



# Glass Reflections

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### President's Message

The first thing that I want to remind members of is to make sure to check your emails to see if there might be a change to the status of meetings and events being cancelled or rescheduled. The board of directors will try to make a decision by at least 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting or event on the status because of the weather conditions. THANKS FOR EVERYONE'S HELP ON THIS MATTER!!!

We hope that all of our members had a fun and safe holiday season. There were definitely weather problems for the Christmas weekend, but it was really nice that I did not have to get out in it to plow snow. This is another chapter in My Life that I will miss dearly.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK Ken and Nancy Guyette, Tom and Linda McKinley, and Linda Ogle for all of their hard work to make this Christmas Party/Banquet a great success. We will be looking for some members to step forward to help out with this great event next year, as the current committee is wanting to take a break. If you might want to help with this event, please contact one of the board of directors or come forward at a meeting. THANKS IN ADVANCE.

THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

This is that time of the year that we will try to maybe do a Dinner and a Movie on the spur of the moment. We have to watch the weather and get a place to have dinner. Make sure your email and phone numbers are current on our rosters. If you have a change of either of these items you can email me at [dug.hanner@gmail.com](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call me at 217-369-5868.

We are still looking for a member to take over the Club's website. Steve Tribble is wanting to stepdown as the webmaster. If any member would like to help the Club out with this position, please get in touch with me. The car season is really about over for this year, but if any members hear of a car show/display or cruise-in for 2023 you can email me at [dug.hanner@gmail.com](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call (217) 369-5868. You can also get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. You can always add events to the Club's website [www.ccofi.org](http://www.ccofi.org). Steve Tribble does a great job of keeping the website up to date for all members to keep in the know. If you have any flyers from other shows and events, bring them to the meeting or email them to Steve Tribble ([s.tribble@frontier.com](mailto:s.tribble@frontier.com)). New ideas or events can be talked about at any meeting, or just get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. THANKS STEVE!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
January 10, 2023  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag  
and bring a chair**

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**Minutes of November 8, 2022**

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., 38 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members**

None

**Members with a new or different car – color and year**

Roger & Aly Jackson – 2006 White Convertible

**Good and Welfare**

Steve Mechling had knee surgery and is doing well.  
Dan McKenzie is staying the same. His appetite is good.

**Officer Elections**

The slate of officers was established at the October Meeting. There were no challenges to any of the Board or Trustee positions. The Board is as follows: President – Doug Hanner; Vice President – Barry Wagner; Governor – Tom McKinley; Treasurer – Brenda Croxton; Secretary – Debby Wagner. Board of Trustee (3 Year Term) – Aly Jackson. Entertained a motion that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion made by Jackie Heck, seconded by George Dick. Motion carried.

**Secretary report:** Debby Wagner

George Dick made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Joyce Cryer. Motion carried.

**Treasurer report:** Brenda Croxton

JR Longsdorf made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Linda Ogle. Motion carried.

**Governors Report:** Tom McKinley

We have paid NCCC dues for 2023  
As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will lose 31 members. At present, we have 179 members.

**Trustees:**

Nothing to report.

**Report of club support groups and standing committees****Communications:**

Jody Retter needs the items for the newsletter one week prior to the meeting. Please keep sending pictures and articles for the newsletter.

**Website:**

We still need someone to volunteer to manage the website. The website is up to date.

**Public Information:**

Nothing to report.

**Calendars**

The 2023 calendars have been ordered and will be distributed at the Christmas Party. They will also be available for purchase at \$10 each.

**Social Functions:**

The Club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Elks Club in Savoy. You must be signed up and made payment to be able to attend the party. Tonight is your last chance to register. The cost is \$10.00 each.

**Vice President:** Barry Wagner

Thank you to all Veterans for your service.

Reservations to have your car featured in the 2024 calendar are now being taken.

We are requesting Emergency Contact Information for the Club Member Spreadsheet. We will be sending out an email request.

We are seeking suggestions for recommended locations for the "Fork On the Road" article for the newsletter. Please send your recommendations for locations to Barry.

Remember to notify the Club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone numbers, etc. Make sure that you have Doug Hanner's, Barry Wagner's, and Jody Retter's email addresses in your contact/address list on your computer and cell phones. It may help you receive emails from these people if they are in your contact list.

We are always seeking new ideas for club activities (Dinner Dash, Road Trips, etc.). Help is available to aid in planning the activity.

Please send in any information on members' outside events such as fish fries, dinners and we will publish them in the newsletter and mass emails.

**Items for sale**

Hats \$15.00  
Decals \$3.00  
Pins \$2.00  
Patch \$3.00  
Nametag Magnets \$3.00  
Parade Flags \$17.00 (Flag Caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

Current Corvette Club of Illinois merchandise is available from Wagner Signs in St. Joseph.

**Minutes of November 8, 2022 continued****President:** Doug Hanner

The 2023 NCCC Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on June 25<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins online on February 1<sup>st</sup>. You must register for the convention before you will be able to make your hotel reservation.

Corvette Adventures will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

George Dick went on the last Honor Flight for 2022 to Washington D.C. There was a total of 95 veterans including one from WW2. He received 35 cards and had a great time.

**Old Business:**

The Breakfast Dash to Flesor's Kitchen in Tuscola was wonderful with 17 members attending. The Douglas County Museum had a nice military display.

Thank you to Jody Retter for making the arrangements at the Barn Dinner Theater on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a good time. The food and service were great, and the play was very funny.

**New Business:**

The club has a request to help sponsor the St. Joe Santa 5K Run/Walk. A discussion was held about sponsoring and the

amount of money. Tom McKinley made a motion that we participate and that we donate \$300.00, seconded by Jackie Heck. Motion carried.

There will be a Soup Supper at the Osman Church on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be Oyster Stew, Potato Soup and Chili plus sandwiches, dessert, and drinks. It is a goodwill donation.

Sharon Pearson informed the Club that the manufacturer where she purchased her car sunshade cover from have prototypes for C2; C3 & C4 for sale.

**Corvette Chat**

Barry Wagner told the club about putting a Ceramic coating on his 2008 for under \$200.00 using Adam's products instead of paying someone \$1,500.00 to do it.

**50/50 - \$65.00 – Jackie Heck**

**Motion to adjourn-** Made by George Dick, seconded by Dwight Hooker. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**January Birthdays**

Terry Pepin	January 1
Richard Lampe	January 2
Steve Tribble	January 4
Ken Guyette	January 7
Chris Mechling	January 8
Art Rapp	January 8
Vanessa Brewer	January 10
Carol Castellon	January 14
James Gill	January 14
Betsy Mitchell	January 18
Bob Smith	January 24
Michael Pierce	January 29
Mike Gruber	January 30
Rick Dawkins	January 31



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**Club Calendar****January 10  
Monthly Club Meeting**

7:00 pm  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
440 West Anthony Dr,  
Champaign, IL

**February 14  
Monthly Club Meeting**

7:00 pm  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
440 West Anthony Dr,  
Champaign, IL

**DOUG'S TECH TIP**

Here I am again without any kind of a Tech Tip that I have not already covered in previous newsletters. If any member might have a question about the operation or maintenance of your Corvette, please email me at [dug.hanner@gmail.com](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call me at 217-369-5868.

**WELCOME  
2023**

## An interview with Club members Dan and Kathy McKenzie

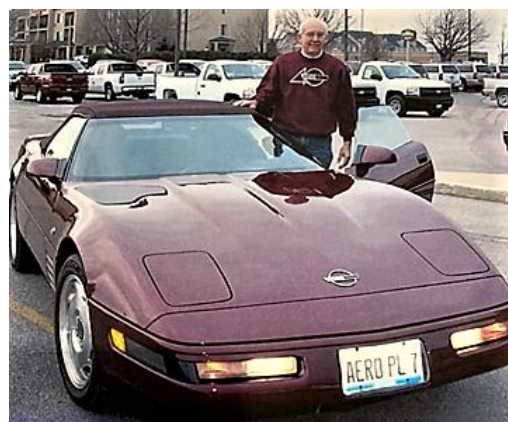
By Carol Castellon

For many years, Dan McKenzie was the publicity chairman ... which is not an elected position in the Club. He worked hard to line up TV spots on WCIA that featured Club members promoting Club events. He sent articles to the newspaper, and also contacted the radio stations. For his work, the Club gave him a hat with "PRESS" on it, and began calling him "Scoop" to honor him for getting the scoop to the media (note: Scoop Jackson was the President's press secretary which is where this name came from.)

Kathy has served as Club Trustee and Dan took that position when her term was done. Kathy also served on the Entertainment Committee, planning the Christmas Party.



Dan's first Corvette was an '85 two-tone silver/grey coupe that he saw on the bulletin board at the U of I Credit Union as a repo. His second Corvette was a C4 1993 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition in ruby red. His third Corvette was a 2004 Le Mans blue metallic Commemorative Edition convertible, that he saw online in Kankakee.



In 2017, Dan bought his 4<sup>th</sup> Corvette, a 2016 Laguna blue Stingray. He bought it from a dealer in Crawfordsville, IN, who got it from a dealer in Chicago.



Dan read about the Club online, and attended a couple of meetings alone before he took Kathy to a meeting, then they joined in 2000.

They have gone on many Club trips: Colorado, Tail of the Dragon, Heritage Museum, French Lick, NCM, Bourbon Trail, New Orleans, and shorter trips to Sikeston, Carmel,

and Hannibal where they won a trophy. They go on Dinner Dashes, Barn Theater, participate in parades, attended Funfest many times, and Bloomington Gold. They also helped with the food wagon at the autocross event at Chanute. One memory at the Club's anniversary was driving a golf cart with the driver blindfolded and the passenger telling him when to turn.



An interview with Club members Dan and Kathy McKenzie *continued*

By Carol Castellon



Kathy's fondest memories are the many years she played on the women's golf team at the golf outings, starting the first year. That first year, Dennis Heckler went along as the coach and she recalled the many funny things he said. She said she never laughed so hard as she did at those



outings. Dan and Terry Pearson always went along to help find the lost balls. One time, I got his picture giving her the golf ball she lost in the water .... but it sure looked like he was proposing.



Kathy also recalled the fun times at FunFest when Jim and Vanessa Brewer worked the bar for charity. Kathy was helping and spent most of her time laughing at Vanessa, even after Vanessa gave Dan a big kiss on the cheek. Kathy won the poo-poo paddle from Arthur when he was at her house and her compost pile caught fire.



Dan and Kathy appreciate many of the members for their work for the Club. They wanted to thank Tom and Linda McKinley for helping them when Dan fell last year and had a seizure. Tom and Linda were with them and took care of Dan and then drove Kathy to the hospital. Tom drove to the airport to pick up Dan's daughters who came to help Dan. They want to thank Club members for their prayers for Dan.

Dan grew up in Chicago, then moved to Homer his Junior year of HS. He graduated from Homer HS, then attended EIU on a track scholarship, majoring in accounting, until he ran out of money. He left school, got married, and had 3 children: Kristie (married to Paul Lewis), Lisa (Jeff Covington) and Kevin (Julie). They have 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and 2 more on the way. Dan worked in banking. After he started working at the University, he went back to EIU to finish his degree. He taught 18 years part-time at Parkland, and worked at U of IL for 20 years until he retired. He started in the Purchasing Division, then ended up in the Accounting Department for the Library. During his time at U of IL, he met Kathy and they were married in 1993.

Kathy was raised in a family of 10, with 5 brothers and 2 sisters, including her twin sister, Chris. If you ever think you see Kathy with another man, it's probably Chris and her husband. Kathy graduated from Urbana HS, then attended U of I. While a student at the U of IL, she worked in the Purchasing Division. She quit attending U of IL as a full-time student, and started working full-time and attended U of I part-time. When she was a senior, she couldn't get night classes at U of IL, so transferred to EIU where she took classes at Chanutte in the evening. She retired as the Assistant Director in the Purchasing Division, having worked 35 years. When Art and Larry Flessner found out Kathy graduated from Urbana HS, they tied her up just before the Urbana HS Homecoming parade.



**An interview with Club members Dan and Kathy McKenzie *continued*****By Carol Castellon**

Kathy and Dan built a house in Aero Place in 1999, a residential air strip east of Urbana. After the Club played the golf outing at Stone Creek, Dan wanted to live on that golf course. So, they sold their house at Aero Place and built one nearly like it at Stone Creek! Kathy is a big gardener – her garden at Aero Place was magazine-worthy! She was always an avid reader, but has eye problems and does not read like she used to. They are both big Illini fans and have had season tickets for football and basketball for close to 40 years. Kathy participated in the Illinois Marathon 5K for 10 years and Dan for 6 years. Cars were always Dan’s hobby. One of his favorite cars was a big old Cadillac Deville.



Dan and Kathy enjoy a good laugh. When I sent her a picture of Mike in Florida one year, she staged a similar picture of Dan in their backyard and sent it to me.



## “A FORK ON THE ROAD”

**SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS****THIS MONTH**

ESQUIRE LOUNGE

**106 N. WALUNT****CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820****217-398-5858**<https://esquirelounge.com>**OPEN:**

11 am – 1 am SU -SAT

On the Northeast corner of University and Walnut Street in downtown Champaign, is the Esquire Lounge. The Esquire has been a Champaign fixture since 1975.

The Esquire offers an extensive menu of appetizers, sandwiches, burgers, pizzas along with a selection of soups and salads. In addition, the Esquire has a full-service bar with numerous draft beers, beer, wine and cocktails. Please visit their web site to view to view the menu.

For the sports-minded, the Esquire has ten big screen televisions for viewing the latest events. Additionally, they have four pool tables to play on. Gaming is also available.

On special occasions, the Esquire offers “live” musical entertainment. The next event will be their Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) celebration on Tuesday February 21, 2023. They will be serving New Orleans themed food selections in addition to the regular menu. Live music will be provided by the Vine Street Syncopators Jazz Band from 5 – 8 pm. This special event is not to be missed, so mark your calendars.

The Esquire, a great place for food and drink in downtown Champaign.



Christmas Party  
December 3, 2022











A friendly game of Family Feud, Corvette Style

