1 year) and Dave Marsden (2 years) continued as Trustees.

The winter months were slower but we managed to hit Zeppelins and Q-Dogs BBQ for our dinners. Jim McLaughlin and Dan Colby plotted against John Dolphin for secrets from the pros at Q-Dogs, to get a head start for our BBQ challenge.

In March we ate dinner at the New Bo Ale House where we joined up with the Mustang Club. Can you believe that everyone came out alive, having rubbed elbows with FORD owners?!

For the March meeting Pat McGrath provided the food, making for good attendance! We once again thank Pat McGrath for his generosity for continuing to be our club sponsor, for providing us a great place for our monthly meetings, as well as providing three food nights a year.

The 2015 West Region banquet was held in Des Moines on Saturday, March 28th. Garland Groom received a 200 Club award for his successful participation in autocross events.

It was announced that ADM would become a major sponsor for our car show, if we helped them get their car show off the ground. So on August 1st, many club members helped with the 1st Annual ADM Car Show. We were able to help make their first show a big success.

The announcement was made that the 2016 NCCC convention would be held in Omaha, Nebraska in July.

The Catherine McAuley Center was voted in as our new 4th charity for our "Cruisin' the Ave" Car Show.

The club purchased a new wireless timing system for our autocross competitions which was used at our sanctioned autocross event held at Hawkeye Downs on July 25th.

CRCC provided plaques for four Honor Flights for 2015. This WAS our fifth year of participation. Over the year the club received thank you notes from the Veterans stating how much they appreciated receiving the plaques.

We had a successful year with Cruisin' for Camp Courageous Car Show by winning first place for most car entries. We donated our check back to the camp along with the \$1,000 from our homecoming parades.

It was another successful year with our "Cruisin' the Ave" Charity Car Show on June 13th due to our great sponsors, committee chairs and co-committee chairs and club participation. The club introduced a new data entry system for the car show with good results. The weather didn't cooperate but we still had a great show.



CRCC had another milestone in the history of the club when we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of becoming a NCCC member on June 19th.

The club was involved with the Freedom Festival Parade and was asked to help with the First Annual Freedom Festival Car Show held on the 4th of July in downtown Cedar Rapids. It was quite successful for the first year and all seemed to have a great time.

In July, CRCC was involved with the Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame night. Austin Petty accepted the award on behalf of his late brother, Adam for being inducted to the 2015 Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame. Austin spent time with members of the club and admired our cars.

The NCCC convention was held in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania in August. Winners of the NCCC and West Region scholarships from CRCC included Luke Willenborg, grandson of Al and Kathy Willenborg winner of the national scholarship and Tristan Beyer, grandson of Lou and Marlene Wasendorf winner of the West Region scholarship.

Several CRCC members struggled with health issues over the year including hospital stays and surgeries. We wish them and all members, good health as we go into 2016.

Sadly, we did say good-bye to our dear friend and long-time CRCC member with the death of Margie Thompson. She is missed.

We were involved with the Swamp Fox Parade in which we won first prize for our car entries. CRCC helped with the 2nd Annual Swamp Fox Car Show at Thomas Park, which was another success and a beautiful day!

Brian Richardson did another great job directing all of the Homecoming Parades. It is no easy task getting all schools filled up especially when several fall on the same day.

We welcomed several new members to CRCC over the year, including some former members. Welcome to all!

After many years of having a post office box in Marion, CRCC now has a new post office box number in Cedar Rapids. (P.O. Box 10193; Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410.)

The Fall Leaf ride was planned by Jim McLaughlin with our stop for lunch at Poopy's in Savannah, Illinois. We had a great ride with our amazing machines!!!!!!

We had our normal huge bonfire and good food for our Halloween Party with visits from a clown, Mickey Mouse and a military captain to keep us all in line.

November brought a few new nominations for officers for 2016.

The 2015 Christmas Party was held at the Indian Creek Country Club on Saturday, December 12th. We were treated to special guests who call themselves the "2 Iowa Farmers" telling about their experiences when they drove their 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton from Peking, China to Paris, France in 2010.

The 2016 CRCC officers were introduced and we had our ugly sweater contest!

A busy, but fun 2015!

Tracy Rudd, 2015 CRCC Historian