

## 2018 CRCC History in Review

2018 brought in new President Geof Knoerzer , Del Winters as Social Director, Mike Finley as Competition Director, and Jim McLaughlin for Trustee. Thanks to these members who stepped up to help our club.

Even though the cold months mean our babies are tucked away in warm garages we enjoy the eating out and socializing part of our membership. We started out the 2018 season with a trip to Emil's Hideaway. In February members went to Butcher Block and March took members to Zepplin's for a nice dinner and fellowship.

The month of February brought a new adventure for the club by delivering flowers on February 13th and 14th. It made \$1185 for the club and was a good way to promote our club in the community. Thanks to all who took part in this very successful event.

For the February meeting it was announced that our annual Cruisin' the Avenue Car Show would be held at the Cedar Hills Community Church. The Car Show committee had many meetings and countless hours organizing the new venue. Thanks to all involved.

March 3rd was the West Region Banquet in Omaha, Iowa.

Our April dinner cruise was to Whitey's in Lisbon, Iowa. At our April meeting we auctioned off 2 of our Corvette Museum banners and made enough money to pay for our new banner for this year.

Pat McGrath once again agreed to serve food at our April, July and October meetings. We wish to thank him for his generosity and for being a great sponsor. Thanks Pat!

The 2018 NCCC Convention was announced to be in New Orleans, LA and the 2019 location will be in Denver, CO July 7-12. A few members enjoyed the trip to New Orleans to represent our club.

Once again our club provided plaques for the veterans that went on each of the 4 Honor Flights in 2018. The April flight was CRCC sponsored and many of our veteran club members were in attendance. What a great honor for these members. Thank you all for your service.

May finally brought nice weather and everyone was beyond ready. We cruised to Bulicek's Landing in Delhi, IA. We also had many members participate in the HyVee Show and Shine Car Show at the Wilson Avenue HyVee. Thanks HyVee for the coffee and tasty donuts. Also we had 10 cars in the Houby Day Parade. The weather cooperated which was a plus.

May 20th marked the day for our annual "Cruisin' for Camp Courageous Car Show." The weather was once again not what we all wished for. It was cold, windy and just plain not a nice day. We once again won the first place award and money for having the most cars registered. We donated that money back to the camp along with our 1,000.00 dollar check.

Our June dinner cruise was to Kalmes 528 Club in Cascade, IA. At the end of June several members did the Freedom Fest Parade which is a nice way for us to expose our club.

Our Cruisin' the Avenue Car Show on June 9th was a great success even though it started out rainy. We had 147 cars registered and our total check amount was 14,600.00. What a great year and a big thank you for the Car Show Committee and for all who helped out on this great day!

On July 2nd a new event was scheduled by Del at the Go Kart track and dinner at Q-Dogs. What a fun night for those that participated driving and crashing into one another. LOL!!!!

July is always a busy month! Many participated in the July 4th Freedom Fest Car Show. CRCC helped out again with the show and per normal it was a very hot day. The July dinner cruise was a nice cruise to Okoboji Grill in Independence and a stop at the Dairy Queen. Yummy!

Our annual BBQ cookout was July 14th and like always had BBQ from our 3 cooks, Dan, John and Jim. Thanks to all that attended and all of the wonderful side dishes. A special thanks to these 3 dedicated guys who spend so much time cooking for us!

August was another busy month with the Auto-Cross at Hawkeye Downs with around 35 participants. Thanks for all the volunteers for the Auto-Cross as it was a success. The August dinner cruise was to Hale, which is always a nice cruise in our cars.

In August we were introduced to another new event organized by Geof and Al. We did a Food Drive Cruise for the Food Pantry at the Cedar Hills Community Church. What a warm and fuzzy feeling this was for our club to help out in the community. Thanks for the great idea guys!

September was another extra busy month with our dinner cruise to Sally's on Broadway in Springville, IA. Many did the Swamp Fox Parade and the Swamp Fox Car Show. The weather was not these best for the car show but regardless many cars showed up.

Homecomings started up and we did all 19 parades we had a contract for in September and October. We sent out 191 total cars with 47 different drivers. Thanks to all the members who signed up to do parades. The schools, parents and students all appreciate our participation.

At the October meeting we auctioned off another banner and Darrell Hatchel was the high bidder. We presented our checks to our 4 charities during the meeting which always makes for a rewarding meeting. The October dinner cruise was to Cibo's which had to be cancelled due to the numbers but a few members went to dinner there anyway.

Congratulations to Lyle and Dianna Knutson's grandson Michael Ammson who won a West Region Scholarship.

November dinner cruise was to Chrome Horse to wrap up the 2018 season.

December has rolled around again and we will enjoy spending time with our car club friends at our Christmas Party. We close the year with 210 members. . We wish to thank all the 2018 officers, committees, advertisers, volunteers and sponsors that make our club so great!!!!

We have had several members struggle with health issues, passing of members and of family of our members. All those effected are in our continued thoughts and prayers. We wish all members good health as we enter into 2019.

Another busy but great year in the books. Sue Rudd, 2018 CRCC Historian