

NRL Reporter

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Northern Rays Ltd. (NRL) is a sanctioned club of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). Its members are dedicated to the preservation and competition of the Chevrolet Corvette.

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**Real Time Sports
1120 W. Devon Ave.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

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- 1) Be a Corvette Enthusiast at the time of Application.
- 2) Be at least 18 years old
- 3) Submitted the first year's NRL/NCCC New Member dues of \$75 Single/\$125 Couple, which includes an NRL club shirt. All members will also receive an NCCC membership card.
- 4) NRL/NCCC Renewal dues are \$45 Single/\$75 Couple.

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From the Office of the President

December 2024



Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now onto December which has so many different celebrations. Whichever ones you celebrate, I hope they are filled with joy, fun, and fellowship.

Last meeting was our elections for our 2025 officers. Congrats and a big thank you for volunteering to run our great organization. The elected 2025 officers are, Fred Marano-President, Tim Bruin-Vice President, Dan Wagner-Governor & Competition, Cindy Barbera-Secretary, Mike Baumer-Treasurer, Ed Frost-Membership, Ed Wodniakowski & Santo Scafide-Sergeant at Arms.

On November 23rd Ed & Sue Frost hosted an afternoon of bowling at Bowlero in Roselle. Followed by dinner at Tony Spavone's Ristorante down the street. I wasn't able to attend, but I can't wait to hear about it at our December meeting.

With this being my last President's letter, I personally want to thank everyone for working with me the past four years. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President. Please continue to support our awesome club & the new officers.



Hope you can join us for our next membership meeting on December 10th, 2024 at Real Time Sports in Elk Grove Village, IL. Pizza at 7, meeting starts at 7:30. Don't forget to bring a white elephant gift for our gift exchange, wear your festive attire, and for anyone that can share/bake Christmas cookies, that would be awesome!

Until then.....

Happy Motoring and remember to Save the Wave.

Diane Wagner

President 2021-2024

Northern Rays LTD.



Northern Rays Corvette Club General Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
By: Cindy Barbera

Meeting Location - Real Time Sports, Elk Grove Village, IL
- Pizza was served at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Diane Wagner

President's Report – Diane Wagner – Lasts month's meeting minutes were reviewed with a motion for approval by Fred Marano and Santo.

Get well wishes to Terri W. and Vern.

- Officer Nominations approved by Cindy Barbera. Elected Officers are: **President**- Fred Marano – **Vice President** - Tim Bruin – **Treasurer** – Mike Baumer - **Governor** Dan Wagner – **Secretary** – Cindy Barbera – **Competition** – Dan Wagner – **Public Relations** – Chris Strohm – **Membership** – Ed Frost – **Sargent at Arms** – Santo and Ed W – **Publications** – Open.

Emergency board meeting called to discuss an interim Treasurer – Mike Baumer.

Event held this past month:

- 10/12 Fall Poker Run / River Boat Cruise Oregon, IL – It was a beautiful fall drive and a fun boat ride down the Rock River on the paddle boat. Tim Bruin had the best hand in poker and Diane Wagner was the loser and shared her winnings at Dairy Queen.
- 10/19 – 10/21 – Crystal Lake last Midwest autocross NRL sponsored event. Raised \$925.00 for the club

Vice President's Report – Fred Marano –

- One November Birthday – Pat Lopardo
- Upcoming outings:
 - 11/9/24 Governors Meeting
 - 11/23/24 Bowling at Bowlero and dinner at Spavones Ristorante Roselle
 - 12/7/24 Christmas Party at Villaggio Ristorante
 - 12/10/24 NRL Christmas meeting - White Elephant Exchange – Christmas Attire – Christmas cookies to share.

Parliamentarian Report: - Linda Fairlamb – Resigned as Parliamentarian as of 11/12/24.

Governor's Report – Dan Wagner – Registration will start on 2/1/2025 for the National Meeting in the Wisconsin Dells. 2026 meeting site will be in Buffalo New York. Deb Murphy won the election for president and Linda Fairlamb for treasurer.

Secretary Report – Cindy Barbera - Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report –Linda Fairlamb – Resigned as Treasurer as of 11/12/24.

Competition Report – Midwest Region overall standings are Linda Fairlamb – First Place – Diane Wagner – Second Place – Sue Marano has 200 points. Dan Wagner is in 5th place, Fred is in 10th place and Chris Strohm is in 20th place..

Public Relations Report – Elizabeth Ball – Nothing to report and will not be rejoining the club next year.

Membership Report – Ed Frost – Final count for Christmas party due 11/30/24. Sue Marano will arrange table centerpieces. Need volunteers for games.

Publications Report – Pat Lopardo – Nothing to report. Will not be rejoining the club next year.

Web Master Report – Pat Lopardo – nothing to report. Will not be rejoining the club next year.

Sergeant at Arms Report – Santo S. & Ed W. – Four Corvettes

Historian Report – Vern Fagerberg – Absent

- 10 min. brake:

Raffle Prizes

Gift Basket – Corvette Quarterly – Car care kit - vintage corvette shirts - \$25.00 Binnys Gift Card.

Winner this week for the 50/50:

- Linda Dunlap won the 50/50 Cash Prize.

Your contributions and ticket purchases support NRL and our pizza sharing at each meeting. Thank You!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. motion by Fred and second by Ed W..

Next Meeting December 10, 2024



*Deb Murphy - NCCC
President*

NCCC President's Message

December 2024

I am certainly properly stuffed with turkey and fixin's, had a couple of naps and watched enough football, I am ready for the rest of the Holiday!

I want to thank you for electing me for another term as President. I will try to finish some of the issues that were addressed over the past 2 years - mostly financial. I also want to congratulate the following new officers: VP of Membership, Sandy Arnold: Treasurer, Linda Fairlamb: Parliamentarian, George Duncan and Public Relations Director, Jeff Bruggeman. I am looking forward to working with this new board.

I also want to thank Stephen Johnson, Tammy DeWitt, Denny Luther and Craig Kamradt for their service. I know they will be ready to help the new officers when needed.

We also had a presentation for the 2026 Convention in Syracuse NY by Debbie and Ray Schafer. The convention was voted in so Debbie Shafer and Chuck Heretta will be the Directors. We are looking forward to the updates in the coming year.

We had an update on the 2025 Wisconsin Dells convention activities. The details are on the website. Be sure to take a look before registration opens. Joan Thomas and Tim Wood are the Directors.

REMINDER INFORMATION: To make your reservation in our room block for the national meetings, you need to go to our website under Meetings where 2025 Sheraton Reservation bullet is. You cannot use the Sheraton regular reservation site on the website to get into our block. ALSO – you need to make your reservation at least **3 weeks** prior to the meeting date. There is also a tab if you need assistance from the Sgt at Arms.

ANOTHER REMINDER: Membership dues need to be in by Dec. 15 for renewals! It seems to be a little slow this year so just wanted to let you know that after the 15th, it will cost \$10 more.

I am gearing up for the year end board meeting at the National Corvette Museum. Also if your club does not have an Ambassador, check out the tab on the NCM website. There is a power point with the information shared at the Ambassador Boot Camp. Take a look there is news about new opportunities.

That's enough from me! Happy Holidays!

Deb Murphy
NCCC President



Dear Members of the Northern Ray's Corvette Club,

It is with a mix of gratitude and nostalgia that I write to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving as your newsletter editor since April 2008 and as your President from 2010 to 2020. It has been an honor to contribute to such a remarkable club and to share in the passion for Corvettes that unites us all.

I am equally proud to have created the NRL website in 2009, and again in 2023. This platform has fostered connections and shared experiences among our members. Sue, as the Secretary and then Vice President from 2009 to 2020, enjoyed organizing events and sharing event photo updates in the Reporter and on the website - ensuring that our digital footprint remained current and vibrant.

As we step away from NRL, we will miss the camaraderie and shared experiences that have enriched our lives. Thank you all for your support over the years.

Keep Saving the Wave,

Pat and Sue Lopardo

Results of NRL Elections for Calendar Year 2025

Officer/Position:	Winners of Elections:
President	Fred Marano
Vice President	Tim Bruin
Secretary	Cindy Barbera
Treasurer (2 year term)	Mike Baumer
NCCC Governor	Dan Wagner
Director of Competition	Dan Wagner
Membership Director	Ed Frost
Publication Director	Open
Director of Public Relations	Chris Strohm
Sergeant At Arms (2 positions)	Ed Wodniakowski Santo Scafide

Merry Christmas



December 2024 Birthdays

John Baldacci *December 2nd*

Cindy Barbera *December 2nd*

Sherri Davis *December 6th*

Carol Lenz *December 8th*

Katy Baumer *December 11th*

Leann Elliot *December 12th*

Linda Fairlamb *December 24th*



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Planning!
General Raffle Donors — 2024 NRL Meetings

Sign Up Today & Thank You!
 Your contributions help us share the fun and also enjoy Pizza at each
meeting.

January	Santo & Kim S.	Linda D.	Fred & Elaine M.
February	Mark & Cindy B.	Fred & Sue M.	Tom & Leann
March	Dan & Diane W.	Tom & Leann	Fred & Elaine M.
April	Fred & Elaine M.	Ed & Sue F.	
May	Ed & Terry W.	Santo & Kim S.	Linda D.
June	Tim & Rose B.	Linda F.	Joe & Lori J.
July	Mike & Katy B.	Pat & Sue L.	Dan & Diane W
August	Fred & Sue M.	Elizabeth B.	Tim & Rose B.
September	Ed & Terry W.	Linda D.	Tom & Leann
October	Linda F.	Elizabeth B.	Tom & Leann
November	Mike P.	Ed & Sue F.	Kim & Santo S.
<i>December – Special Holiday Meeting</i>			

Thank you for all your Support!





The Convention Directors and the Midwest Region invite you to join us in the Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton area in the beautiful state of Wisconsin for the 66th Annual NCCC Convention August 17–22, 2025. See you there! Online Registration opens on February 1, 2025.



The Scenic Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton area is an exciting and beautiful resort area to gather for partying as well as sightseeing, driving unique roads and exploring everything the area has to offer. Wisconsin Dells is the Water Park Capital of the World and so much more!



Wisconsin Dells is about an hour north of Madison, WI. There is plenty to see and do in the Dells and even more throughout the surrounding area. The Host Hotel will be The Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center conveniently located for all activities just off I-90/94 at Exit 92.

The Room Rate at The Kalahari will be \$156.03 including taxes and free parking. There will not be a daily resort fee. Guests will have free entry to the Tom Foolery Amusement Park as well as free use of their Indoor and Outdoor Water Parks. Entertainment, Parties and both Hosted Bus Tours and Self Guided Tours are in the planning stages. Competitive Events are being planned for 2 Rallyes, 3 Drags, PC Car Show, Concours d'Elegance, Funkhana, Autocross, High Speed (not Time Trials), Scavenger Hunt, Valve Cover Races and Overall Competitor Competitions.

To save travel time, both Speed Events will be run on Tuesday (the 19th) swapping tracks around noon. Planning for the Autocross and High Speed Events is focusing on making it possible to give all competitors 3 (maybe 4) runs.



America's Park of Speed
Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com



Autocross will be run on the Briggs & Stratton 8/10 mile Motorplex shown above and with an X inside the Racetrack

High Speed will run on the 4.1 Mile Racetrack

All 3 Drag events will be held on Thursday (the 21st) at the Rock Falls Raceway just south of Eau Claire, WI. It is a little ways to drive (mostly along I-90 and I-94) but so worth it to drag on an NHRA ¼ Mile track that is so clean, well maintained and professionally staffed!



www.rockfallsraceway.com



December Drink of the Month

By: Pat Lopardo



Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer

Ingredients

- **1 1/4 oz. Light Rum**
- **1 1/2 oz. Lemon Juice**
- **1/2 oz. Grenadine**

Mix the light rum, lemon juice, and grenadine. Add the ice cubes and fill to your own taste with Cranberry juice. Add a wedge of lemon on your glass and voila!

Enjoy!

Trivia

November

Trivia **Answer**

What was the first year you could get a double overhead camshaft in a Corvette?



1990

Hint: The World Series was won by Cincinnati

Our Meeting Place



Real Time Sports bar located in Elk Grove Village is a sports bar like you have never seen before. With 50 HD TVs and a 20 foot jumbo screen, we offer all sports games minute by minute. Unbelievable food and awesome drink specials keep our customers coming back for more. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Real Time Sports Bar
Tel: 847-534-5000
1120 W Devon Ave
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

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