

December 2022 is here and we are now reflecting on what an amazing year it has been personally and with our CRCC friends.

Last year we asked John Krob to provide entertainment for our annual Christmas party at the Indian Creek Country Club. John did an amazing job and it was much appreciated. Indian Creek Country Club always does such a nice job with our drinks and dinner too !

In February while we were waiting to get the Corvettes out for the summer Al Willenborg was working on the "Crusin the Ave" car show held in June and Mike Finley was working on the Auto Cross held in July.

Both events were a success. Many club members stepped up to the challenge of helping to put both events on. Thanks to all.

In March some special badges were given out. Bob Bowen has 55 years in the club ! Rob Bowen has 30. Orlyn Brunssen and John Dolphin also have 30 years. Dan and Karla McMurrin have 25 years, Larry and Marjorie Bushaw have 15 years. Tracy and Sue Rudd have 10 years. Chuck Buckingham became the very first National Corvette Museum Ambassador. Chuck has had some health issues this year and even through all the ups and downs he has never missed a beat !! We have never gone without a museum report !! Certainly picked the right guy for the job ! In April we had the first of four honor flights with the last one delayed a couple of weeks because of mechanical problems. Geoff Knoerzer, Lori Brendes, Bob and Diane Bowen spent many hours in the Mike Finley garage learning the auto cross timing program. They even learned to go to the refrigerator and get their own water and pop !

In June we were really busy. There was the the car show where Kathy Adams and Malinda Finley did their usual 50/50 sales job. When Randy Sanders asked how much the tickets were Malinda Finley said twenty bucks. Randy handed her twenty bucks ! Later somebody told Randy they started at six for five bucks. I guess Malinda forgot to tell him the rest of the sales pitch since he handed her the money so

fast. All ended well! Randy won the 50/50 and went home with \$300.00. Now the rest of the story. Randy got new golf clubs ! Since he's our official "Golf Outing Guru" they will be put to good use ! We went on a dinner cruise to Gunder and Terry Primrose set up a Kernels game night with 49 of the 50 tickets used.

Along comes July and the Auto Cross. All the testing and trials on the equipment paid off with everything going smoothly. There were so many volunteers that even the racers were impressed enough to call the headquarters to tell them what a great job we did and what a great time they had ! Great job and many thanks to you all.

In August Jan Gilmour was given her 20 year badge. We had our annual BBQ at the Midway park with our personal chefs Dan Colby, Jim McLaughlin, John Dolphin doing the cooking. Great side dishes too! Our trip to Cedar Rock was a lot of fun and Frank Lloyd Wright had some pretty cool ideas. Always fun to spend time doing different things with the club.

In September Harold Wurst Planned a dinner cruise to Davenport. It didn't rain it poured ! Tracy and Sue Rudd had the homecomings running smoothly and there were no rain outs. In October we lost 54 year member Cindi Kocher on the 23rd. Halloween was her favorite time of year. She always dressed up as Zelda the Witch. Cindi's service was on Friday and being the ultimate party planner Cindi had arranged to have flowers sent to our Midway fall picnic on Saturday. She will be missed for sure !

The leaf run was a success with one exception. Mike drove TOO SLOW!! He promises to plan one next year and he will drive faster ! We did pay Chuck a drive by stop in the yard to visit while he's home recovering from surgery. We followed that up with lunch at the Angle Inn. In November we once again did what we do best and went on a drive by cruise for someone who loves classic cars and is in hospice. Our membership is still strong and we have had some new members join this year. Here's to more future fun !

Merry Christmas, Your Historian, Malinda Finley