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President's Message

We had a pretty good turnout for the Club's first ever Breakfast Dash to Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola. It looked to me like everyone had good food and service for this first time outing to Flesor's. Some of the members even got in a little shopping in the different unique shops. I went to the Douglas County Museum to see all the different kinds of weapons used in Illinois during the Civil War. The museum also has a lot of local items that were donated and also made in the county. I want to THANK Joyce Cryer for setting up this outing to Tuscola.

I also heard by the grapevine that the Barn III Outing was very good as always. We also had a really good turnout for this event. It is definitely different because of not having the buffet like before Covid, but you will not go home hungry. I want to also THANK Jody Retter for taking the time to set up this fun outing for the members.

The next BIG outing for the club members will be our annual Christmas Party on December 3rd at the Elk's Lodge, 903 N. Dunlap Avenue in Savoy. Please be sure to get your reservations into Ken Guyette by Tuesday, November 8th (monthly club meeting). You can email Ken at kjguyette@aol.com or call him at (248) 880-4952 or (217) 954-1411 for reservations. Thanks to Ken for heading up this event.

Steve Tribble is wanting to step down as the webmaster for the Club's website. If any member would like to help the Club out with this position, please get in touch with me. The car season is 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 or call (217) 369-5868. You can also get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. You can add events to the Club's website 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). 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
November 8, 2022
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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

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Minutes of October 11, 2022

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 57 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

None

Good and Welfare

A moment of silence was observed for Larry Flessner. Dan McKenzie is holding his own but is not doing well. He appreciated all the birthday cards that the members sent to him.

Officer Nominations

President Doug Hanner asked for nominations from the floor for officers. Roger Jackson nominated Aly Jackson for the 3-year term on the Board of Trustees. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, Doug asked for a motion that the nominations be closed. A motion was made by Ray Gonzalez, seconded by Dave Crull. Motion carried. The Trustees will provide the list of nominees to Doug and Jody Retter. The names of the nominees will appear in the November Newsletter. The election will be conducted at the November 8th meeting.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

A thank you card from Paxton-Buckley-Loda for participating in their homecoming parade was read.

Delora Hanner made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ray Gonzalez.

Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Linda Ogle made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jackie Heck.

Governors Report: Tom McKinley

Thank you to those who have paid their 2023 Dues. We are no longer the largest club in the Midwest Region. The Route 66 East St. Louis Club has 180 members and we have 179.

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:

We still need someone to volunteer to manage the website. Steve Trimble is so busy that he is unable to keep it up-dated in a timely fashion.

Public Information:

Nothing to report.

Calendars

All the months for 2023 have been taken: January: Bob Smith; February: Rich & Pat Lampo; March: Doug & Jennifer Cary; April: Lee & Tiara Nelson; May: Roger & Aly Jackson; June: Chuck & Kay Cain; July: Charlie & Charlene Mornout; August: John & Deb Lammler; September: Melinda & Aaron Burke; October: Doug & Pauline Murray; November: Joyce Cryer and December: Tom Jamison. Payment is \$30.00 which includes a free calendar and must be paid to Brenda Croxton prior to it being included in the calendar.

Social Functions:

The Club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Elks Club in Savoy. Reservations are being taken now and you must sign up no later than the November meeting. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

You must be signed up and made payment to be able to attend the party.

The American Legion in Bement will be having a Fish Fry on Friday, October 21st from 5 to 7.

If you have signed up for the Barn Dinner Theater on October 30th, you must make payment at this meeting.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

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.

Minutes of October 11, 2022 *continued***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.

Doug will bring flyers for the next Corvette Adventures to the November meeting. It will be held June 8th – 10th.

Doug is planning a Dinner Dash to the Thirty-six Saloon in Rockville, Indiana, on Saturday, November 5th.

The caravan will leave Danville at noon. More information will be coming.

Old Business:

Ken Guyette gave a re-cap of the Special Olympics Family Festival on September 17. He thanked everyone for helping, especially Ray Gonzalez for his antics behind the net at the Softball Toss.

Doug reported on the Corvette Funfest. Everyone had a good time, and they found some good bargains. Niemerg's catered the dinner, and they had a DJ for entertainment. Mid-America Motorworks will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2023.

We had 9 cars go to the Longbranch Again in Cooksville. The weather was nice, and the food was good. Dick Lampe informed the members that on the First Friday of the month their special is frog legs.

Thank you to all of those who participated in the homecoming parades at PBL and Fisher.

Thank you to Roger and Aly Jackson and their family for hosting the weiner roast. It was a wonderful night and a lot of good food.

New Business:

None.

Corvette Chat

It is almost time to store our cars for the winter. **DO NOT** store your key fob in the car or anywhere near it (example: Garage). Keep a battery tender on it to keep the battery charged.

Sharon Pearson purchased a sunshield at Carlisle. It covers the windshield and is an EZ fit cockpit cover by HH Designs. They regularly sell for \$229.00, but for club members they are \$199.00. There is no time limit on this offer. You can text customer service at 309/598-6123.

50/50 - \$92.00 – Tom McKinley

2 – GM posters from Carlyle were also given away. They were won by Karl Smith and Jackie Heck.

Motion to adjourn- Made by George Dick, seconded by Dave Crull. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

LATE RENEWAL

2023 renewals have been sent to the NCCC.

You will receive your permanent card after the first of the year. Anyone wishing to rejoin for the 2023 will need to contact me with your updated information and a check for \$85.00.



NCCC dues	\$35
Spouse / Companion	10
CC of IL dues	<u>40</u>
	\$85

My email address: c3shark@gmail.com

Tom McKinley
 Governor

Corvette Club of Illinois Annual Christmas Party

December 3, 2022

The 2022 Corvette Club Christmas party is coming together and you need to sign up by November 8th to be part of this fun event. The committee has been working hard to make this a great time for everyone. We have chosen a great menu and an entertaining program. The cost to attend the Christmas Party is \$10.00 per person and needs to be sent to our treasurer, Brenda Croxton (1411 Broad Creek Rd. Bloomington, IL 61704-8520). You can also sign up at the November Club meeting on November 8th. We need to know how many people are going to attend to meet the caterer's deadline.

Location	Elks Lodge 903 N. Dunlap Ave. Savoy, IL 61874 (behind the Bowling Alley)
Program	5:30 – 6:15 Cocktail hour 6:15 Kick Off 6:30 – 7:30 Dinner served 8:00 Program start 9:30 Hand out calendars and wrap up
Menu	Chicken breast & center cut pork chop Cheddar cheese potatoes Texas style baked beans Fresh garden salad Texas sheet cake Iced carrot cake

Important - You must sign up by November 8th

November Birthdays

Erwin Mannchen	November 1
Jody Retter	November 1
David Unrein	November 5
Linda Higgins	November 10
Max Mitchell	November 11
Linda Wicklund	November 11
David Crull	November 14
Dwight Hooker	November 15
Pam Sims	November 17
Karl Smith	November 23
Aaron Burke	November 26
Bob Utterback	November 27
Charles Barham	November 28
Sharon Pearson	November 28
Mark Camp	November 29



New 2023 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray 3LT With Navigation



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Ask for special Club pricing

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Club Calendar

November 8
Monthly Club Meeting

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

December 3
Club Christmas Party/Banquet

6.00 pm Elks Lodge
903 N Dunlap Savoy, IL

January 10
Monthly Club Meeting

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

DOUG'S TECH TIP

I have been reading a lot of posts about Corvette Owners airing their tires up about 10 pounds to keep the expensive tires from getting flat spots while your Corvette is being stored for the winter. As I have stated in previous newsletter if during the winter the roads are clear of Ice, Snow, and Salt it is a good idea to exercise your Corvette. Doing this will help your tires and will also keep the juices flowing in your Engine/Transmission/Rearend.



Corvette Club Participation in Special Olympics Family Fest

On September 17, 2022, the Central Illinois Special Olympics (Region 1) had its Family Festival. The Corvette Club of Illinois was an integral part of this very special event by participating in the parade, displaying our cars and volunteering to work a game tent. It is estimated that there were about 800 athletes, 800 friends for a day escorts, and some 400 volunteers at this event. This festival event features sports activities, fun games, singing and dancing, performances by local entertainers, exhibitions and a free lunch.

The event was held on the grounds of the Lake Land College in Mattoon. Special Olympics knows how to run an event. They furnished volunteer shirts, a great lunch, and plenty of support.

I can't tell you the emotions that you experience at this event. The smiles on the faces of these Special Olympics athletes makes you realize how lucky we are.

I want to thank the following members who volunteered at this event:

Rick Dawkins & Zeb Dawkins, Barry & Debby Wagner, Mike & Patti Gruber, Ray & Dee Gonzalez, Doris & Monty Ewing, Chuck & Brenda Croxton, Roger & Aly Jackson, Gordon & Sandy Green, Tom & Nancy Burgess.

Trust me, you want to be a part of this very special day next year.

Thanks to Barry Wagner for taking the great pictures of this event.

Thanks to all that helped.
Ken & Nancy Guyette





Special Olympics Family Festival
September 17, 2022



In Memoriam



Larry Flessner

Larry L. Flessner, 74, of Springfield, formerly of St. Joseph, passed away Friday (Oct. 7, 2022) in St. Joseph.

Larry was born March 13, 1948, in Champaign, to Ralph and Ella (Duitsman) Flessner. Larry spent his early days farming alongside his father on the family farm.

Larry was a 1966 graduate of St. Joseph-Ogden High School. Larry was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving two years active duty during the Vietnam War.

Larry farmed most of his life in the St. Joseph and Penfield areas. He passed on his love of farming to his son. Larry also worked for Illiana Construction/Champaign Asphalt Company and University Asphalt. Later, he was the owner and operator of Larry's Limousine.

Larry was a member of Royal American Legion Post 996 and St. John Lutheran Church, Royal. He was a loyal fan of the Fighting Illini and St. Louis Cardinals. He was active in the Champaign and Springfield corvette clubs. Larry enjoyed participating in car shows, Corvette rallies and local parades.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gary Flessner; brothers-in-law, Norman Maier and Leland Albers; a niece, Brenda Maier; and his beloved son, Brad Flessner.

He is survived by his daughter, Tricia (Chip) Wagner, and grandchildren, Callie and Ian, all of Springfield. Larry loved watching his grandchildren play sports.

He is also survived by sisters, Bernice Albers and Barb Maier; sister-in-law, Linda Flessner; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to an organization of the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at freeseafh.com.





Club Weiner Roast—October 8, 2022

Thanks to Roger and Aly Jackson for hosting this fun event.





“A FORK ON THE ROAD”

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

BREITBACH’S COUNTRY DINING

536 BALLTOWN ROAD

BALLTOWN, IOWA 52703

563-552-2220

<https://www.breitbachscountrydining.com>



OPEN:

TH 11am – 12:30pm

FRI – SAT 11am – 8:30pm

SUNDAY: 11am – 7 CLOSED: M - W

Lunch buffet: T – Sat 11am – 2pm

Dinner buffet: F- Sat 4pm to close and Sun 11am to close

Breitbach’s Country Dining is the oldest food and drinking establishment in Iowa.

Balltown is located northwest of Dubuque, with a population of 79.

This food establishment originally opened in 1852, with Jacob Breitbach purchasing the establishment in 1862. It is now in its sixth generation of ownership, currently owned by Mike and Cindy Breitbach.

After two devastating fires, the current building was completed in 2009 and sits on the original site.

Breitbach’s offers an extensive menu to order from or you can choose to partake of their “All You Can Eat” buffets that change each day, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Please visit their website to view their regular menu and descriptions of the buffets. Far too many selections to list here.

Here is an opportunity to take a leisurely road trip and enjoy some of the scenic Iowa countryside.

Suggested by Richard and Susan Larimore

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

An interview with Club members Curtis and Jackie Heck

By Carol Castellon

Imagine working all day, then you see the Corvette you want to buy online, so you leave at 10 PM, drive all night, arrive in Mariette GA at 10 AM, take all day dealing, then head home. The C7 had just come out, and Curtis really wanted this 2013 60th Anniversary ZR1 Collector's Edition, white with blue interior, only 139 of them made. He also wanted the matching numbers and the horsepower. This is his 8th Corvette and he loves it!



Doug knew Curtis and kept running into Curtis and always "hit him up" to come to a meeting. So, in 1992, Curtis came to a meeting, saw that our Club had a lot of activities, everyone was so welcoming and friendly, so he joined. At that time, he had an '88 convertible (that left him stranded twice, but that's another story).

Curtis bought his first Corvette in 1976, a '72 dark green with saddle interior. Then he bought a '75 red coupe with black interior. He bought his third Corvette "when he had marital problems," a '69, 427 4-speed gold with black interior. He loved that car, but totaled it. "I'll never buy another Corvette" he told his wife ... and didn't ... until after the divorce! He met Jackie in 1990 and then he bought another one in 1992!

Curtis and Jackie like the people in the Club and have made a lot of friends. Several people have tried to get Curtis to run for a Club officer, but "they didn't succeed," as Curtis put it.



They like the trips and go on one at least once/year. Curtis's favorite trip was "Tail of the Dragon" trip because he had a 427 with a G-meter (g-force read-out) and drove it at 1.07 G-force. Curtis and Jackie have been to the NCM lots, and were there when it first opened. Jackie won the poo-poo paddle for leaving her purse on the back of a chair at Bloomington Gold when it was in Champaign. She didn't want to elaborate! Jackie is hoping Linda Ogle will get that trip planned for the women to go to Indy to the bakery and shopping.

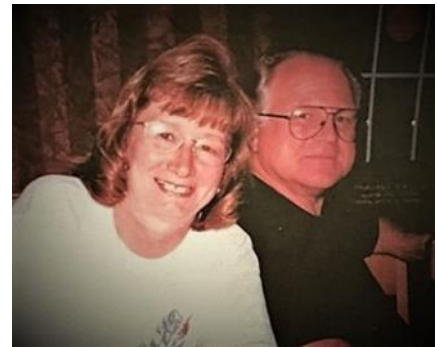
Curtis wanted to thank all of the long-time members for their devotion to the Club. He thinks Doug has been an excellent President, and appreciates Carol's work on the calendar.

An interview with Club members Curtis and Jackie Heck *continued***By Carol Castellon**

Curtis graduated from Rantoul HS, and at age 18 worked as a delivery man for Montgomery Ward. His brother and a friend saw an ad for AT&T Apprentices in Chicago. Curtis went with them, rode the train up. Curtis and the friend got jobs as “non-located employees” traveling in 5 states. As a result of the first draft lottery in Oct 1969, he got drafted in April '70. He took basic in Ft Campbell KY, then artillery training in Ft. Sell OK, then had a 10-day leave before reporting to duty in Viet Nam, where he served from Sept 1970- Nov 1971. He had extended his stay for 71 days in VN as a door

gunner on a helicopter and had served a total of 18 ½ months, so got out 6 months early.

He came home in Nov 1971, and 30-days later, he was back working at AT&T. He got married and has a son Chris, and daughter Amanda. When his AT&T job in CU was done, he transferred to Wichita TX. In 1976, he joined SW Bell telephone, moved back home, then back to Wichita Falls TX, then back home. He bought a big truck, worked for University Asphalt until 1988, then took a job at Kraft and retired in 2005. His hobby is motorcycles - he is rebuilding a 1973 Harley now.



Jackie graduated from Danville HS, was married less than a year later. She has two sons, Michael and Scott. She attended Danville Area Community College, earning an associate's degree in accounting. She worked at Valcom for 15 years, then in 2000, she took a job at U of IL where she worked for 15 years before retiring. Jackie and Curtis have 9 grandchildren between the two of them. She is an avid reader and loves to read books by her favorite authors, James Patterson and Danielle Steel. She likes mysteries and contemporary novels.

Curtis and Jackie met at a bar in Danville that had live bands on the weekends in the summer of 1990. They have been partners for 32 years, and were married on Jan 13, 2011. After Curtis retired, he started driving a school bus for Armstrong Schools, and loves it! He wants to do it one more year ... and I'm betting he likes taking kids to sports events and watching them play!

And thank you for your service, Curtis.



Barn III Dinner Theater — October 30, 2022



