



Beyond the Glass

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November 2023 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

From the desk of the CRCC President Diane Bowen

Presidents desk:

Wow! Last CRCC meeting of the year already! The meeting is at Pat McGraths on November 16 at 6:30 PM sharp. We have a lot to cover on this night. We will have voting on By Laws, Standing Rules. Then have the nomination of officers. Be looking out for an Email from CRCC with all of the above listed documents attached to it. All offices are available except the two Trustees who are John Watertor (2) and Gary Thompson (1). We especially need a President, Vice President and one Trustee which are vacated offices. We also need an Email messenger and Web master which are also vacated offices. The latter are appointed offices. You can turn in your request for any of these offices to any Eboard member.

Days after the meeting, you will receive an Email with instructions on the electronic balloting process. You may leave areas blank if you are not sure who you want to vote for. It will not spoil your ballot. The new officers will be announced by the Trustees at the Christmas Banquet. Hopefully all of your Corvettes have been successfully put to bed for the winter for their return in the Spring.

Be looking out for the Christmas Banquet invitation from Jim McLaughlin. The date for that is December 9 at Indian Creek Country Club.

January 18, 2024 will be the next CRCC meeting at Pat McGraths.

Bob and I Wish all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. The new President will greet you all in 2024.

Diane Bowen
Acting President

November Birthdays

**2 Mike Williams
5 Becky Miller
Evronne Wurst
7 Mike Duckworth
15 Pat Blake
19 Lyle Knutson
21 Francis Lebeda
23 Garland Groom
26 Kathy Willenborg
27 Andrea Schindler**

November Anniversaries

**18 Al & Kathy Willenborg
24 Kyle & Fawn Shatek
Harvey & Beck Miller
25 Harold & Evonne Wurst
30 Dave & Chris Bauer**

December Birthdays

**1 Doug Blake
4 Marcia Machacek
5 Andrew Bowen
10 Dan McMurrin
12 Paul Steier
13 Jack Gilmour
14 Dianna Knutson
16 Rob Bowen
Dean McCall
17 Steve Luense
20 Larry Bushaw**

December Anniversaries

**5 Dennis & Virginia Bruster
6 John & Andrea Schindler
18 Larry & Susan Wear
24 Doug & Pat Blake
26 Mike & Malinda Finley
Paul & Jan Hildebrand**

If your name isn't listed above please let me know so I can get your name on the list

November 16, 2024 meeting Agenda:

**Welcome
Visitors, new prospective members
Good and Wellness
Vice President report
Secretaries Report
October's minutes and Approve
Treasurer's report and Approve
Governor's report: Dues?
Social Director's report
Homecoming Director's report
Historian's report
Webmaster's and Email report
Trustee-meeting attendee count
Old Business:
New Business:
Trustees present Bylaw changes
pass out ballots
Trustees count ballots and report findings
Trustees present any Standing Rule changes:
Approve them, show of hands
Nomination of officers
Any other reports or concerns
If time; any car talk;
Ie: putting Corvette away for the winter
50/50 drawing
Adjournment (by 8:00 PM)**

October 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2023

President, Diane Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 48 members present and 6 on the phone. Kyle and Dawn Doran, Reo Miller and Sharon Krambeck all were present and were voted in by membership as new members. Congratulations all! Thank you to Pat McGrath for providing food for the meeting and for JB ordering the food for the club.

Charities-

- President Diane Bowen presented checks to...

Miracles in Motion- Tess Bracker-Dorrington

Clothe a Child - Jim Arnold

Good and Wellness

- President, Diane Bowen read the October birthdays and anniversaries.

Approval of Secretaries Report-

- President, Diane Bowen asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretaries report for the October meeting. President, Diane Bowen called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by John Watertor and seconded by Bill Fletcher. The motion passed.

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card and memorial check to Tracy Moses and Jeff Voshell for the passing of Tracy's mother.

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Agnus Hammond and family for the passing of former member Albert Hammond.

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card to Carol Meyer and family for the passing of former member John Meyer.

Treasurer's Report Dennis Primrose-

- Treasurer, Dennis Primrose read the financial report and there were handouts passed out to read.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

- President, Diane Bowen called for a motion to approve the Treasurers's report.

A motion was made by Lyle Knutson and seconded by Chris Thompson.

The motion passed.

Webmaster Report Bob Bowen/Andrew Bowen-

- No report.

Vice President Report Lyle Knutson-

- No report.

Governor Report Mike Finley-

- Governor, Mike Finley reminded membership that dues were needed by October 31st. Mike also announced that waiver retention was for 5 years. Mike also

said the Corvette Convention would be in Joplin, Missouri May 13-19th, 2024.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin told the members that 27 cars participated in the annual Leaf Run. We had a great cruise with a wonderful meal at the Old Rossville Store in Waukon, Iowa. Many of us then cruised down the River Road to Guttenberg, Iowa for a visit to Joe's Pizza for ice cream.

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminded the members that October 28th is the date set for our annual Halloween Party. Bring bag chairs, side dish to share, drinks if you want something other than water, and your table setting. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be furnished for cooking on the campfire. Costumes are welcomed but not required.

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin announced the November cruise would be to Kula's It's Not Sauce in Walker, Iowa on Wednesday, November 8th. E-mail to come.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd announced that all 16 parades were completed with a total of 148 cars used. 48 members out of approximately 170 total

members drove in these parades. Thanks to all the members who helped with all these events as it is a great money maker for the club. P.S. The dining out afterwards is always a good time.

Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- No report.

E-mail Messenger Report Bob Bowen-

- No report.

Face Book Director Mike Finley-

- Face Book Director, Mike Finley reminded members only Corvette/Car posts were allowed and those that weren't related would be deleted.

Trustee's Report - Terry Primrose, Gary Thompson, John Watertor-

- Trustee's Terry Primrose, Gary Thompson, and John Watertor reported the number in attendance. Diane reported that the marked up By-Laws would be sent by e-mail for the membership to review before the November meeting. At the November meeting it will be voted on by Secret Ballot.

Old Business-

- Al Willenborg announced he had hats to sell.

- Paul Hildebrand reported for Del Winter who wasn't present that the Marion Show and Shine made a great sum for the Honor Flight Fund.

New Business -

- George Letson talked to the club of possible help with putting up flags 5 times a year for the Hiawatha Legion to make money for the club. Talk to George if interested.

- President, Diane Bowen talked about National and West Regional Scholarships. See Diane with any questions.

- President , Diane Bowen told members that at the November meeting that members could volunteer or nominate officers. There will be vacancies for President, Vice President, Trustee, and Governor.

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Marcy Machacek

- Our next meeting is November 16th, 2023 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.

- President, Diane Bowen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Dean McCall and seconded by John Schindler. The

meeting was adjourned at 7:39.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

E-Board Meeting Minutes October 30, 2023

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

E- Board Meeting

October 30, 2023

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Lyle Knutson called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Those members in attendance were as follows...

Lyle and Dianna Knutson

Dennis and Terry Primrose

Diane and Bob Bowen

Gary Thompson

Malinda and Mike Finley

Jim McLaughlin

Tracy and Sue Rudd

Absent John Watertor

The committee was asked to write on the white board with anything they wanted to talk about. Several things were written.

- By-Laws changes and suggestions

- Confidentially of things said

- Suggested a committee review of the By-Laws and Standing Rules every few years to help the Trustees.

The meeting started by going throughout the proposed By-Laws.

We agreed to the following changes.

- Left the first part of the first sentence in 2.2.

- Underlined service in 2.5

- Added another choice for 2.7, so had a 2.7a and 2.7b.

- Added 2.10

- Changed title for Article 7

- Added Article 8 with new title

- Changed 7.4 to 8.1

- Changed wording in first bullet in 8.1

- Deleted 3rd bullet

We corrected a few other minor things.

Jim and Sue were tasked for getting the changes made and submitting back to the Executive Board as quickly as possible for review.

- We talked about the unruly meetings of late and many voiced that this needs to stop. Grievances should be addressed by those involved outside of meetings or at Executive Board meetings. Our Club is meant for good will and fun so let's get back to that. Those that have personal issues with others need to work them out between themselves and not involve the rest of the club.

- Let's go forward with a better feeling of ALL and ALL get along.

Thanks to Dianna and Lyle Knutson for the coffee and cookies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd

Historian's November 2023 report:

Here it is November and we have finished another successful year of club activities. We are fortunate to have several new members this year. With homecomings over and all other large events in the books it's time to start dreaming of the Thanksgiving turkey dinner and the Christmas party. For some it will be sunshine and the beach. Either way it's our "quiet time". Our Vets are covered and kissed bye, bye for the winter with promises whispered of a really fun next summer. Let's see what has happened in the past.

In November 1973 Eleven home coming and one parade were done. Two schools were turned down due to lack of cars. One event was rained out. Many compliments were given to the club for being professional, well-mannered and well dressed. We were short cars and Duffy Schamberger and Rapids Chevrolet stepped up and allowed the use of their lot cars. A tentative list of the activities and dates planned for 1974 was in the newsletter. A Christmas Party is being planned for the Cedar Rapids Boat Club in December at a cost of \$5.00 a person.

In November of 1983 The Farmer Flings It reported that while not everyone races we all party. He requested that if anyone wanted to travel be sure to let everyone know. Traveling in the Corvettes is the best way to go!! There was a wine tasting party on November 19th. No report on who brought the best wine or if there were any left overs.

In November of 1993 Nominations officers will be held at the meeting as well as proposals to any By-laws that need changed, added or deleted. It is noted that you may receive the newsletter without a membership at a cost of \$12.00 a year. It was also noted the the primary member must be a member of NCCC because we must maintain a 51% enrollment of NCCC members.

The Farmer Flings It (Don Johnson) wrote an article on Hawkeye Downs. He wrote that he doesn't feel comfortable running events at Hawkeye Downs. His explanation is as follows: Hawkeye Downs is a great place to run for a lot of people- these events make the club good money- the club has a good turnout from guests. First of all, he didn't feel Hawkeye Downs could be made a safer place. Terry Kocher and his crew has tried every possible course out there to make it safer but the track is banked for oval racing and most Corvettes are not designed for Hawkeye Downs. With Group I "legal" tires as the rules are now (1993) two out of three cars wrecked. Our club doesn't run this event much (of 97 entries only 10 were from CRCC). There were more members that worked the event (19) than ran in it! While he admits while all the wrecks were driver error he felt bad that 3 people took their Corvettes home on a trailer instead of rubbing off some pylon paint. As Governor he will continue to

sanction the events He urged CRCC members to think about this. Our Newsletter Editor said she tried to keep the size of the newsletter down so that it still could be mailed with a 29 cent stamp. The fall leaf run was a success and ended in McGregor with many heading to the flea market.

In November of 2003 The Casey's store in Monticello was running an annual Camp Courageous benefit. Half of all proceeds of the sales go to the camp. You buy \$10.00 in gas and \$5.00 goes to the camp. The meeting was at the Light House on the 20th. Nov 25th CRCC went to Naos's for Pizza. The Halloween Party was a success with prizes given out for best costumes. Larry Beebe posted pictures on his website.

In November of 2013 Our president Mike Williams reported the November previews the cruel reality of future winter weather ahead. It's time to reflect on all the fun we had the past summer. He also wrote that he had read in one of the earlier Newsletters an article from one of the former presidents: One of the hardest parts of being President of the Club was thinking of writing the Presidents letter. You have to face the deadline of writing so many words by a specific date, sound reasonably intelligent on a monthly basis to a large group of people. Mike made his last one easy. He said "it was an honor and privilege to serve as President of the best car club in Iowa for the past two years. It was a hoot!" The monthly dinner cruise went to the Lighthouse. The club had a movie night on Nov. 22nd in the basement of St Elizabeth Church with a desert potluck. The movie was "Good Night Sam" starring Jack Lemon.

In November of 2020 We had already had a few light snowfalls. The November meeting was canceled due to the Pandemic. The November dinner was held at Teddy's barn on November 14th. It was an unusual year. We managed to get out on a few cruises. Thank goodness we had our cars. They were the best therapy for us this year.

Here's to a great Christmas party and looking forward to the New Year!!!

Your Historian,

Malinda Finley

Monthly recipe on next page

Carmel Apple Crisp

½ Cup Carmel ice cream topping (like Smuckers)

½ tsp cinnamon

6 large baking apples (like Braeburn or Cortland), peeled and cut into ½ in thick slices (about 12 cups)

2/3 Cup flour

½ Cup packed brown sugar

½ Cup cold butter cut up into small pieces

2/3 Cup quick cooking oats

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together caramel topping and cinnamon in a large bowl. Add apples until evenly coated. Spread apple mixture into a 9X13 baking dish.
2. In the same bowl stir together flour and brown sugar. Using a pastry blender or two forks cut butter into flour mixture until coarse crumbs form. Stir in oats. Crumble mixture over apples.
3. Bake until apples are tender and topping is light golden brown. (about 45 to 50 minutes)
4. Let cool 10 minutes and serve with ice cream