

2017 CRCC HISTORY IN REVIEW

2017 brought in a new Trustee Dennis Primrose, all other officers were carried over from 2016.

We enjoyed our monthly dinners during the cold Winter months as usual. In January we went to Bistro on the River, February we enjoyed Valentines Day at Napolis's, and March we went to Black Sheep. At Napolis's Jim McLaughlin surprised all the ladies with a red rose and Orlyn Brunssen shared chocolate covered strawberries with everyone. Thanks to both of these very considerate guys.

On March 24th some of us took a road trip to UNI to listen to the Corvette plant manager Kai Spande talk about Corvettes, share some of his background and some of the new additions to the plant that will be coming in the near future. Many things he couldn't divulge.

March 25th was the 2017 West Region Banquet in Norwalk, Iowa. Garland Groom placed 8th in Regional Competition and John Waterer was added to the 200 point club.

Once again we provided the 2017 Honor Flight Veterans with our beautiful plaques for the four flights. Many of us ventured out to the late evening welcoming home gatherings to honor these well deserved men and women.

Our April dinner cruise was to La Cantina Bar and Grill. Many of us drove our cars and officially started the 2017 driving season. Yippee!

Pat McGrath generously provided food for our monthly meetings in April, July and October. Once again we appreciate his sponsorship and his club support. Thanks Pat!

The 2017 NCCC Convention was in Bowling Green, Kentucky and the 2018 NCCC Convention was announced to be located in New Orleans, LA July 15-20, 2018.

We had another successful year for the "Crusin' for Camp Courageous Car Show" by winning first place for the most car entries. We donated that check along with our annual Homecoming Parade money of \$1,000.00 back to the camp. It was a chilly day but rewarding as usual.

May took us to Sally's in Springville for our monthly Dinner cruise. It was nice to drive our cars on a longer drive as the weather is getting nice enough for those cruises again. Some members volunteered to drive their cars in the Houby Day Parade. Thanks to all who endured that rainy cold day.

What a stressful year of selecting a venue for our car show. After much consideration it was decided to try Hawkeye Downs. Thanks to those who spent so much time and effort for this successful show. You are all the best!

June also found our club attending a Kernel's Game, dinner cruise to Millstream Brau House and a night at Wine Styles for a evening of wine, dinner and fellowship.

Wow, to think we are in July again and celebrating Freedom Festival Parade, Freedom Fest Car Show and the 4th of July. Our monthly dinner cruise was to Daly Winery in Anamosa. What an enjoyable evening with our car club friends. Great pick Jim.

At our July meeting we were presented a Certificate of Recognition from some of Eastern Iowa Honor Flight Board members and it was announced that the 2018 April Honor Flight will be in recognition of our CRCC Veterans.

CRCC was asked to supply some cars again for the Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame Night. This is another wonderful way for our club to be exposed and be connected with our community.

August brought several ways to enjoy our cars and spend time with our club friends. We had our annual BBQ Picnic and as usual the 3 amigos made us all great BBQ and our side dishes topped it all off. Thanks John, Jim and Dan! You three are the best ever.

We also did a longer dinner cruise in August to the Irish Shanti in Gunder and then on to Guttenburg for ice cream to satisfy our sweet cravings.

Moving into September we did the Swamp Fox Parade and a dinner cruise to Bryant's in Tiffin for our dinner cruise.

The Fall also brought us into another busy but successful Homecoming Season. We had 20 booked but were rained out of the last two. The parades required a total of 284 cars using 45 different drivers. Thanks to all who helped out. The schools and kids are very appreciative of our participation and we received many nice remarks and thanks.

October 1st we had the Swamp Fox Car Show in Thomas Park. We had a great turn out for this event regardless of other car shows scheduled the same day. Jim was able to donate a large collection of canned goods to the Marion Food Pantry as a result of this event. What a great charitable event for our club.

October was a busy month with dinner to the Tin Roost in North Liberty, the fantastic Leaf Run to McGregor and our famous Halloween Party. The bon fire gets bigger every year. Thanks to those who contributed to our great night.

Our November monthly meeting was very rewarding as usual by delivering our 4 charity checks to Catherie McAuley Center, Clothe a Child, Miracle in Motion and East Central Brain Injury Alliance. Thanks again to Pat McGrath for supplying food for this meeting to enjoy and share with our guests.

Bullicek's in Delhi was our destination for our November and last dinner cruise of the year! What a great place to end our 2017 cruises!

Here we are in December again! This month we will enjoy our annual Christmas Party, recognize our 2017 officers for their many accomplishments and hard work, and announce the 2018 officers. Also Jim has a special guest booked.

We want to thank all of our generous sponsors, advertisers, officers and many volunteers for a successful 2017! Kudos to all!

We had several CRCC members struggle with health issues and the passing of family members. We share our thoughts and prayers with all those effected. We wish all members good health as we enter into 2018.

Another busy but great year in the books.
Sue Rudd, 2017 CRCC Historian

