



Beyond the Glass

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October 2023 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

From the desk of the CRCC President Diane Bowen

Presidents desk:

The next meeting is October 19, 2023 at McGrath's Chevylard. This is a food night, we will plan to start eating at 6:15 PM. HyVee will be setting up at 6:00, so see if you can help them by providing table space and room to work. If you are there early, you can help set up the tables and chairs for the meeting. You will not need to bring your own chairs.

We will be giving our two charities (Clothes A Child and Miracles in Motion) their checks from the silent auction sales that night. I hope to give Pat and Gavin Mcgrath their thank you plaques.

The last Honor Flight goes out October 17th. Please think about coming out to the airport to welcome them home. For a lot of the veterans this is the only welcome home they will and have received.

I can't believe we are nearing the end of the year already. Our social director, Jim, has planned a nice route for us to observe the beautiful colorful leaves. The date is October 15 for the Leaf Run. There will be a stop for lunch around noon, then you can go on your own if you wish. He says this will be about a two hour drive. Make sure you sign up with him so he can give a count to the restaurant.

Also coming up will be the Halloween Party, October 28. Look for his information on that. You can wear costumes but they are not required. As always: events are sent out by Email and you can also find them on the Website. Thank you to Jim for setting up the fun and interesting trip to Marengo to the Pioneer Heritage Museum.

In November we will hold nominations for officers. Any office is open, but we definitely need a President, Vice President and Trustee. We will also need a webmaster and email messenger. You may give any officer a message if you are interested. The webmaster and email messenger are appointed offices. They are appointed at the Eboard meeting in January. Remember, you need to have been a club member for at least 12 months and be a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs to be considered for any officer positions.

If time permits, we will have our CRCC Tech Talk

REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE NOW! Check your email for the form that needs to be filled out and what you owe. Either mail it to the club PO Box or give it to Mike/Dennis at the meeting.

October Birthdays

7 Kayla Davis

11 Laura McLaughlin

14 George Letson

21 Angie Duckworth

22 Don Johnson

23 Greg Burris Tracy Rudd

24 John Baker (JB)

28 Virginia Bruster

October Anniversaries

1 Mike & Angie Duckworth

7 Thom & Janice Otto

9 John & Madeline Watertor

19 Bob & Diane Bowen

Gary & Elaine Thompson

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

October 19, 2023 meeting agenda.

**Welcome members and Guests.
Present checks to our Three charities.**

**Vote in potential new members.
Good & Wellness.**

Secretary report, review and approve the previous meeting's secretary report.

Treasurer report, review and approve the financial report.

Officers reports.

Committee report.

Old business.

New business.

50/50 drawing

Adjourn

The next meeting will be November 16, 2023

September 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
Meeting Minutes
September 21st, 2023

President, Diane Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 48 members present.

Good and Wellness

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

Approval of Secretaries Report-

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

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent get well cards to Janice Bates and Jim McLaughlin.

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 Bob Bowen and seconded by Paul Hildebrand. The motion passed.

Webmaster Report Bob Bowen/Andrew Bowen-

- No report.

Vice President Report Lyle Knutson-

- President, Diane Bowen announced that Lyle Knutson was asked to be the Vice President for the remainder of the year and was voted in by the Executive Board.

Governor Report Mike Finley-

- Governor Mike Finley was absent and Bob Bowen shared that Mike didn't attend the Governor's meeting in September.

It was also shared with members that their yearly dues are due by October 31st.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin talked about the Heritage Pioneer Museum and Lizzie's lunch cruise to Marengo, Iowa. We had a fun day and everyone enjoyed this cruise. Thanks Jim.
- Jim reminded the members of the Fall Leaf Run on October 15th. The cruise will be approximately two hours each way. We will eat at The Old Rossville Store in Waukon and it will be a buffet dinner. We will leave from the parking lot of the Marion Dupaco Credit Union diagonally across from the Marion Walmart off of Hennessey Pkwy at 10:00 AM. RSVP the email when sent.
- Jim reminded the members that October 28th is the date set for our annual Halloween Party. An email will be sent.
- Jim shared he has sent our photo to the Bowling Green coordinator that we took under our 60th Club Banner in the Corvette Museum parking lot and she hung it in her office.
- Jim reminded everyone of the Marion Show and Shine in Thomas Park on Sunday September 24, 2023 from 10:00 AM- 2:00PM.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd announced that those members doing the Prairie and Mt. Vernon parades that there would be different staging areas. Those members will receive texts with that information given.

Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- Historian, Malinda Finley was absent and it was announced that she is working with Al Willenborg to get the 60th Photos completed. It was also shared that our 60th Photo would be sent to Blue Bars but because they are behind in submissions that we shouldn't expect it to be in for a while.

E-mail Messenger Report Bob Bowen-

- No report.

Face Book Director Mike Finley-

- No report.

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

- Trustee's Terry Primrose, Gary Thompson, and John Watertor reported the number in attendance. Terry Primrose reported she was working on any updates to our club Standing Rules and By-Laws. President, Diane Bowen said they would be sent out by E-mail for club members to review and discuss at the October meeting and then voted for acceptance of any changes at the November meeting.
- Old Business-

Paul Hildebrand announced he had C7 pins if anyone wants one.

New Business -

- Bob Bowen told membership of the NCRS request to help them on May 4th, 2024 with their AutoCross.
- President, Diane Bowen told members that the October 19th meeting would be a food night and we would give our two charities their checks. She also told members that the offices of President, Vice President and 1 trustee would be available in 2024 for those interested. Diane also asked members to bring up

any car matters that people wanted to talk about. Members can talk to Paul Hildebrand for those who wish to update their C7's with upgrades.

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Pam Van Heukelom.

Our next meeting is October 19th, 2023 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevylnd.

- President, Diane Bowen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by John Van Heukelom and seconded by Tracy Rudd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

Historian's October 2023 report:

OCTOBER 2023 HISTORY REPORT

Corvettes take you to unexpected places; Love brings you home. It's almost time to start thinking about spending our last days driving to our happy places with food, ice cream and friends. It will soon be time to think about fall and the leaf runs we all enjoy so much. Any special places you want to visit?? Let the Social Director know or plan a trip for us all!!

In October of 1973 John Short reported that on Oct. 7th 20 brave Corvette drivers took their sparkling clean "machines" out into the fog and drizzle, loaded FAMILIES, games and beer mugs to follow a bent and broken green Chevelle to a beautiful clump of trees called Backbone State Park. Upon arrival in the park it was soon determined that someone of great importance and personal magnitude would have to procure a shelter for the hungry and thirsty crowd. This person was to be the one and only 'Skippy' Morrison. As soon as Skip had done his thing, they proceeded to devour 375 lbs. of brats, 600 gallons of beer and played several games of football and Frisbee. Many hours were conducted and the grass shall be greener in many spots. All in all, a wonderful day was reported and thanks was given to Steve Butterfield for a well-planned event. A good time was had by all. Apparently some girl named Karen had a better time than others!! On Oct. 21st there was a "Get It On "Speed Kahna at Lindale Mall.

In October of 1983 There was a Fun Kahna in the Harnischfeger parking lot on October 6th. The fee was \$5.00 a car. On the 23rd there was a Fun Rally Picnic starting at Town's Edge Parking lot and ending at Backbone State Park. There was a BBQ in the park. It was the CRCC 20th anniversary year.

In October 1993 There was a fall leaf run to McGregor with lunch, the festival and flea market shopping on the 10th. Homecomings were in full swing doing Linn Mar, Coe College and Mt. Vernon. Cindi Kocher wrote the 1993 history and included it in the newsletter. She commented that we are getting older and free of children so several members purchased newer Corvettes. The cost of new Corvettes has risen quite a bit and many are reluctant to race their Corvettes. With that the club events have adjusted to reflect that.

In October 2003 President Bernie Willenborg thanked everyone for all their help and support through the year. A reminder that election for officers is coming up so be thinking about an office you would like to hold was also in the newsletter. [a personal note from your current historian! I jumped in without any experience and got a lot of help from members. Don't be afraid to jump in and give running for office a try. You might

just have fun doing it!] Staff from the Braille and Sight saving school attended the October meeting. They were given a check from the proceeds of the car show. On October 18th the annual Halloween Party at

ROAD APPLE TRAILS in Midway. There was a chili dump. That is where you all bring a quart of chili and it is put into a roaster with everyone else's and then we eat!! There was also a horse drawn hay rack ride.

October 12th was the annual Fall Leaf Run leaving from Hardies in Marion going to The Barn for brunch in Prairie Du Chen.

In October of 2013 President Mike Williams reminded us that the Future of your club relies heavily on the officers that you choose. Please vote. It counts and your voice is important. CRCC gave checks to four charities at the monthly meeting. Secretary Madeline Watertor sent a get well card to Jerry Adams who had knee surgery and Carol Rohr who had been in the hospital. John Baker gave a talk about his experience in Purhump, Nevada. He was there for training and got to drive the new 2014 Corvette. Dianna Knutson let it be known that she will not be running for historian this year. The fall leaf run was October 13th and lunch was at Timmermans in East Dubuque. The 50th Anniversary celebration included a Riverboat Cruise for lunch on October 12th. 65 members attended.

In October of 2020 The Pandemic was still in full swing. Janice Bowers AKA Janice Bates was busy trying to find things to do and places to cruise to that were appropriate for the times. We had no meeting minutes to refer to and Our President Dennis Primrose took a trip to the corvette museum to pick up last years' banner. He also managed to spend a little time at Cooter's Garage in Nashville. We were trying to figure out what to do the rest of the year.

Keep on celebrating!!

Your Historian, Malinda



