

## 2016 CRCC History in Review

Our new year brought in new officers Chris Thompson, President, Diane Bowen, Vice President, Garland Groom, Governor, Tracy Rudd, Homecoming Director, Mark Hamer, Competition Director, Brian Richardson, Trustee, and Sue Rudd, Historian. Reelected officers include: Larry Bushaw, Treasurer, Kathy Willenborg, Editor, Dave Marsden, Trustee, Paul Hildebrand, Trustee, and Lori Brendes, Secretary. Appointed Officers: Larry Bushaw, Webmaster. Bob Bowen, E-mail Messenger. Larry Beebe WR Executive and Chris Beebe WR Secretary.

The Winter months are often a slower time for car clubs, but we still managed to enjoy our monthly dinners. We hit Parlor City in January, Cibo's in February, and the Chrome Horse in March. What a great way to stay in touch with our club friends!

The 2016 West Region Banquet was held on March 19th in Des Moines.

For the April meeting Pat McGrath supplied food, which we all greatly appreciate. Once again we thank him for his generosity in being our club sponsor, providing food 3 times a year and providing a great place for our monthly meetings.

The 2017 NCCC Convention was announced to be located in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

We had another successful year for the "Crusin' for Camp Courageous Car Show" by winning first place for the most car entries. We donated our check back to the camp along with our \$1000.00 check from our Homecoming Parade fund.

Once again we provided plaques for the four Honor Flights of 2016. We also had many members who ventured out to the late night welcoming home gatherings at the airport! What a humbling experience to honor our veterans for their service.

We had a challenging but great year for our 2016 "Cruisin' the Ave Charity Car Show." The car show committee and officers over came many hurdles to produce another great show but they came through with flying colors. Many thanks to all who worked the many hours to make another successful show!

We were involved in another Freedom Festival Parade and 2nd Annual Freedom Festival Car Show. They both went well, and all that were involved seem to have a great time.

The club was asked to help out with The Great American Car Race when the cars rolled into CR. Members helped out with greeting the drivers, handing out goodie bags and parking the cars. What a great honor for Cedar Rapids and our club to be included in this great event.

CRCC was again asked to help supply some cars for the Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame Night. This is another way for our club to be exposed for doing great things for our community.

Our Barbecue Picnic was another success thanks to Jim Mc Laughlin and Dan Colby and all the helpers that put this great event together. We missed John Dolphin and his cooking skills this year! We hope all three amigos will be back next year.

The 2016 NCCC Convention was held in Omaha, Nebraska. Those members that decided to make the trip had a great time even though it was one of the hottest weeks of the summer. Winners of the NCCC national scholarships were presented to Rachel Willenborg, granddaughter of Kathy and Al Willenborg and CRCC member Mikayla Bowen, daughter of Rob and Kim Bowen and granddaughter of Diane and Bob Bowen. The three West Regional winners were Cole Stanford, grandson of Carol and Larry Knapp, Emily Zahurones, granddaughter of Carol and Gary Cummings and CRCC member Katelyn Slump, granddaughter of Diane and Bob Bowen.

Several of our CRCC members struggled with health issues over the year, including hospital stays and surgeries. We wish them and all members good health as we move into 2017!

The club was involved with the Swamp Fox Parade in which many of the cars carried some of the Marion cheerleaders. We were all disappointed that the Swamp Fox Car Show had to be canceled on Sunday due to soggy grounds and weather issues.

We voted in several new CRCC members over the 2016 season. We welcome them all into our club and hope they enjoy their new car club family!

The 2016 Homecoming season again offered some unique challenges. As usual everything came together with members offering their time by driving their awesome cars for our area schools. We received many thank you's from the riders and schools as they appreciate our services for their parades and coronations.

The Fall Leaf Cruise was planned by Larry and Marjory Bushaw, and Jim Mc Laughlin, which was a great cruise! We were offered a number of great stops of interest and a great meal in Guttenburg. We had an awesome time and the weather was perfect. Thanks to Larry, Marjory, and Jim!

Thanks to Jim McLaughlin who does a great job as our Social Director. He works hard finding great places for us to cruise to every month and plans awesome parties! Also a special thanks to Kathy Willenborg who has been an awesome editor for many years, and due to her many hours of hard work has produced an awesome Newsletter for all to enjoy. We will miss her Newsletters.

Our Halloween Party was another great success thanks to Jim Mc Laughlin and his many helpers. Every year the bonfire gets bigger and better! Great times with friends, food and of course special beverages! Thanks to those members who enriched us with their costumes.

Our October meeting proved to be a great one with food provided by Pat McGrath and all our charities present to receive their checks. It is an honor to be able to provide needed money to these great community charities. Great job CRCC!

The 2016 Christmas Party will be December 10th at the Indian Creek Country Club. It always proves to be a great time to reminisce over the years events. We will recognize and thank our 2016 officers and welcome in our 2017 officers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We also want to thank all of our generous sponsors, advertisers, and many volunteers for a successful year.

2016 is in the books! Sue Rudd, 2016 CRCC Historian