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From the President's Desk:

April Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Newsletter

Hello and Brrrrrr. We have had a fair amount of discussion on the weather this past month. As I talk with members the past month, a number of folks put their "rides" on the street. Maybe this was a bad omen. Just in the past ten days, we get a snow storm dropping 7+ inches of snow on Cedar Rapids. Now we have single digit forecasts for this week. WOW, some really strange weather. All I can say is weather reporting this year has been a real challenge...... The expectation? We will move right into 80 and 90 degree weather in May......no Spring time weather? Let's hope we have some good weather for the planned Dinner Cruise on April 10th.

At the last meeting, I want to thank all of the members that joined in to help sign "Happy Birthday" to the members with March birthdays.

On March 27th, we attended a Brain Injury Alliance (BIA) evening of appreciation. The BIA staff mentioned the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club is the largest donor for their organization. Our donations are used primarily for transportation of BIA members to different events in the area. Again, the appreciation was acknowledged a couple of times in the meeting and it should be a "feel good moment" for all CRCC members.

The CRCC Car Show Committee has been actively working to be ready for June 9th. The location is planned for the Cedar Hills Community Church at E Avenue and Stoney Point Road. We have been actively contacting the community for sponsorships. We have been working on the flyers and the shirts. We have been working on the raffle. We have been working on the grounds layout. Many members are working to support this annual event. Thank you!!!!

At the April meeting, we will have an auction!!!! We have two banners up for auction. The banners were displayed at the Corvette Museum in the parking lot. We are having the auction to help defray the costs for the 2018 banner (\$425). So, if you would like to hang a CRCC banner in your garage (or living room), please help out by bidding at the meeting April 19th. If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to bid, please contact a member to represent your bid. With these two good looking banners, we should easily reach a goal of \$500 (\$250 for each banner).

Everyone should have received a letter from Camp Courageous in the past couple weeks. Registration for the May 20th car show is open. Cruisin' for Camp Courageous is one of Iowa's largest charity car shows. Presented by the Cedar Valley Street Rods, this annual event attracts hundreds of cars from across the country. Let's see if we can be the "top organization" again this year. (We won by two registrations last year.) Your donation is appreciated. Go to

http://www.campcourageous.org/?page_id=759 to register. As a side note, Wayne and I met up with Charlie Becker at the BIA event. He is a dynamic leader and has worked with Camp Courageous for 38 years!!

Please take a look at the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club website for updated pictures and planned activities. Larry continues to receive and post updates. The recent updates keep us up to date on member activities. Thanks to Larry for keeping the site current.

Hope everyone is enjoying the start of the year. Please keep our members in our thoughts and prayers and for those who are having challenges. Be safe out there.

Regards, Geof

President

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club March 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Geof Knoerzer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

President Geof Knoerzer welcomed and thanked members and our guest for coming to the 2018 March meeting. There were 38 members and one guest (Harvey Miller) in attendance.

Good and Wellness:

President Geof Knoerzer read the list of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March.

President Geof Knoerzer read the following notes:

Thank you from Dennis and Virginia Bruster for cards and thoughtfulness during the loss of Dennis' sister.

Thank you from Chuck and Kim Buckingham for the club's memorial to Pathways for the passing of Chuck's mother.

The Eastern Iowa Brain Injury Alliance celebration will be Tuesday, March 27^{th} , from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Hallagan Education Center, Mercy Hospital.

Camp Courageous called Geof today to thank us for our support of the camp.

Approval of Secretary's Report

President Geof Knoerzer asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the February 2018 meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and was seconded by Chris Thompson to approve the February 2018 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Secretary Lori Brendes - reported that she sent cards to:

Jeff Deploy received a get-well card for an infection he had been battling. Hy-Vee received a thank you card for the fund raising opportunity of delivering flowers.

Terry Kocher received a get-well card for an infection.

David Ster received a sympathy card and memorial for the passing of his father.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Larry Bushaw presented the March financial report. He also reported that he filled out the club taxes. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the March financial report as presented. A motion was made by Karla McMurrin and was seconded by Malinda Finley to approve the March financial report as presented. The motion passed.

Webmaster Larry Bushaw – reported that the calendar is filling up with activities.

Vice President Diane Bowen – not present. No report.

Governor Garland Groom - shared that the new waiver sheet has more lines both on the front and back so we will only need one form for a function. The next Governor's meeting is May 4^{th} and 5^{th} .

Competition Director Mike Finley – reported that he is working on hotels for the Autocross. He is also working on organizing workers for the event.

Social Director Del Winter – reported that there were 30 people that attended the

March dinner at Zeppelins on Tuesday, March 13th.

The April dinner will be on Tuesday, April 10th at Whitey's in Lisbon. We will leave from the Marion Walmart at 5:30.

Sunday, May 20th is the Camp Courageous Car Show. Del is thinking about setting up a dinner after the show.

Hy-Vee would like for us to have a Show and Shine on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in their parking lot. Del asked if people were interested in attending this opportunity. We could have a free will donation for the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd – not present.

Historian Sue Rudd – not present.

Email Messenger Bob Bowen – not present. Members are reminded to let him know about any new email addresses. Also remember to reply to the correct person instead of the CRCC email messenger.

Trustees report - shared the count for the evening meeting.

Car Show Committee – Dick reported that he has been working on the Major Sponsors. We lost two sponsors, but picked up a new sponsor - Global Industrial. If anyone knows of any business that we could get to be a sponsor, please let Dick know. Dick will be getting the workers list out soon.

Randy Sanders shared that we will have three raffle packages:

Romance Package for Two (including hotel stay, dinner at Biaggi's, an Edible Arrangement, Wine House gift basket, and a couple's massage at Massage Envy).

Night on the Town Package (movie gift card, dinner at Granite City, couple massage, and six person wine tasting).
\$100 gift card.

Old Business -

We are continuing to work on a picture directory. We would like people to take pictures of themselves and their car for the directory.

Chris has badges for the number of years in the club. If you haven't given him your number of years in the club please do so to get your badge.

Chris Thompson has the museum banner from last year. Our next food night (April Meeting) we will raffle off the banner.

The April 2018 Honor Flight (CRCC sponsored) will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The meeting is Sunday, March 25 at Kirkwood.

New Business –

Future Banner – at the April meeting we will vote on whether we want to have a new banner put up at the museum or put that money towards a charity.

Treasurer Larry Bushaw announced the 50/50 amount.

The 50/50 drawing winner was: John Stutzman.

President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Malinda Finley and seconded by Dave Bauer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next CRCC monthly meeting will be Thursday, April 19th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. This is a FOOD NIGHT!

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Lori Brendes