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January 2019 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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From the President's Desk



Happy New Year.

We are starting another year with interesting weather. It has been so warm in December that I took the car out for a “quick” spin. It felt good!!! Let’s hope for warmer weather to make our “Snow Bird” members feel a little jealous (just joking).

The first couple months seem to be “slow” in club activities. However, in the background, we have already started planning for Valentine’s Day flower delivery (February 13-14), the Car Show (June 8th), the Autocross (July 27-28) and the Food Drive (August 17th).

CRCC Valentine’s Day Flowers

We have been asked to help with flower delivery for Hy-Vee Wilson Avenue this year. This was a fun time delivering flowers to folks and seeing smiles on their faces. This is also a fund raising activity for the club charitable donations. Keep the February 13th-14th dates on your calendar if you would like to help. More to follow as the plans develop.

CRCC Copyright Certificate

We received some good news in December. There was a story of a corvette club having a problem with ownership of a long used name for their event. This got us to thinking that we have “Cruisin the Ave” as a name for our car show and we are known for this event in the community. In July, we submitted the paperwork for copyright of the name. In December, we received our certificate recognizing the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club authorship of the name “Cruisin the Ave”. We will start using the copyright on club event publications.

CRCC Officers for 2019

The election results were provided at the Christmas Party in December. The CRCC website has been updated with the 2019 Officers and contact information.

CRCC 2019 Cruise Activities

If any club member has an idea for a club cruise event, please contact John Stutzman and share your thoughts. John will be coordinating the activities this year as Social Director. (Thanks John).

CRCC 2019 Car Show

Bernie and I have met to begin planning the car show for this year. We will need some help with planning and coordinating different show activities. We are planning a meeting in January to start organizing our thoughts, ideas and plans. We have some big shoes to fill with Dick and Wayne transitioning off as our coordinators. (thank you Dick and Wayne for the past efforts to coordinate the show).

CRCC Website and Facebook

Please take a look at the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club website and Facebook page for updated pictures and planned activities. Larry continues to receive and post updates to the website. The recent updates keep us up to date on member activities. Thanks to Larry for keeping the club website current with pictures and notations. We have also added the club activities to the FB page under “events”.

See you at the January 17th meeting.

Be safe out there.

Geof

President

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

November 15, 2018

President Geof Knoerzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

President Geof Knoerzer welcomed and thanked members for coming to the 2018 November meeting. There were 48 members in attendance.

President Geof Knoerzer read the following letters received:

- Janice Elm and Family sent a thank you for the memorial for Jerry’s passing.
- Jim Arnold, from Clothe-a-Child sent a thank you for the club’s donation and support helping local children.
- Catherine McAuley Center sent a thank you for the club’s donation.
- Miracles in Motion sent a thank you for the club’s donation.

Good and Wellness :

President Geof Knoerzer read the list of members celebrating birthdays during the month of November.

Approval of Secretary’s Report

President Geof Knoerzer asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the October 2018 meeting as presented. **A motion was made by Marie Kann and was seconded by Chris Thompson to approve the October 2018 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.**

Secretary Lori Brendes – no report

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – not present

Vice President Diane Bowen presented the November financial report. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the November financial report as presented. **A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and was seconded by Lyle Knutson to approve the November financial report as presented. The motion passed.**

Webmaster Larry Bushaw – not present. No report

Vice President Diane Bowen –

Please submit Minutes and articles to Vice President Diane Bowen by Friday, November 30th. The monthly President's message, minutes and any other information can be accessed on the club website.

West Region Banquet is Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Echo Valley Country Club in Des Moines. The time is not set yet but it will be in the afternoon. The plated lunch will cost \$25. Our club is hosting this year. Diane would like some ideas for centerpieces and she could use any gifts that you would like to donate for door prizes.

Governor Garland Groom – not present.

Competition Director Mike Finley – no report

Social Director Del Winter –

- The Christmas Party is December 8th at the Indian Creek Country Club. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM. Billy Heller; a musician will play from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd –

- Tracy Rudd thanked everyone involved in the Homecoming Parades. We filled all 19 Homecoming Parades with 190 cars being used, and we didn't have any canceled.
- University of Iowa sent a thank you for the additional cars.

Historian Sue Rudd – no report

Email Messenger Bob Bowen –

Members are reminded to let Bob know about any new email addresses. Also remember to reply to the correct person instead of the CRCC email messenger. Make sure you check your spam folder if you aren't getting CRCC messages. Flag it as not spam and add CRCC emails to your contact list.

Trustees report - shared the count for the evening meeting.

Old Business –

New Business –

Elections - we will prepare the ballots to be sent out in November. Ballot must be mailed by November 28th. Election results will be announced at the December Christmas Party.

Nominations for CRCC Officer Positions:

- **1) President** – Geof Knoerzer
- **2) Vice President** – Dave Fellmet
- **3) Secretary** – Madeline Watertor

- **4) Treasurer** - Larry Bushaw
- **5) Social Dir.** -
- **6) Homecoming Dir.** - Tracy Rudd
- **7) Historian** - Sue Rudd
- **8) CRCC West Region Gov.** - Garland Groom
- **9) Competition Dir.** - Mike Finley
- **10) 1st Year Trustee** – Terry Primrose

Vice President Diane Bowen announced the 50/50 amount.
The 50/50 drawing winner was: Chris Thompson

President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Terry Primrose and seconded by Malinda Finley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

The next CRCC monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Lori Brendes

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2019

6:55... Last call for 50/50. Welcome everyone! My name is Geof Knoerzer and I would like to call to order the *January* meeting of the CRCC.

1. Do we have any guests or new member candidates tonight? Car? Color? New members will need to see Garland Groom (registration.), Bob Bowen (email), Sue Rudd (club photo)
2. Trustees, please take a count of the attendance.
3. Good and Wellness: New arrivals... cars, grandkids. Retirement? Any notable trips?
Wellness...
January Birthdays...

(Read any mail if applicable)

**** A General Reminder: When called upon to make a motion or second a motion, we will state our name loudly to help the President identify you and help the Secretary to record your name in the minutes.***

5. Does anyone have any corrections or additions to the minutes of the *November* meeting as reported by Secretary Lori and published in the *January* Newsletter edition of Messages and Minutes?

Do I have a motion to approve the *November* minutes? -- Second? -- all in favor

6. Secretary's report: (Madeline Watertor)
7. Treasurer's report: (Larry Bushaw) motion to accept? -- Second? -- all in favor
 - Membership report
8. Webmaster report: (Larry Bushaw)
9. Vice President's report: (Dave Fellmet)
10. Governor's report: (Garland Groom)
11. Competition Director's report: (Mike Finley)
12. Social Director's report: (John Stutzman)
 - Presentation of ideas for 2019 club activities.
13. Homecoming Director's report: (Tracy Rudd)
14. Historian's report: (Sue Rudd)
15. E-mail Messenger: (Bob Bowen)
16. Trustees report: Attendance (Jim McLaughlin, Dennis Primrose, Diane Bowen)
17. Old business...
18. New business...
 - Elections. We have a proposal to change the balloting for elections. There is a separate outline of the time, effort and cost to conduct elections. We will use the 2018 election as a basis of comparison. The proposed election process is to use a hosted election system (ElectionBuddy) to conduct the elections for 2019. More details are in the handout and in the newsletter.
 - Car show update. Sponsors (Bernie), raffle (Randy), registration (Chris), silent auction (Marie), etc. The first planning meeting is scheduled for January 24th to start the car show planning for 2019.
 - Valentine Day flower delivery with Hy-Vee Wilson Avenue store on February 13-14.
19. 50/50 Drawing this month.....
20. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.
21. Is there a Motion for Adjournment? ...Second? ...All in favor

Proposed changes to the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Elections

During the elections of 2018, there are noticeable improvements which we can take advantage of in conducting our elections. The current process requires hours of member's time to format the ballot, print the ballots, fold and stuff the envelopes, affix preprinted address labels to the envelopes, stuff a return envelope and mail the ballots to members.

In 2018, we printed over 200+ ballots to mail to the members. We received 113 ballots in the mail.

The estimated time for ballot processing is as follows:

- Format the ballot (1-2 hours)
- Print the ballots on color paper stock (2 hours) (Paper and ink costs)
- Fold and stuff the mailing with the ballot(2) and return envelope and affix the mailing address label and postage (6-8 hours) (Envelope costs, postage costs of \$75.00)
- Receive the mail and ballot counting (4-6 hours)

The hard and soft costs for the current balloting process involves paper cost (\$25.00), mailing envelope costs (2 envelopes per mailing \$25.00), member postage costs (\$35.00), club mailing costs (\$75.00) for a estimated total of ~\$160.00. Manpower of 13-18 hours (maybe more).

The proposal is to move to a hosted election system that handles the election process. I set up a demo on the ElectionBuddy site (<http://electionbuddy.com>) in 20-30 minutes, sent 5 ballots (via email) to members and had the results back in 2 hours. It was easy to set up the elected positions and load the email addresses for voting.

The system is secure and only allows one vote (per email address). The results are posted on a dashboard and computed electronically. If a person cannot vote, there is a "proxy" feature that allows the member to forward the ballot to another email for assistance in voting. Write in candidates are an option for the ballot.

Overall, this would save time and money to the club in handling the election process in this new manner. The cost for the election is \$19.00.

There are other options on the hosted site but I only looked at the election process for the club.

ElectionBuddy's Online Voting Methods and Process

ElectionBuddy setup is straightforward and fast, and voting and sharing results is just as easy. But don't let the simplicity fool you, ElectionBuddy can handle complex ballots and voting needs too!

Details > Ballot > Notice > Voters > Review > Pay > Results

To begin, start by answering questions about your election.

Information

Election Title

Organization

Edit + New

Shared with voters on ballots and election results

Primary Election Administrator

Edit

Ballots will include name and email to facilitate voter questions

This is a test election

Try all the features by creating a free sample election with up to 5 voters

Step 1: Setup

Add election details

Enter your election name, dates and settings

Design your ballot and notices

Add positions, candidates and questions with photos and bios and personalize the email, text and paper notices

Add your voter list

Pull lists from Excel or your contact manager



RightLabs Inc.
Board of Directors Election

Executive Board

Select exactly 2 of 6 candidates or choose abstain to vote for none of the candidates.

Candidate	
Robert Clarke	<input type="checkbox"/>
Betty Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

Step 2: Vote

One vote per voter the way they want to vote

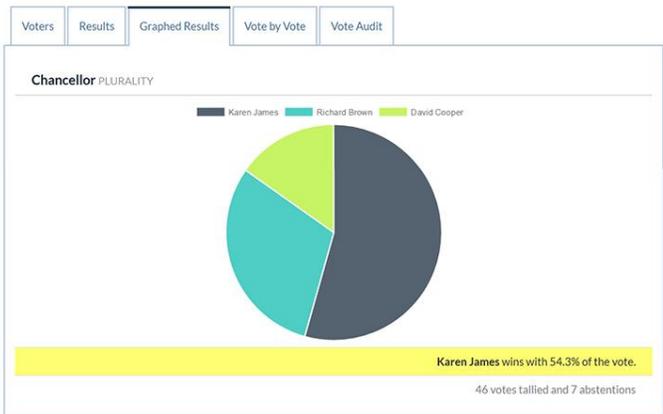
Voters are notified by email, text message, mail or any way you want. Voters click to vote on their computer or phone.

Voting is anonymous

Choices are confidential and can't be seen by other voters

Increase turnout and monitor receipt

Send reminders and resend bounced notices



Step 3: Results

Results are automatically tabulated

View voter summaries, graphs and vote by vote results

Select the winner

Winners are automatically picked or tabulate the results yourself

Share the results

Automatically notify each voter and publish the results to your webpage. Or keep them private - it's up to you!

ElectionBuddy System Advantages

Improve voter turnout

Notify voters through email, mail, text message or with your own systems. Receive undeliverable notice alerts and schedule reminders. Voters vote by phone, computer, mail or in person.

Voting integrity

Voter can only vote once and voting choices remain anonymous. Each ballot has one, secure voting key and the vote is auditable, verifiable and can be independently observed.

Every type of vote

Ballots are configurable to manage [candidate elections](#), [board positions](#), [contract ratifications](#), [bylaw amendments](#), [budget approvals](#), [acclamations](#), [motions](#) and [member polls](#).

Simply automated

Complete [setup in 3 steps](#) with extensive online help and email support - spend your time monitoring, not counting. Or engage our experts for dedicated assistance or independent election oversight.

Fast results

Winners are immediately calculated using [first past the post](#), [cumulative voting](#), [preferential ballot](#), [STV](#) [Single transferable vote](#) or [approval voting](#). You can tabulate results yourself too!

Election security

256-bit encryption used to safeguard your vote — the same security as major banks. And we don't share or use voter data — your elections stay private for both you and your voters.

Frequently Asked Questions

When and how do I pay?

Create your free account, test as much as you'd like, and then build your full election — you only pay when you're ready to start it. Payments are made by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express) via our secure payment-processing software, Stripe. This keeps our costs down, so we can pass the savings onto you!

I have 500 members in my organization, but only about 200 of them vote. How many voters do I pay for?

ElectionBuddy pricing is based on the number of voters who are eligible to vote (i.e. your total membership list) because notices are sent and bounce-backs are tracked for your full list. So, you would pay for the 500 who can vote.

Does anything other than voter list size impact pricing?

The features that you use in your election setup, along with your voter list size, determine your election cost. For example, if you have 200 voters, but want to use Advanced Notice Customization, your election would cost \$89.00. The number of questions you have on your ballot does not impact your pricing — ask your voters as many questions as you'd like!

What level of support is included?

Email support is included for all elections. Email and phone support is included with our Dedicated Assistance and Fully Managed services. Please see our [Services](#) page for more details!

Basic Pricing

Up to 350 Voters
\$19USD per election

Free

Multiple Voting Methods
Random Ordering
Candidate Bios and Photos
Write-ins and Abstentions
Email Voting
Customizable Notices
Knowledge Base Support

Basic - Everything in Free, plus

Weighted Voting
Advanced Ballot Customization
1 Reminder
Branded Ballot
Email Support