



Glass Reflections

Glass Reflections

President's Message

Don't forget to check your email for meetings or events being cancelled or rescheduled due to weather. The board of directors will try to make a decision by at least 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting or event.

Thanks to Joyce Cryer for stepping forward to have a little Valentine's surprise for our monthly meeting in February. THANKS!!!

Our first Dinner and a Movie on February 18th was a big success with 36 members attending. The service and food were great. This is always a good time. Thanks to everyone who attended.

We will have a dinner dash on Saturday, April 22nd to Mission BBQ in Peoria. This was a very good time last year and the manager was happy about us making the trip again this year. Make sure your email and phone number are current on our rosters. If you have a change on either of these items you can email me at dug.hanner@gmail.com or call me at 217-369-5868. CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED FLYER!!!

Our Silver Creek Dinner and Museum outing was a BIG SUCCESS. We definitely had great weather. The food was really good and the museum was AWESOME. THANKS TO JOYCE CRYER FOR MAKING ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS OUTING!!! We need to also THANK Alan & Nancy Strong for their hospitality at Motor Magic Museum.

PLEASE GO TO SILVERCREEK ON FACEBOOK TO LEAVE A GOOD REVIEW!!!

This year the Christie Clinic Race weekend is April 27th to April 29th in Urbana, Illinois. We are scheduled to have a hydration station again this year. I wanted to THANK all the previous volunteers that have helped through the years. We need to have 25 volunteers this year.

CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR INFORMATION!!!

Please help with some events for the summer. The board of directors is completing a calendar of events. If you know of any car shows, cruise-ins, charity events, dinner dashes, or any other fun stuff for club members, please contact one of the board of directors. THANKS!!!

Gordon Green has graciously volunteered to work with the club website. If any members hear of a car show/display or cruise-in for 2023 you can email me at dug.hanner@gmail.com, call (217) 369-5868, or get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. If you have flyers from any shows/events, bring them to the meeting or email them to Gordon Green ggreen570@gmail.com.

THANKS, STEVE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM
March 14, 2023
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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

Officers 2023:

President: Doug Hanner
217 354-4542
dug.hanner@gmail.com

Vice President: Barry Wagner
217 356-9961
bkwagner@illinois.edu

Governor: Tom McKinley
217-493-0586
C3Shark@gmail.com

Treasurer: Brenda Croxton
309-830-1634
1411 Broad Creek Rd
Bloomington, IL 61704-8520
brch1182@gmail.com

Secretary: Debby Wagner
217-356-9961
dwagner306@gmail.com

Trustees:

Ken Guyette
kjguyette@aol.com

Dan McKenzie
kamckenzie20@gmail.com

Aly Jackson
aly@jacksonqualityconstruction.com

Web Address: www.ccofi.org
Webmaster: Gordon Green
ggreen570@gmail.com

Newsletter & Web Photos:
Jody Retter
jodyretter@yahoo.com



Minutes of February 14, 2022

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., 45 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug thanked Joyce Cryer for putting together some flowers and treats for St. Valentine's Day.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

None

Members with a new or different car – color and year

None

Good and Welfare

Sharon Pearson reported that Dan McKenzie is the same. His appetite is good.

Doug reported that Bob Kuntz went to the emergency room recently. His arteries were badly clogged. He had 4 stints put in. He is doing well.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

Delora Hanner made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by George Dick. Motion carried.

Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Max Mitchell made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mark Williams. Motion carried.

Governors Report: Tom McKinley

Nothing to report.

Trustees:

Nothing to report.

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

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

Website:

Gordon Green has volunteered to maintain the website.

Calendars

The 2023 calendars are available for purchase. They are \$10.00 each.

We are taking reservations for your car to be featured in the 2024 calendar. June and July have been taken. Please let Barry know what month you want. We will be checking on the prices for 2024.

Social Functions:

Dinner and a Movie will be held on Saturday, February 18th at Smokey's House BBQ in Savoy at 6:00 p.m. Please let Doug know if you will be attending so he can make reservations.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

Please check your email the day of the meeting in the event that bad weather is forecasted. The Board will make the decision by 2:00 p.m. that afternoon whether to cancel the meeting. Hopefully, with March around the corner this will not be an issue.

The Bement American Legion will be having their Lenten Fish Fries on March 3rd; 17th; and 31st. They will be serving from 5 to 7.

Barry gave a little bit of history on St. Valentine's Day.

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.

President: Doug Hanner

The 2023 NCCC Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on June 25th thru 30th. Registration begins online on February 1st. You must register for the convention before you will be able to make your hotel reservation. Hotels were filling up fast on the first day.

Polar Plunge at Mahomet will be held on March 11th for Special Olympics.

Corvette Adventures will be held June 8th – 10th. Flyers are available.

Illinois Marathon activities will be held April 27th thru April 29th. On April 29th, we will be located at Windsor Road & Philo Road. More details to come when available.

We will post any trips and car shows in the newsletter.

The 2023 Budget established at the last Board meeting will be sent to the Trustees for review.

Minutes of February 14, 2022 continued

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Thank You letter from Special Olympics was read.

Wagner Signs in St. Joseph have 50 different Corvette Club of Illinois items with 3 different logos to choose from. We get a percentage back for items we purchase. Someone asked about placing an ad for Wagner in our newsletter.

Carol Castellon gave talk on the Korean War Veteran’s Flag. There is a sign-up sheet for Dinner & Museum on March 4th at Noon at Silvercreek in Urbana. There will be a limited menu to choose from. The owner, Alan Strong, will then give us a personal tour of his car museum.

Linda Ogle suggested a trip to Indianapolis for the women to the Cake Bake Shop and Ford’s Garage in Noblesville for the men sometime in the future. Also, for the women in the summer go to LaTeaDa in Clinton for lunch.

Jody Retter has reserved seats for us at the Barn III Dinner Theatre for August 5th.

It was suggested to take a club trip to Branson, Missouri in late September. We are looking for people who are familiar with Branson to help plan the trip.

Bloomington Gold will be held on June 1st thru 3rd at Bloomington.

Corvette Chat

Do not store your key fob in the vehicle or garage. This will run down your battery as it is sensing the fob. Someone kept the fob in the car and had to have someone unlock the car.

50/50 - \$85.00 – Bob Ogle

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner, seconded by Cynda Dick. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">March Birthdays</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Doug Cary</td><td>March 1</td></tr> <tr><td>Curtis Heck</td><td>March 1</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancy Guyette</td><td>March 2</td></tr> <tr><td>Terri Hooker</td><td>March 2</td></tr> <tr><td>Scott Walter</td><td>March 7</td></tr> <tr><td>Jackie Heck</td><td>March 10</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim Esworthy</td><td>March 15</td></tr> <tr><td>George Dick</td><td>March 23</td></tr> <tr><td>Sue Bandy</td><td>March 25</td></tr> <tr><td>Michael Green</td><td>March 26</td></tr> <tr><td>Dale Stauffenberg</td><td>March 27</td></tr> </table>	Doug Cary	March 1	Curtis Heck	March 1	Nancy Guyette	March 2	Terri Hooker	March 2	Scott Walter	March 7	Jackie Heck	March 10	Jim Esworthy	March 15	George Dick	March 23	Sue Bandy	March 25	Michael Green	March 26	Dale Stauffenberg	March 27		<p style="text-align: center;">Club Calendar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 14 Monthly Club Meeting 7:00 pm Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive 440 West Anthony Dr, Champaign, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 11 Monthly Club Meeting 7:00 pm Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive 440 West Anthony Dr, Champaign, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 22 Dinner Dash Mission BBQ 4513 N Sterling Ave Peoria, IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 29 Illinois Marathon Urbana, IL</p>
Doug Cary	March 1																							
Curtis Heck	March 1																							
Nancy Guyette	March 2																							
Terri Hooker	March 2																							
Scott Walter	March 7																							
Jackie Heck	March 10																							
Jim Esworthy	March 15																							
George Dick	March 23																							
Sue Bandy	March 25																							
Michael Green	March 26																							
Dale Stauffenberg	March 27																							
	<p>DOUG’S TECH TIP</p> <p>When you get your Corvette out for the first time after the long winter’s sleep, check your antifreeze, oil, brake fluid, clutch fluid (if applicable), transmission fluid, and air pressure. The high-performance tires have a tendency to get flat spots, but if you drive for a mile or so they seem to get round again.</p>																							
<p>Call 217-352-4275 Ask for special Club pricing</p>																								
<p>www.sullivanparkhill.com</p>																								

An interview with Club members Scott & Rhonda Walter

By Carol Castellon

To follow the path that led Scott to buying a Corvette, you have to go back to when he and Rhonda were in Danville High School, and both fell in love with sports cars. Goldblatt's had closed, but the parking lot was the gathering point where many students cruised to meet other students. Scott had a Camaro "hopped-up" with hood scoops and side pipes, trying to impress the girls. But Rhonda had purchased a brand-new Camaro, ordered from Sullivans Chevrolet in Champaign, and wasn't impressed!



Scott was bitten by the Corvette bug in the early '80's. So, it was not surprising that he traded his classic '77 Town Landau Thunderbird for a '79 red Corvette L48. He saw it at the McAleer Buick Dealership, so



he went from luxury to sports. As soon as the C4 Corvettes came out with their digital dash, their popularity soared and Scott had to have one. In February 1986, he purchased his present-day two-tone blue '85 coupe. It is still all original, and could easily get the BG Survivor designation. He did switch out the cassette player to a CD player. He has taken excellent care of it, and says it is probably in better shape now than

when he was driving it a lot. Charlie Mornout calls Scott's car "Boohoo Blue," and Scott says the only thing against Charlie's car is that it is red, saying "red is not the only color made."



In the early 80's, Scott was contacted and invited to show his Corvette at a car show in the Village Mall. He met Charlie Mornout and joined the Club. From the time they joined, they heavily participated in Club events. He said the Club Christmas Party was always held in a member's home, the Club was small then.



He recalled one of the White Elephant gifts was a stuffed squirrel, and Elmer Lash's wife got it and refused to give it away. She wanted to display it in her classroom where she taught. He said there was always an old pair of tennis shoes and a bowling bag among the gifts. The hosts always warned the members to take their gifts and not leave anything at their house!

An interview with Club members Scott & Rhonda Walter *continued*

By Carol Castellon

Scott and Rhonda have gone on club trips, to NCM, car shows including the ones at Village Mall and Marketplace Mall when they used to have them, Bloomington Gold, and Bowling Green Homecoming, plus many Club outings.



Photo by Nicholas Duchnowski
Miss Georgia Kandice Pelletier waves to parade watchers. An obvious favorite with crowds throughout the weekend, Pelletier was named the 2003 National Miss Sweetheart on Sunday evening.

He drove Miss Georgia in the Hoopston parade, and her skirt was so long it rubbed against his tires and turned black on the lower edge! She won the Beauty Contest at Hoopston that year. If you look at the newspaper clipping,

you will see Scott driving. In the 1990's, Scott held the office of Vice President and Governor for several years, and helped Doug plan Club events and outings, including picnics at Kennekuk park. At this time, their two boys were born and the '85 was retired as a daily driver for shows, parades, and Club functions. The '85 is resting in Scott's man-cave, a hanger at Vermillion County Airport, where he spends his free time. Rhonda says she doesn't mind, because sometimes she "needs a break."



Interestingly, Scott and Rhonda both attended Danville HS (800 students), graduating in the same class, but never met each other in school. He met her while cruising around Goldblatt's parking lot. After graduating, Scott began an apprentice program, then became a machinist toolmaker for Henning Machine & Die Works for 27 years. He then took a job at Vesuvius in Champaign, but after layoffs and the drive from Danville, he "gave up on Champaign." Then he went to Towne Machine in Danville, and is currently at Automation International and hoping to retire soon.



Rhonda began working for District 118 while she was still in high school, doing secretarial work. She has been a



legal assistant at Acton & Snyder, LLP law firm for 49 years. They were married in 1979 and had two sons, Sean born in 1985 and John in 1989. They lost their oldest son in August, 2022. Their youngest son, John, married Tia in 2012 and now we are proud grandparents to Noah, 11, and Claire, 6. Rhonda used to sew but that went by the wayside. She mostly spoils the grandchildren now, which she says are a joy to be with. They like to do antiquing and flea markets, mainly for the exercise.

An interview with Club members Scott & Rhonda Walter *continued*

By Carol Castellon

In 2010 when Scott was laid off, he helped his family make maple syrup on the family farm in Covington, IN. This is a family tradition started with his grandfather, then his father. Scott said he found out you need lots of help with this tradition. They made about 200 gallons that year. Scott said they begged for empty 5-gallon buckets of BBQ sauce from Payton's BBQ in Veedersburg, Indiana to catch the sap, and tapped 300 trees. His father built a sugar shack, made his own evaporator, and invited extended family to help. Everyone brought food and met at the sugar shack on days when the sap was flowing. Scott's family also held the "Rocky Mountain Oyster Eatin' Contest" where they grill and eat anything. Hmmm



Scott and Rhonda lived through a difficult time this last August losing their son in Florida. They would like to thank the members of the club that were supportive through these trying times. They want to thank the Corvette Club of Illinois for being there.



Fat Tuesday Celebration

February 21, 2023

Esquire Lounge, Inc.
Champaign, IL





“A FORK ON THE ROAD”

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

GERST HAUS

2100 W. FRANKLIN ST.

EVANSVILLE, IN 47712

812-424-1420

<https://www.gersthausevansville.com>



OPEN:

M – TH 11AM – 10 PM

FRI - SAT 11AM – 11PM

SU- 11AM – 9PM

Are you in the mood for some authentic German food? Consider a trip to Evansville, Indiana to the Gerst Haus German Restaurant.

The Gerst Haus has been providing Evansville with some of the finest and most authentic German food in a beer hall atmosphere since 1999.

Their menu starts out with a unique selection of appetizers along with salads and soups. They have a Giant Pretzel and dip that is not listed on the menu as an appetizer, but available. The Gerst Haus offers Classic German Dinners and Classic Old-World Sandwiches as well as American Dinners and Traditional American Sandwiches, plus an extensive list of side items. Desserts are also available.

Please visit their web site to view their entire menu.

Adult beverages include their Giant Frozen Fishbowl of Gerst Amber beer along with a selection of 49 draughts and a large selection of imported beers.

The Gerst Haus, another great destination for some of the finest German food outside of Milwaukee.

Please make your suggestions and recommendations for submission to “A Fork on the Road”, to Barry Wagner (bkwagner@illinois.edu) 217-356-9961.

A Hero Amongst Us!

Good evening Doug,

My name is Julie Petersen. My Uncle Pat lives in Ellsworth, IL next door to the one and only Dick Lampe. Uncle Pat is 72yrs young and blind. On Friday, January 27th my uncles house caught fire. Dick ran to my Uncles aid and pulled him from the back steps of his home. If it wasn't for Dick, my uncle may not be here with us today.

My family and I would like to ask that you publicly recognize Mr. Lampe for his bravery and dedication to his fellow man. He literally pulled my Uncle from the fire and saved his life.

Dick has been a great neighbor and invaluable friend. My family will be forever grateful to him for his heroic act and support he has offered our family.

*Thank you,
(A fellow Chevy Enthusiast)
~Julie*

Unfortunately, 3 weeks later Pat succumbed to his injuries sustained in the fire.

September 19-23, 2023



Road Trip to Branson

This trip will include a scenic drive to beautiful Eureka Springs, a day at Top of the Rock, 2 musical shows, and a dinner cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!

Please let us know if you'd like to join us on this adventure. We need to get our lodging and show tickets reserved as soon as possible! More details will be made available once we know how many will be in our group.

Please contact Jody Retter at 309-824-6648 or jodyretter@yahoo.com with any questions you might have.



2023 Race Weekend Christie Clinic Half Marathon

Hydration Station #4 - Mile 6.7
Amber and Meijer
just off of Philo Road in Urbana, IL
April 29th 6:30 am to 10:30 am

This is a flyer to get the 25 volunteers that we need for our hydration station on April 29th from 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

This Club has been involved with this great event from the first year. It is a little work, but very much appreciated by the people in charge, the runners, and of course the community.

I will send out the link to everyone with a special email to make sure that everyone has a chance to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please call me at (217) 369-5868 or email at dug.hanner@gmail.com.

THANKS in advance for any help on this matter.
Doug

GOLD REVIEW

February 2023 Edition 2

Unveiling the 2023 Gold Collection



June 2nd & 3rd
Illinois State
University



Dinner Dash/Club Outing

Saturday April 22nd, 2023
Mission BBQ

4513 N. Sterling Avenue
Peoria, IL 61615
(309) 590-5776



This will be a great chance to do some socializing with other club members and order from a complete BBQ menu at a good restaurant. I talked with the manager and everything is good to go for our group to have some great BBQ and catch up on gossip after this long winter.

We will leave from behind the Red Lobster in Champaign at 9:00 am SHARP, travel west on I-74 to the rest area just west of Farmer City for a short pit stop and possibly pick up some more club members. We will then caravan to Mission BBQ with plans to be there around their opening time of 11:00 am. This restaurant is honoring all military and first responders.

You can check out their website (www.mission-bbq.com) for their menu.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS DINNER DASH PLEASE RSVP ME AT (217) 369-5868 or dug.hanner@gmail.com by APRIL 19TH, SO THAT I CAN CALL MISSION BBQ.

THANKS,

Doug



Dinner and a Movie
Smokey's House BBQ
Saturday, February 18th 2023




Save the date for good food and fun at the

Barn III Dinner Theater in Goodfield, IL

Saturday, August 5

5:30-9:30



UNNECESSARY FARCE

BY PAUL SLADE SMITH
DIRECTED BY MARY SIMON

ENTREE SPECIAL: MANGO TILAPIA
SIGNATURE COCKTAIL: "THE ANGRY SCOTSMAN"
(SCOTTISH OLD FASHIONED)

Two cops. Three crooks. Eight doors. Go! In a cheap motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant, while in the room next-door, two undercover cops wait to catch the meeting on tape. But there's some confusion as to who's in which room, who's being taped, who's taken the money, who's hired a hitman, and why the accountant keeps taking her clothes off!



Please contact Jody Retter at 309-824-6648 with any questions regarding this event.

2023 At a Glance

March 17	Bement Legion Fish Fry
March 24–25	Swap Meet / Car Show - Pigeon Forge, TN
March 31	Bement Legion Fish Fry
Apr. 22	Dinner Dash to Mission BBQ in Peoria, IL
Apr. 27-29	Illinois Marathon – Champaign/Urbana, IL
Apr. 27–29	NCM Michelin Bash - Bowling Green, KY
May 5 - 6	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
May 11-13	NCM Vets ‘n Vettes - Bowling Green, KY
May 20	Corvette Show - Wentzville, Mo
May 28	Indianapolis 500 – Indianapolis, IN
June 2–3	Bloomington Gold – Normal, IL
June 8-10	Corvette Adventures - Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 24-30	NCCC National Convention – Bowling Green, KY
July 4	4 th of July Parade – Rantoul, IL
July 9	Mahomet Auto Fest – Mahomet, IL
July 12–15	Black Hills Classic – Spearfish, SD
July 15	Fisher Fair Car Show – Fisher, IL
July 16	Gilmore Car Museum Corvette and Camero Show – Hickory Corners, MI
July 23	Club Picnic at Lampe’s – Ellsworth, IL (rain date July 30)
July 27	Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash to Dewey’s – Farmer City, IL
Aug. 5	Barn III Dinner Theater – Goodfield, IL
Aug. 10–20	Illinois State Fair – Springfield, IL (Veteran’s Day Aug. 13)
Aug. 12	Corvette Indy Vets ‘n Vettes – Indianapolis, IN
Aug. 19	River to River All Corvette Show – Herrin, IL
Aug. 24–26	Corvettes at Carlisle - Carlisle, PA
Aug. 31–Sept. 2	NCM 28 TH Anniversary Celebration - Bowling Green, PA
Sept. 8 – 9	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
Sept. 11	Special Olympics Family Fest – Mattoon, IL
Sept. 14-16	Mid-America Motorworks Corvette Funfest - Effingham, IL
Sept. 19-23	Road trip to Branson, MO
Sept. 22–24	Route 66 Mother Road Festival Car Show – Springfield, IL
Sept. 29–Oct. 1	Newport Antique Car Hill Climb – Newport, IN
Nov. 10 – 11	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
Nov. 18–19	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals - Rosemont, IL
Dec. 2	Club Christmas Party – Savoy, IL