

President's Message

I want to give out a BIG THANK YOU to all the members who helped out with the homecomings this year. We had Paxton and Fisher High Schools again this year, the teachers and young adults were very appreciative for help at these homecomings.

# THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

Well, the mornings are starting to get a little brisk and the trees are starting to change. You know what that means. It will not be long until our Corvettes are put away for another winter's nap. All we can do is hope that it is a SHORT WINTER SEASON. Just remember to get your Vette ready for the nap. We can never predict what kind of a winter we will have but if it turns out nice with no salt on the roads, it is always a good idea to get your Corvette out for a little cruise to keep the juices flowing in the motor, transmission, and rearend. This is always GREAT therapy for You also.

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 <a href="mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com">dug.hanner@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.ccofi.org">www.ccofi.org</a>. 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 (<a href="mailto:s.tribble@frontier.com">s.tribble@frontier.com</a>). 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 October 11, 2022 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

> wear your name tag and bring a chair

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## Minutes of September 13, 2022

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 53 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 Scott and Rhonda Walter's son, Sean, who passed away.

Jody Retter and Terry Pearson's mother passed away.

# Secretary report: Debby Wagner

Delora Hanner made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Dave Crull. Approved with the exception of a Nay vote from Tom McKinley.

## Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Max Mitchell made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Linda Ogle. Motion approved with the exception of a Nay vote from Tom McKinley.

## **Governors Report:** Tom McKinley

It is time to renew your membership. Renewal bills were handed out to those members present at the meeting. Renewal bills for members not present will be mailed to them. Dues must be paid by October 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a hard deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> to have renewals to the Regional Membership Director. Renewals paid after that date will have to pay \$10.00 more and you will be renewed at the new member rate for NCCC.

Waivers cannot be signed by a spouse. Everyone must sign for themselves.

On the advice of the NCCC Business Manager and the insurance company the VP of Competition and the RCDs have banned all electric vehicles from competition.

NCCC Scholarship Application will open on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Corvette Plant Tours will resume in November. National Corvette Museum will be the exclusive source for tours and will be taking your reservations online beginning November  $1^{\rm st}$ . Museum Delivery will have priority, then museum members and then the public. The Build your own engine program is scheduled to come back in the second quarter of 2024. This will include the Z06.

The 2024 Convention will be held in May in Joplin, Missouri. They are looking for bids for the 2025 Convention. The final numbers are in for the 2022 Convention and it made \$20,000.00.

A report on the 2023 Convention will be given after the minutes from the Governors Meeting are received.

As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, there are 237 clubs nationally with 18,783 members. The Midwest Region is the largest with 27

clubs and 2,531 members. The Corvette Club of Illinois is the largest in the Region with 177 members.

#### **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:

Dave Crull reported that Steve Tribble would like someone else to take over maintaining the website. He is so busy that he is unable to maintain it as it should be.

#### **Public Information:**

Nothing to report.

#### **Calendars**

All of 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 Lammle; 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:**

Ken Guyette gave an update for the Special Olympics Family Festival on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Lakeland College in Mattoon. Ken held a meeting with those volunteers after the meeting. Ken also gave a report on plans for the Club Christmas Party. It will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Elks Club in Savoy. Members who sign up for the party will be charged \$10.00 each with the Club picking up the major share of the cost. The reasoning for charging members is that last year we had 127 members sign up and 98 showed up plus 4 who had not signed up. We still had to pay for those who did not show up at a cost of over \$500.00 to the Club. Members will need to sign up by the November 8th meeting along with their payment. We will need a count for the caterer shortly after the November meeting. If a member signs up and then cannot attend, we will refund their money up till November 15<sup>th</sup>. No refunds will be given for cancellations after November 15<sup>th</sup>. Jackie Heck asked for an explanation as to why the Club can't cover the entire cost. It was explained though we do have the funds, if the club paid for the entire party along with making our payments to NCCC, paying for other Club activities, we would be broke in the next two or three years. By having members pay a share of the cost they are then committed to the party whether they show up or not.

The Dinner Dash to Longbranch Again in Cooksville will be on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Planet Fitness in

# Minutes of September 13, 2022 continued

Champaign at 12:30 p.m. Dick & Janice Lampe will meet us in LeRoy to lead us up there. Members are welcome to join along the way or meet us at Cooksville.

We will be having a Wiener Roast at Roger & Aly Jackson's near Mansfield on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Club will supply wieners, buns, condiments, plates and plasticware. Please bring your own beverage of choice and a side dish large enough to share with the group. Also bring wiener forks and supplies for s'mores if you desire. We will plan on leaving Planet Fitness in Champaign at 4:00 p.m.

There are 44 people signed up for the Barn III Dinner Theater on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The show is a comedy "Run For Your Wife". The cost is \$43.20/person and payment must be received by Brenda Croxton no later than our October 11th meeting date. Contact Jody if you have any questions and/or would like to go. The information is in the Newsletter.

## Vice President: Barry Wagner

There will be a Club Planning Session in October for 2023. Please be thinking of things you would like the Club to do next year.

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 location in 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

Nominations are being taken for all Board of Directors positions and one trustee position (3 years). The Trustees will prepare a slate of nominees. Contact one of the trustees if you desire to run. Nominations will close at the October meeting with the election being held at the November meeting.

We have two Homecoming Parades: Paxton-Buckley-Loda on Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. and at Fisher on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

Baum Chevrolet in Clinton will be having Scotty's 16 Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration is 9:00 to 11:00 and is \$15.00. Show runs from 11:00 to 2:00. A caravan will be leaving Planet Fitness in Champaign at 8:00 a.m.

Corvette Funfest in Effingham will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. A caravan will be leaving Planet Fitness in Champaign at 9:00 a.m.

We did not participate in the Hoopeston Parade due to the fact that we only got notified 2 weeks prior to the event.

Newport Hill Climb will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. The car show will be on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the registration fee is \$20.00

Westville will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

## **Old Business:**

We had 15 cars at the Corvette Indy Car Show. Club members won 6 trophies.

We had 9 cars in the St. Joseph Parade.

We had 25 cars at the Ellsworth Car Show. Bob Ogle and Tom Jamison both won awards. Dick Lampe thanked everyone for coming.

We had 6 cars in the Arcola Broomcorn Parade. Curtis Heck was wondering if the members still wanted to do this parade. We will keep this in mind for next year.

There were 4 couples who attended Corvette Adventures. They had a great time. There were not as many cars on the tours and the Fall one is more laid back than the Spring. Steve Mechling won for most Corvettes owned -30.

# **New Business:**

New business was discussed earlier in the meeting.

## **Corvette Chat**

Curtis Heck stated that at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade his car was dead. The battery was fine but he needed to have the Run/ Start Relay replaced.

**50/50 - \$**92.00 – Tom McKinley

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



# **CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS**



# **FALL WIENER ROAST**

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>

-RAIN OR SHINE-

WHERE: ROGER & ALY JACKSON'S

2799 NORTH 1275 EAST ROAD

MANSFIELD, IL

WE WILL GATHER 4:30-5:00 AND EAT AROUND 6:00 P.M.

THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS, BUNS, CONDIMENTS AND PLASTIC SERVICE
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH LARGE ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP
ALSO BRING HOT DOG FORKS FOR COOKING, DRINKS OF YOUR CHOICE,
PORTABLE CHAIRS AND INGREDIENTS FOR S'MORES IF YOU SO DESIRE

RESTROOM IS AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS A LARGE BUILDING
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

THANKS TO ROGER & ALY JACKSON
FOR MAKING THIS EVENT A REALITY



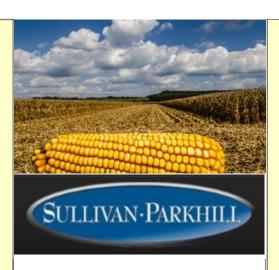
# Welcome to our Club

# Lee Jr. and Tiara Nelson

Champaign, IL 2001 Convertible

# October Birthdays

Dee Gonzalez October I Brian Knox October I October 2 Tom Finger October 2 Mickey Haton October 5 Gordon Green October 5 Gary Haton Pat Tribble October 9 October 9 Nancy Von Lanken Jayne Egoff October 13 Kelly Wolken October 14 October 18 Larry Retter October 20 Mike Vecchio October 22 John Simpson October 23 Angela Serd Kim Longsdorf October 24 October 25 Richard Golliday Susan Larimore October 25 October 27 **Peggy Swisher** Kathy Havey October 31



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# Club Calendar

# October 8 Club Weiner Roast

Roger & Aly Jackson's Mansfield, IL

# October I I Monthly Club Meeting

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

# October 30 Barn III Dinner Theater

5:30 pm 1451 Timberline Rd Goodfield, IL

# 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

# DOUG'S TECH TIP

This is the time of the year to replace the batteries in your key fobs. If you have been having problems with your vehicles not recognizing your key fob, it is probably the battery. Try this first before you replace the fob. This will probably take care or your situation. Also remember if you are storing your Corvette for the winter, it is always a good idea to use a battery tender to make sure your battery stays charged over the winter. You could have a problem with your Corvette in the Spring with battery voltage and not being able to get in or starting your Vette.



# October Club Meeting Important Business

During the club's October meeting, there are several things that need to be taken care of by our members.

The Christmas Party is going to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Elks Lodge in Savoy. We need members to sign up and pay the \$10.00 per head for this annual party. You must sign up and pay by the November club meeting if you want to attend.

We will also be taking orders for the club's 2023 calendar that we will be distributing at the Christmas party. The calendars are \$10.00 each, and the cut off for ordering will be at the November Club meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting and want to order a calendar, please contact Brenda Croxton (309-830-1634)

At this meeting is a great time to pay your 2023 club dues. Dues notices were sent out last month. Please contact Tom McKinley (217-493-0586) if you didn't receive yours.

We are also collecting names of any of our members who would like to run for one of our club's Board of Directors officer positions. Beside the Board, we are going to need another trustee. Please contact Ken Guyette (248-880-4952) if you would like to be an officer in our club. We will be voting for these positions at our November meeting, but need to know if you're interested at the October meeting.



















August 13th Vettes N Vets

Winners







# "A FORK ON THE ROAD"

## SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH
FORD'S GARAGE
13193 LEVINSON LN #100
NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060
317-878-3673

https://www.fordsgarageusa.com/locations/ blesville/

#### OPEN:

M-TH 11AM – 10 PM (INDIANA TIME) FRI – SAT 11AM – 11PM

SUNDAY: BRUNCH 10:30 AM – 3:00PM DINNER 3:00PM – 9:00PM



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Here is a restaurant that originally opened in 2012 in Fort Meyers, Florida and has expanded to 22 locations, primarily in Florida. Indiana and Ohio are their northern-most locations.

Ford's Garage is patterned after a 1920's style service station turned into a neighborhood burger and beer joint where everyone is welcome.

Much of the décor highlights some of the early history of the Ford Motor Company.

Far too many decoration features to list here, however a trip is suggested to be able to appreciate all that they have to be seen. Truly a "destination".

While the prime focus of the menu is on Prime Burgers and Craft Beers, an extensive choice of other items are available. Something for everyone.

Special adult beverages are also available.

Many of the food and drink selection titles are "Ford" themed.

Please visit their web site to view the menu. Justice cannot be done to their menu in this limited amount of space.

Noblesville is located north-east of Indianapolis.

Consider going I-74 east to the (Indiana) Lebanon Rte. 32 exit and continue east to Noblesville.

This would make a great week-end trip.

Suggested by Bob and Linda Ogle

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 Ken and Nancy Guyette

## **By Carol Castellon**

How would you like a job with a company that has a large car pool and you can pick whatever car you want to drive ... even your choice of many Corvettes? Ken worked for General Motors for 32 years and was fortunate enough to be entitled to drive a company car for 22 years. This allowed him to take a Corvette home whenever he felt the need for speed! He knew he would buy one after he retired!

Ken and Nancy moved to Savoy in 2013 after spending all of their earlier lives in Michigan. Once retired, they wanted to move to better weather and be closer to one of their sons, who lives about 300 yards from them now.

They have a 2006 Lemans Blue coupe that they bought in 2015 from Sullivan Parkhill. The sales manager told them about the Club meetings held at dealership. So, they joined!

Because they were new to Champaign, the Club provided the way to meet a lot of new people, which has been great for them. They have enjoyed the club trips and events and look forward to more trips as we come out of the Covid night-



mare. They even won the Rookie of the year award their first year in the Club. Ken served as club treasurer for 3 years and currently is a club trustee.



With the connections Ken had with GM, he was able to put together a club trip to Detroit to tour the GM Heritage Museum, the GM Powertrain test facility, and the Lingenfelter Museum. It was a great trip that everyone enjoyed. He recalled how the chief designer of the C7, Tom Peters, came to talk to the group, and everyone "eating it up." Tom talked about changing the tail lights and other design changes that went into the C7. He came at 10 am and Ken couldn't get him to stop talking so the group could go to lunch. The group boo'd Ken when he had to stop Tom!

They have been on the Christmas Party committee for a number of years. They enjoyed the club trips to the Corvette Museum, Funfest, Corvette Adventures, Hannibal Missouri, Starved Rock, LeClaire Iowa

and day trips. He helped Tom McKinley put together the recent Road Rallye that all of the participants enjoyed. He hopes next year one of our members will step forward to plan the event so that they can participate in it. Having lived most of their life in Michigan, they would like help to plan a trip that travels up the western side of Michigan, through the Upper Peninsula, and back down through eastern Wisconsin.

They would like to see the Club participate in more charitable events, such as the Special Olympics Family Festival. They really look forward to the Special Olympics Family Festival that is held every year in September. To be able to see the Special Olympics Family Festival that is held every year in September.

pians have such a good time really makes one feel good. Ken recalled watching the softball throwing and how Ray Gonzales was behind the net and acted like the ball was hitting him, while encouraging kids for over 2 hours.

Ken and Nancy both attended St. Francis HS in Traverse City, MI. They both attended the same junior college, but never knew each other. When a friend had a birthday party, Nancy was there as a guest, and Ken was introduced to her. When he got home, he told his mom "She's the girl I am going to marry." Two and a half years later, they were married. Nancy graduated from Central Michigan University and Ken graduated from Northern Michigan University and then got his MBA from the University of Detroit.



# An interview with Club members Ken and Nancy Guyette continued

## By Carol Castellon

Ken worked for banks in the Upper Peninsula and then Detroit for 4 years. Then a family friend offered him a job with GM Financial. With GM he worked in numerous departments including, GM International, GM Marine Engine Sales, GM Engine Engineering, GM Transmission Engineering, then retired from the GM Powertrain Engineering. Ken was very fortunate while working for General Motors to travel extensively around the world with numerous trips to Japan, Korea, Germany, France, England, Brazil and all over the United States. Ken did take time to coach his sons playing soccer, baseball, t-ball, and basketball.



Nancy worked for Social Security Administration, and also was a preschool teacher. She quit her job because Ken was gone so much and they had kids at home. She was always involved in school, PTA, classrooms, and transporting her kids to sports. Nancy is a proud member of the Prairie Dragon Paddlers, a Dragon Boat racing team. The team is made up of Breast Cancer survivors who race competitively during the summer months. They recently returned from Kentucky, where the

team finished in second place. They practice at Homer Lake on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Ages of Club members range from late 30's to 82. This is the only team in Illinois, and they recently raised enough money to buy a second boat.

They are the proud parents of two sons, Joe and Mike, who are married to two wonderful daughters-in-law, both named Becca. They are very proud grandparents of four grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 14. They really like being part of their grandchildren's lives. Their son Joe lives in Savoy and the other son Mike lives in Grand Rapids Michigan, where they try to visit once a month. Joe is a lawyer and his wife is a Director with Champaign United Way. Mike is the Art Director for a graphic design company in Grand Rapids Michigan and his wife is an art teacher for Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mike designs logos for many large corporations. He designed our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> logo.

Next year, Ken and Nancy will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and are taking the whole family on an Alaskan Cruise to celebrate.









Join us at the Barn III on Sunday, October 30th for the performance of "A Party to Murder".

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the Barn is unable to perform RUN FOR YOUR WIFE as originally scheduled.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$43.20 per person and include dinner, show, and tax.













Ellsworth Car Show September 4, 2022



