

President's Message

We had a good turn-out for the Cake Bake & Ford's Garage outing to Carmel & Noblesville, Indiana on Tuesday, April 18th. It looked like everyone had a good time and good food at both places. We just might have to do this again in the future. A BIG THANKS TO LINDA OGLE FOR SETTING UP THE FUN OUTING!!!

There was also a Good Turn-out for the Dinner Dash to Mission BBQ in Peoria, Illinois on Saturday, April 22nd. We had Good Food as we did last year. The people at Mission BBQ are always very happy to see us and of course our Corvettes too. There was even some sleet and snow while we were eating.

Well, we have survived another Christie Clinic Marathon. The weather could not have been much better for our volunteers and the runners. There was only a small problem. The water company had not put the spout on the fire hydrant that we were to use for our hydration station, so we had to wait a little while to get water, but we got the job done. I could not have gotten this Marathon Experience done without everyone's help.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!!!

Here is the information for Bloomington Gold 2023 on Friday thru Saturday, June 2-3 in Bloomington, Illinois. If you do not have your 1 or 2 day passes you can use the website below or call Jocelyn at 309-888-4477 to order your passes. I have reserved an area for our Club Members for both days. This area will be the same parking lot that we had last year, which is at the corner of College and Main Streets across the street from one of the entrance gates.

Here are the details regarding the Club Caravan on Saturday, June 3rd.

LEAVING FROM: Behind Red Lobster in Champaign

LEAVE AT: 8:00 AM

TRAVEL WEST ON: I-74 to Rest Area - West of Famer City

TRAVEL NORTH ON: Route 51/Main Street – Corner Main & College

https://www.bloomingtongold.com

I want to welcome Gordon Green again, as he 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 or call (217) 369-5868. You can also contact one of the Board of Directors. You can add events to the Club's website www.ccofi.org. If you have any flyers from other shows and events bring them to the meeting or email them to Gordon (ggreen570@gmail.com). New ideas or new events can be discussed at any meeting or just contact one of the Board of Directors.

THANKS AGAIN TO STEVE, FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK THROUGH THE YEARS!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM May 9, 2023 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

wear your name tag and bring a chair

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Minutes of April 11, 2023

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., 58 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate MembersNone

Members with a new or different car - color and year

Mike & Brenda Runyon – 2022 Stingray - Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic – Won in a Ronald McDonald House Raffle

Good and Welfare

Sharon Pearson reported that Dan McKenzie is still about the same.

She also wanted to thank everyone for sending cards to Mike Fleener, a Vietnam Vet, for the April 4th Honor Flight Mail Call. He really appreciated it. Unfortunately, Mike passed away on April 13th.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

George Dick made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dave Crull. Motion carried.

Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Jody Retter made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Cynda Dick. Motion carried.

Governors Report: Tom McKinley

Tom gave a report on the Midwest Awards Dinner held on March 25th in Madison, Wisconsin. Tom and Linda and Gordon and Sandy Green attended. In Autocross Men's Division: Tom was 5th, and Gordon was 11th. In the Women's Division: Sandy was 8th and in the Women's Worker Division Linda was 5th. Gordon won \$368.00 in the 50-50.

The First Autocross will be in South Bend, Indiana at Tire Rack April ${\bf 15}^{\rm th}$ and ${\bf 16}^{\rm th}$.

The Midwest Fundraiser Autocross will be at Rantoul on Memorial Day weekend: May 27th, 28th and 29th. We can always use help on this weekend.

Trustees: Ken Guyette

No 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

Gordon has updated the Calendar of Events and has added a "For Sale" page.

Calendars

The 2023 calendars are available for purchase. We will bring them to the next meeting and they are now \$5.00.

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:

There will be a dinner dash to Mission BBQ in Peoria on Saturday, April 22nd. We will leave from the parking lot behind Red Lobster on North Prospect at 9:00 a.m. SHARP.

Jody Retter is taking reservations for the Barn III Dinner Theater on August 5th. The play is "Unnecessary Farce" and is \$50.00/person.

Linda Ogle has made arrangements for a dinner dash to Indiana on Tuesday, April 18th. We will leave from the McDonalds in Oakwood at 8:00 a.m. (Central Time). The women will be going to Cake Bake in Carmel and the men will be going to Ford's Garage in Noblesville.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

The 16th Annual Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival will be held on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th. It starts in Bloomington and goes north to Joliet. It starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and goes to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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 April 11, 2023 continued

President: Doug Hanner

The 2023 NCCC Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on June 25th thru 30th. Registration is still ongoing. The Illinois Marathon will be held April 27th thru April 29th. On April 29th, we will be located at Amber Lane and Meijer in Urbana (road north of Meijer). We need 25 volunteers. Sign-up sheet was passed around.

Bloomington Gold will be held on Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd. The Club will be going on the 3rd and we will have club parking. When you register be sure and let them know you are with the Corvette Club of Illinois. If you want a T-shirt let Doug know your size. There will be a Road Tour on Saturday evening. You can order a Bloomington Gold Commemorative License Plate from the State. Go to the Bloomington Gold website for details on this and other activities.

Corvette Adventures will be held June $8^{th} - 10^{th}$. Flyers are available.

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

Sullivan-Parkhill will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this

year. The celebration will be held on Saturday, September 30th. More information will be given when it becomes available.

Jody Retter gave an update on the trip to Branson, Missouri, Monday, September 18th to Friday, September 22nd. There are several group activities planned and there will be some downtime. She will be sending out an email with the information you will need to make your reservations plus the activities.

Corvette Chat

Please remember to change your Cabin Air Filters. They can get a lot of dirt and debris in them.

Be sure and change your key fob battery yearly.

Never leave your key fob in the vehicle when you are on trips. Someone on Corvette Forum had a C6 convertible and they left their purse in the trunk with the key fob. They had to call a locksmith to get the car opened.

50/50 - \$100.00 - Pam Sims

Motion to adjourn- Made by Dick Lampe, seconded by Linda Ogle. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Sullivan-Parkhill 100th Anniversary Celebration

Sullivan Parkhill has asked the Corvette Club of Illinois to help in the celebration of their 100th Anniversary. The date for this celebration is Saturday, September 30th.

Closer to the event we will meet with Dave Parkhill to discuss what the Club can do to help with this celebration. We think they will want us to display our Corvettes and maybe help with parking.

For now, please put this date on your calendars so we can show Sullivan Parkhill how much we appreciate their support and use of their building for our meetings.

May Birthdays

Charlene Mornout May I Sandy Green May 5 Jim Brewer May 7 Deborah Wagner May 10 Clay Keller May 11 Barb Cook May 13 Sharon Adams May 17 Don Edwards May 20 Rhonda Walter May 25







Pauline Murray

May 31

Call 217-352-4275
Ask for special Club pricing

www.sullivanparkhill.com

An apology to Members who look forward to the Club interview articles. There is no Club interview this month, but I will have one ready for the June newsletter.

Carol

DOUG'S TECH TIP

We have been helping some members with finding a used Corvette to add to their stable. There have been some issues with the Corvettes that we have found, but Carfax is well worth the price when buying a used Corvette or any other used vehicle because there were definite problems with the ones that we checked through Carfax. If the seller will not give you the VIN number, then I would say that there is a problem with that vehicle. This is just a little FYI for everyone.

Club Calendar

May 5-6 NCCC Governor's Mtg St. Louis, MO

May 6 Anything on Wheels Show

10:00 am—2:30 pm Downtown Sidell, IL

May 9 Monthly Club Meeting

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

May 11-13 Vets 'n Vettes

National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY

May 20 Corvette Show

Wentziville, MO

May 27 Dinner Dash

11:30 am
Papa Del's Pizza Factory
1201 S. Neil Street
Champaign, IL

May 28 Mahomet Cars & Coffee

8-10 am Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar Mahomet, IL

June 2-3 Bloomington Gold

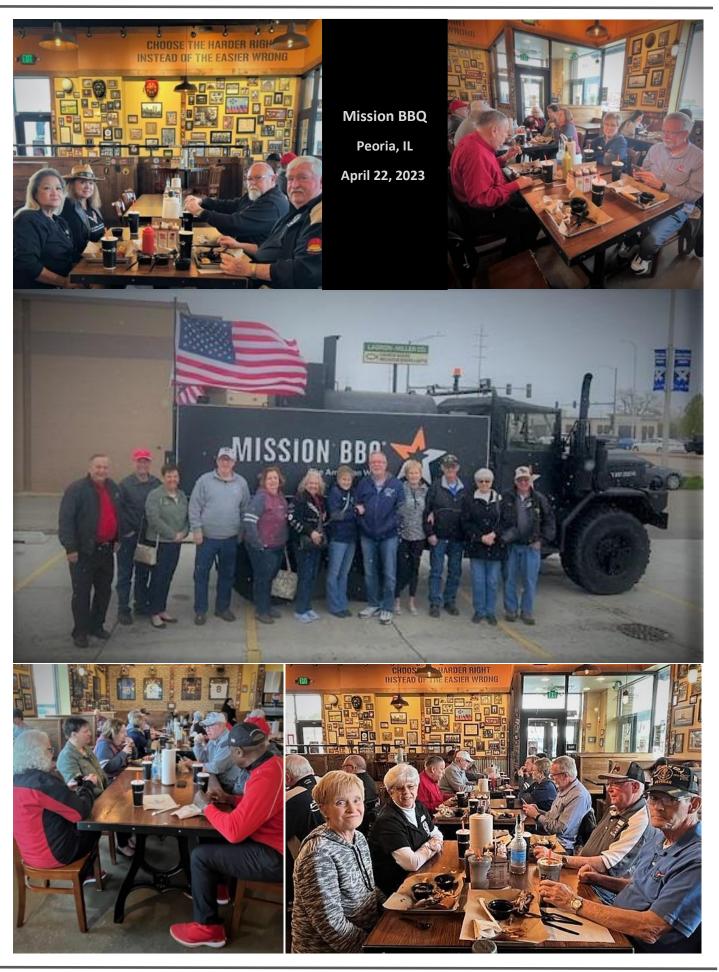
Illinois State University 702 W College Dr Normal, IL

June 8-10 Corvette Adventures

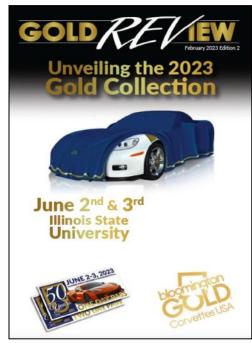
Wisconsin Dells, WI

June 13 Monthly Club Meeting

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







Get your collector restaurant card at either your hotel when you check in or at the American Collector Insurance booth inside Horton Field house. Scan the QR code on the back for deals offered at local restaurants when you show the card. Here is a preview of participating restaurants. You will need your Restaurant card to take advantage of the specials!

Rob Dob's Restaurant & Bar 20% off food bill (dine-in only)

801 N Hershey Rd, Bloomington, IL (309) 590-3434

https://robdobsbn.com/

SEE OUR AD IN THE EVENT PROGRAM!

Barrel House 10% off food bill

9 Brickyard Dr, Bloomington, IL (309) 590-3396

https://www.barrelhousepub.com/

Carl's Ice Cream Buy one get one FREE Soft Serve Cone

1700 W College Normal, IL 61761; 601 W Locust Bloomington, IL 309-454-7732 (Normal) + 309-828-7732 (Bloomington)

Casper Brewing Company \$1 off pints

3807 Ballybunion Rd. Bloomington, IL 61704 (260) 227-7377

https://casperbrewingcompany.com/

Chick-Fil-A FREE chicken biscuit from 6:30am-10:30 to anyone that comes through the drive-through in a Corvette

101 Veterans Pkwy, Normal, IL 61761 (309) 268-9500

https://www.chick-fil-a.com/locations/il/veterans-college? utm_source=yext&utm_medium=link

DP Dough FREE side with purchase of any calzone + drink (Hot Box deal)

121 E Beaufort St, Normal, IL 61761 (309) 888-9663

https://www.dpdough.com/

Dr. McKay's Bar & Grill 10% off food bill

909 N Hershey Rd, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 662-6711

https://drmckays.com

Lil Beaver Brewery 10% off food bill

5 Finance Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 808-2590

https://lilbeaverbrewery.com/

Pizza Ranch 15% off Buffet (chicken, pizza, pasta, desert, ice cream) + free rental of private party rooms

1211 Holiday Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 820-9777

https://pizzaranch.com/locations/il/bloomington/1211-holiday-drive

Texas Roadhouse FREE fried pickle or cactus blossom with the purchase of an adult entrée.

1713 E Empire St, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 433-0610

https://www.texasroadhouse.com/locations/bloomington-il









Carmel, IN April 18, 2023



















Ford's Garage

Noblesville, IN April 18, 2023 Join us for good food and fun at the

Barn III Dinner Theater in Goodfield, IL Saturday, August 5 5:30-9:30



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.



"A FORK ON THE ROAD"

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

WHISTLE STOP RESTAURANT AT THE "MONON CONNECTION MUSEUM" 10012 N. U.S. 421 MONON, INDIANA 1-219-253-4100

http://mononconnection.com

RESTAURANT HOURS: (EST)

Monday – Closed Tuesday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday – 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Sunday- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



A work in progress since 1993, the Monon Connection is an amazing railroad museum containing over 6000 items of railroad memorabilia, in addition to the Whistle Stop Restaurant and gift shop.

The Monon Connection is located just a few miles north of Monticello, Indiana on U.S. 421.

The Whistle Stop has a full service menu that features a fully stocked salad bar. Their menu includes appetizers, salad and homemade soup combinations, burgers, many sandwich options, along with steaks, seafood, chicken and pork entrees. Numerous side dishes are also on the menu.

Hand-dipped and soft serve ice cream as well as bakery fresh pies are available to top off your meal.

The Monon Connection Museum is open Tuesday – Sunday from 12-6 p.m. (EST) Museum admission is \$8.00

The Monon Connection is a must for any railroad enthusiast or anyone interested in the history of railroading and enjoy dining in a uniquely decorated railroad themed restaurant with some darn good eats.

Also, don't forget to stop by their gift shop before you leave.

Submitted by Mike & Pam Sims

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

September 18-22, 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 At a Glance

May 5 - 6	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
May 6	Anything on Wheels Show—Downtown Sidell, IL—10 am—2:30 pm
May 11-13	NCM Vets 'n Vettes - Bowling Green, KY
May 13	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
May 20	Corvette Show - Wentzville, Mo
May 27	Dinner Dash to Papa Del's—Champaign, IL—11:30 am
May 28	Indianapolis 500 – Indianapolis, IN
May 28	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
June 2–3	Bloomington Gold – Normal, IL
June 8-10	Corvette Adventures - Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 10	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
June 17	All Wheels Show—Newman City Park, Newman, IL - 9 am-2:30 pm
June 24	Car Show—Lincoln Park in Danville, IL
June 24-30	NCCC National Convention – Bowling Green, KY
June 25	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
July 4	4 th of July Parade – Rantoul, IL
July 8	Morris Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL—6-9 pm
June 8	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
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
July 30	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
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. 12	Morris Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL—6-9 pm
Aug. 12	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
Aug. 19	River to River All Corvette Show – Herrin, IL
Aug. 19	Corvette Cruise—Atlanta, IL
Aug. 24–26	Corvettes at Carlisle - Carlisle, PA
Aug. 27	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
Aug. 31–Sept. 2	NCM 28 TH Anniversary Celebration - Bowling Green, PA
Sept. 8 – 9	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
Sept. 9	Morris Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL - 6-9 pm
Sept. 9	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum – 8-11 am
Sept. 11	Special Olympics Family Fest – Mattoon, IL
Sept. 14-16	Mid-America Motorworks Corvette Funfest - Effingham, IL
Sept. 18-22	Road trip to Branson, MO

2023 At a Glance

Sept. 22–24 Sept. 24	Route 66 Mother Road Festival Car Show – Springfield, IL Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
Sept. 29–Oct. 1	Newport Antique Car Hill Climb – Newport, IN
Sept. 30	Sullivan-Parkhill 100th Year Anniversary—Champaign, IL
Oct. 14	Morris Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL—6-9 pm
Oct. 14	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
Oct. 29	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL—8-10 am
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

PIZZA DINNER DASH TO PAPA DEL'S



Papa Del's Pizza Factory 1201 S. Neil Street Champaign, IL 217-359-7700

> Saturday May 27 at 11:30

We have been invited to join some of the members of the Chicago Corvette Club who are graduates of the University of Illinois and who are friends with Bob Monte, owner of Papa Del's.

They wanted to take a Road Trip to Champaign to meet their fellow student once again and enjoy Papa Del's Pizza.

This will be a great opportunity for our club to meet with another Corvette club to share our experiences about our club and to learn about their club and activities.

A large area has been reserved for this event.

No need to confirm if you will attend. Just show up.

Individual tabs will be maintained.

Hoping that our club will make a great showing for this event.



















Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon—Urbana, IL -April 29, 2023