



# Glass Reflections

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### President's Message

The Club Picnic was Great. Plenty of Food, Corvette Talk, and even a little Humor to help with a little singalong. I want to THANK Dick and Janice for their hospitality to have the Picnic at their house. Rich Larimore also needs to be THANKED for being the Club Chef for a day. THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

I have updated the Calendar of Events with all the new flyers received this month, so check your emails and of course make sure to check out the Calendar. Please check out the Club Newsletter for updates on events.

Remember that the Corvette Show at Penske Chevrolet in Indianapolis is on August 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information emailed to everyone before the date and more discussion at the August meeting. Check out the attached flyer.

There is still time to sign up for the Branson Trip on 18-22 September. Jody has said there is plenty of reservations left for more members to participate in this great Outing before the snow flies. Please check out the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

We hope that everyone has marked Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Club Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge in Savoy. This always is a Great time for everyone. There will be more information in the next few months.

If any members have knowledge 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). If you have any flyers from other shows and events bring them to the meeting or email them to Gordon ([ggreen570@gmail.com](mailto:ggreen570@gmail.com)). New Ideas or Events can be talked about at any meeting or just get in touch with one of the Board of Directors.

Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
August 8, 2023  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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

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**Minutes of July 11, 2023**

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 45 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and greeting everyone.

**Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members**

Grant Taylor – 2006 Convertible Monterey Red  
Welcome back Jimmie Bolton

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

Roger & Aly Jackson – 2017 Z06 White  
Don Adams – 2019 Stingray Convertible White

**Good and Welfare**

A moment of silence was held in memory of Dan McKenzie.  
Deb Lammle is doing well.  
Curtis Heck is waiting to have a knee replacement. He hopes it will be very soon.

**Secretary report:** Debby Wagner

Jody Retter stated that there was an error in the Corvette Chat and changed it in the newsletter. Mistakenly put Cabin Filter instead of Hood Struts.  
Ray Gonzalez made a motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, seconded by Karl Smith. Motion carried.

**Treasurer report:** Brenda Croxton

Max Mitchell made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Cynda Dick. Motion carried.

**Governors Report:** Tom McKinley

Corvette Club of Illinois has 154 members.  
There were 747 attendees at the Corvette Convention. Mad City Vettes from Madison, Wisconsin had the largest group and the Midwest Region had the most attendees.

**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

Website is up to date. Various Car shows will be put on the website.

**Calendars**

Last night to pick up 2023 calendar. We will not be bringing them to the next meeting.  
We are taking reservations for your car to be featured in the

2024 calendar. May, June, July, November, and December have been taken. Please let Barry know what month you want. We will be checking on the prices for 2024.

**Social Functions:**

The play at the Barn III Dinner Theatre has been changed to 'The Sunshine Boys'. If you wish to go please let Jody know ASAP as there is a deadline to give them the number of reservations.

There are 25 people signed up for the trip to Branson, Mo September 18<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jody has added a couple of other venues. The cost is \$1,000.00 per couple.

The Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash to Dewey's in Farmer City will be on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We will caravan from the old Planet Fitness in Champaign at 5:30. If Route 150 is closed from Mansfield to Farmer City, we will travel on I-74.

**Vice President:** Barry Wagner

Corvette Indy Car Show is on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Penske Chevrolet. This is a great show, especially if you like to collect trophies. We will have Caravan information at the next meeting. Please get your registration sheets to Corvette Indy asap.

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 July 11, 2023

#### President: Doug Hanner

The Mahomet Auto Fest was held Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>. The following members won awards: Ray Gonzalez, Dwight Hooker, Steve Mechling, Max Mitchell and prospective member Grant Taylor.

MidAmerica Funfest will be held September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Club will caravan on the 16<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

The club's participation in future parades was discussed. Anyone riding on our cars 18 years old and over will have to sign the NCCC Waiver. Those under the age of 18 will have to have a parent or guardian sign before they can ride. This can present a problem especially with Homecoming Parades as the person authorized to sign may not be in attendance. It was the consensus of the Club that we no longer carry people on our cars. We can still participate in parades like Rantoul and Champaign 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Arcola Broomcorn Fest, etc. If you wish to participate in a parade carrying people, you will have to do it on your own. The Club must not be mentioned in any way, such as: Club Flag on car cannot be flown. American flags are OK.

With the passing of Dan McKenzie, we need to fill his seat on the Board of Trustees. It was determined that since elections will be coming up this fall it could wait. Nominations will be taking place in September. Please consider running for an office.

#### Old Business:

We had 8 cars in both the Rantoul and Champaign 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades.

A question regarding Club dues arose at the June meeting. The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees will be meeting soon. We will bring our findings to the August meeting.

The attendees of the Convention agreed that we had a good time. Two couples attended the Gala Awards on the Friday night where the 2024 E-Ray was unveiled.

The Club Picnic at Dick & Janice Lampe's will be held on

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The club will provide the meat, buns, condiments, and table service. Iced Tea and Lemonade will be provided. If you wish something else to drink, please bring your own. Also, bring a covered dish to share.

Sullivan-Parkhill's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is still in the planning stage. It will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. They will have room for 20 Corvettes.

#### New Business:

Vette's on the River at LeClaire, Iowa will be held Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Corvette's at Carlisle will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. There will be no caravanning. If you do go, make a side trip to Shanksville Flight 93 Memorial.

Ken Guyette gave information on the Special Olympics Family Fest to be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will need several volunteers for the parade (very short) and to man the game tent for the participants. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Jackie Heck brought the form for the club to participate in the Arcola Broomcorn Festival on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have more details at a later date. If you do attend, be sure and bring lots and lots of candy. There are a lot of children on this route.

The Chili, Soup Supper and Weiner Roast will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Aly and Roger Jackson for letting us hold it at their place.

#### Corvette Chat

Doug relayed the story of his Corvette breaking down on their way to Bowling Green for the Convention. The dealership still has his car.

Someone was asking for suggestions on how to remove tree sap from their car. It was suggested a solution of vinegar and water or using WD-40.

**50/50** - \$90.00 – Tom Forrest

**Motion to adjourn-** Made by Delora Hanner, seconded by Jackie Heck. Motion carried.

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



4th of July Parade  
Champaign, IL

**August Birthdays**

Craig Musgrove	August 4
William Makemson	August 7
Delora Hanner	August 12
Robert Kuntz	August 14
Chona Rapp	August 14
Doris Ewing	August 15
Teresa Schurg	August 15
Todd Lemenager	August 22
John Lammler	August 29
Ray Reed	August 31



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**Club Calendar**

**August 8  
Monthly Club Meeting**  
7:00 pm  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
440 West Anthony Dr,  
Champaign, IL

**August 12  
Corvette Indy Vets 'n Vettes**  
Penske Chevrolet, 3210 E 96th St,  
Indianapolis, IN  
Registration: 8:30 am – 11 am  
Judging: 11 am – 12:30 pm  
Awards at 3 pm

**August 24-26  
Corvettes at Carlisle**  
1000 Byrn Mawr Rd.  
Carlisle, PA  
Thurs- Sat: 7AM- 6PM

**August 31-Sept. 2  
NCM 29th Anniversary  
Celebration**  
National Corvette Museum  
350 Corvette Dr  
Bowling Green, KY

**September 2  
Sweetcorn Festival**  
Hoopeston, IL

**September 12  
Monthly Club Meeting**  
7:00 pm  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
440 West Anthony Dr,  
Champaign, IL



**Sullivan-Parkhill  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Sullivan Parkhill has asked the Corvette Club of Illinois to help in the celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The date for this celebration is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The club will have a special place to showcase our Corvettes and they have asked that we limit the number of Corvettes in the show to 25.

So please contact me as soon as possible if you want to be part of this show.

Sullivan Parkhill will have a customer appreciation lunch and prizes during the event.

Ken Guyette 217-954-1411 or 248-880-4952

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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, 3 musical shows, and a dinner cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat.

Please let us know if you'd like to join us on this adventure.

**Reservations must be made no later than September 4.**

Please contact Jody Retter at 309-824-6648 or [jodyretter@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyretter@yahoo.com) with any questions you might have.



## Details and contact information for the trip planned to Branson, MO.

### Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

- Caravan south, stopping for lunch at Lamberts in Sikeston, MO along the way  
Leave Champaign at 8:00 am, stopping for lunch around 1:00
- Arrive in Branson around 7:30 pm to check into [La Quinta](#) Inn & Suites by Wyndham Branson 3226 Shepherd of The Hills Expy, Branson, MO
- Welcome pizza party at motel (approximately 8:00, cost to be determined)

### Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

- Hot breakfast at the hotel
- [Top of the Rock](#) cave tour and Ozark history museum, optional lunch at Arnie's Barn on your own
- Dinner cruise on Showboat [Branson Belle](#) – 4:00 pm (arrive at 3:00) (between Top of the Rock and motel)

### Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

- Hot breakfast at hotel
- Cruise to [Eureka Springs](#) with lunch on your own  
There is a nice hilly/curvy road between Branson and Eureka Springs
- There are several restaurants close to the motel, ie. Golden Corral (early bird special 1-4), Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Cracker Barrel, and Little Hacienda for dinner before the 8:00 show.
- [SIX](#) show at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater located at 1600 W 76 Country Blvd.-- 8:00 pm  
Theater is next to Celebrity Car Museum

### Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

- Hot breakfast at hotel
- Lunch on your own
- #1 Hits of the [60's Show](#) at Clay Cooper Theatre located at 3216 W 76 Country Blvd, – 2:00 pm
- Dinner at [McFarlains](#) Restaurant, 3562 Shepherd of the Hills Expy,  
There will be time before the 8:00 show to shop the mini mall in which the restaurant is located.
- [Oakridge Boys Show](#) in the Oakridge Boys Theater inside the Mansion located at 189 Expy Ln– 8:00 pm

### Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Hot breakfast at hotel
- Travel home with optional stop at [Wonders of Wildlife](#) Natl Museum & Aquarium/Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, MO

The cost for the entire package is \$1074 per couple for a motel room with 2 queen beds, or \$1119 for a king room.

This package includes:

- 4 nights stay at La Quinta Inn
- Top of the Rock cave tour and admission to Ozark History Museum - \$41/pp
- Dinner cruise on Showboat Branson Belle - \$63/pp
- Admission to Oak Ridge Boys Show - \$53/pp
- Admission to #1 Hits of the 60's Show - \$34/pp
- Admission to SIX Show - \$28/pp
- Dinner at McFarlain's Restaurant - \$22/pp
- Credit card fees, all taxes, and gratuity for the servers at the Showboat and McFarlain's

Not included are:

- Pizza upon arrival (cost to be determined)
- Meals on the road.
- All lunches are on your own
- Dinner on Wednesday (*I will organize a group dinner, if there is interest*)
- Admission to Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, MO

We're looking forward to having a great time with a group of great people on this adventure!

Call 1-800-432-4202 or 417-335-2707 Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm to reserve your hotel room and show tickets. You can ask to speak with Taunya, but anyone there should be able to help you. Just be sure to tell them you are with the group from the Corvette Club of Illinois. There will be a \$50 charge/deposit per couple upon booking, with the balance due on September 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be given a packet with all your tickets, etc. upon arrival.

You can always call me at 309-824-6648 or email me at [jodyretter@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyretter@yahoo.com) with any questions you may have.



## Corvette Club Participation in Special Olympics Family Fest

September 16, 2023  
Lake Land College, Mattoon  
9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

On September 16, 2023, the Central Illinois Special Olympics (Region 1) is having its Family Festival. The Corvette Club of Illinois will be 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 will be 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.

I will like to get a commitment of 13 - 15 cars and at least 25 club members to sign up before I tell Special Olympics that we are good to go for this year. **I currently have 11 cars signed up and would like a couple more.**

The event will be held on the grounds of the Lake Land College in Mattoon. All club participants should arrive at the McDonalds at exit 184 on I-57 South at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 16th. We will then caravan the ½ mile to Lake Land College at 9:00 am., where we will line up for the parade. The Corvettes will start lining up about 9:00 to be featured in this short parade that winds through the Lake Land parking lot. The Corvettes will be carrying 4 Special Olympics Athletes and about 10 local Princesses and Queens (we will need to have waivers signed by all riders). The parade will start at 10:00 and after the parade there will be a torch lighting. About 10:00 am, we will park the parade cars in the Corvette only parking area.

This is when all of the Special Olympians and their families will get a chance to see our cars up close. The organizers have requested that we DO NOT let anybody sit in our cars.

During the day, there will be all kinds of games, activities, music and lunch. The Corvette Club will be the volunteers for one of the activity tents. Our tent will have three games for the athletes, a soft ball toss, bucket ball, and a drag race game. Each athlete will have a "friend of the day" to help them with each game. Each athlete will be given a ribbon for participating. The ribbons will be supplied by Special Olympics. I will need about 14 club members at a time to run the games, and we will switch out during the event. I would also like to have some of the members check on the Corvettes during the day.

All volunteers will get a Special Olympics Family Fest Volunteer Shirt.

Lunch will be provided by Special Olympics from 11:00 – 1:30. I understand it is a box lunch with a Jimmy John's sandwich, other healthy snacks and bottled water.

The games in the tent will close at 1:30, and then we will be able to clean up and leave by 2:30.

If some of the Club members are wanting to go to Fun Fest in Effingham you will be able to leave around 12:00 noon.

At 2:00 pm, they will have the closing ceremony if you want to stay.

**Please contact me if you want to join in on this great club charity event.**

**Ken Guyette**

**248-880-4952**

**kjguyette@aol.com**



Steve Brown Memorial  
Dinner Dash  
Dewey's Drive-In  
Farmer City, IL  
July 27, 2023







# “A FORK ON THE ROAD”

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

## THIS MONTH

### **BUB’S BURGERS & ICE CREAM**

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If you find yourself in Caarmel, Indiana, consider dining at Bub’s Burgers & Ice Cream.

Bub’s is home of the “Big Ugly Burger. Bub’s was established in 2003 and has two other restaurants in central and south central Indiana. Due to supply issues for buns and bread used in their products, Bub’s opened their own bakery (Lucy’s Bakery in Indianapolis) to supply custom made quality buns and breads to “fit” their sandwiches at all their locations.

Burgers are the speciality of the house. Bub’s uses fresh hand-pattied ground chuck. Bub’s Burgers come in four sizes. The “Mini-Bub” at 1/8 lb , the “Settle for Less Ugly” at ¼ lb , the “Not So Ugly” at ½ lb, and the “Big Ugly” at 1 lb. Consume the “Big Ugly” and get your picture on the wall. In addition to regular beef burgers, Bub’s offers Bub’ Dogs in a 6” long ¼ lb and a 10” ½ lb. dog.

Elk burgers are available as well as chili, grilled Mahi Mahi and grilled chicken sandwiches.

So many other choices are available on their menu, that it is highly suggested that you visit Bub’s web site to view the complete list.

Bub’s also has locations in Zionsville at 620 S. Main and in Bloomington at 408 N. Morton and the latest location in Westfield at 960 Tournament Tri.

Be sure to visit Bub’s when visiting Indiana.

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

## DOUG’S TECH TIP:

Well, we got our Vette back on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. We are glad that it is back home safe and sound. The diagnosis was a bad battery and throttle body. Both were replaced and it runs Great. There is some preventive maintenance that can be performed to help maybe not have this happen to you. Be sure to have your battery checked to see if you might have a problem and also you can clean the throttle body with some carburetor cleaner and a rag. The throttle body has an internal problem that is keeping it in an Open Position during driving that is what caused it to go into Traction Control and Limp Mode.



Dave's Shed  
Normal, IL

July 15, 2023







Thank you, Brenda & Chuck Croxton  
for setting up this tour for us.

## An interview with Club members Steve and Pat Lampo

By Carol Castellon

When they were dating, Rich told Pat that he put money down on a Corvette but could not afford the payments. Pat vowed that someday, Rich would have his Corvette.

Rich has always been a Chevy guy, and his interest in Corvettes started in high school. Just outside the Quad Cities, there was a road in the country with  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile painted off, so cars went out and drag raced. One racer, who was often there, had a '62 champagne-color convertible with a fuel injected engine that Rich fell in love with. Then years later, Rich put money down on a red '60, but the bank classified it as an old car, and he wasn't able to afford the payments for the duration the bank was willing to finance it. So, after they were married and knowing his love for Corvettes, Pat helped Rich get his first Corvette, even though it meant that she never got the candy apple red Jaguar she always wanted.

They have owned 5 Corvettes: an '84, '85, '94, '06, and '64. At one point in time, they had 4 of them. They sold the '85 to a granddaughter for \$1, and the '94 to his daughter for \$1. The license plate on the '94 was "ROCKN 94" and the '06 has "BTMOBL" (Batmobile). Erica, their daughter, named it, so Rich looked for that plate and, much to his surprise, was able to get it. They still have the '06 triple black convertible and the '64 red convertible.

July 4 parade 2022



The '84 red coupe was a "fixer" as Rich took an opportunity to get a Corvette in the mid-90's. Two years later, he traded it for the '85 red coupe with a 4+3-speed manual transmission. He had it several years, but it then developed a bad squeak in the rear axle U-joints. He had it up on jackstands working on it when one daughter moved back in with 2 kids. A short time later, the other daughter moved back in with 2 kids so, with little time to work on it, the Corvette just sat in the garage.



the granddaughter's '85

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They moved from Champaign to St. Joseph in 2003. They both really wanted a convertible, and at WCIA's "OUR TOWN ST JOSEPH," they met Larry Flessner who had a convertible for sale. Art Rapp talked it up, and a week later, they bought it. Larry Flessner introduced Rich and Pat to Doug, and they joined the Club in 2013. Rich said Larry was always great to them, and Doug was always friendly, and Art was a big help, especially when their '64 died at the end of the most recent July 4th Freedom Celebration parade.

When the Club was going to Tail of the Dragon, Rich and Pat went to the Black Hills Corvette Classic which was already planned before they joined the Club. Rich later planned a trip to the Black Hills for the Club, but became ill, and Greg Anderson graciously took over the trip for Rich. They have driven in many parades, did the Tail of the Dragon in 2017, attended Corvette Adventures in Wisconsin in 2021, and went to Bloomington Gold and Fun Fest many times, some even before Rich owned a Corvette.



*FunFest 2015 with grandson Ethan*

While waiting on the tow truck, they offered him a drink while one of them was smoking medical marijuana. The two sure talked a lot, turning out to be "quite a pair"! They told Rich to "Come back anytime." The next Christmas, Rich and Pat sent Dave and Barry a Christmas card with a thank-you note.

A few years ago, after finishing the Arcola Parade, he stopped for traffic and took his foot off the clutch, and put the car in neutral. When traffic started moving again, he pushed the clutch in, but there was NO clutch! They were beside a house where 2 older men were sitting on a porch. One of them helped push the car into a driveway. Then both men wanted to sit in the car!



*FunFest 2021 with grandson Ethan*



Rich attended United Township High School in East Moline (Class of 64), then Augustana College in Rock Island, majoring in Chemistry. He dropped out of school and got married, then finished his degree in December '73. In February 1974, he took a job with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign. He went back to school at U of IL and got an MS in Chemistry. Then went on to study Materials Science focusing on polymers and composites. One of his most favorite projects was working as a Team with academia and private industry partners to develop structural plastic lumber and timbers made from recycled plastics. The Team designed and constructed three all-

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plastic timber bridges at a Special Forces Training Area at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), NC capable of crossing a 70-ton M-1 Abrams tank. An equivalent of over one-million gallon polyethylene milk jugs was used in the construction of each bridge. He retired in 2014, but was rehired back in his same job, retiring permanently in 2018.



*Black Rose Band, 1972*

Pat attended Moline Senior High School (Class of 65), started working at Royal Neighbors, and continued working there until December 1970. Their first daughter was born February 1971. She went back to work in 1972, then left in February 1974 when they moved to Champaign. Here she worked at the Telephone Answering Service in Champaign, then the Red Cross, and Burnham Hospital. In April 1983, she started working at the Army Corps of Engineers Laboratory in Finance. She eventually became the Security Manager which, working in security at a Military facility, became much more demanding after 9/11/2001. She retired while in Maui on vacation in February 2011.

Pat has done acrylic painting and cross stitch, but said her (and Rich's) main activity has been following the grandkids in their activities. This meant many trips for volleyball games, dance performances and competitions (the granddaughters), and car events (grandson).

Rich still likes music and he'd pick up a guitar and play it if asked!

In high school and past high school, he played guitar and sang in rock bands. He often played at Boone Miller's Tap in Matherville, IL, which was popular on Saturday night because they allowed ladies in who were 18 - - but they couldn't drink :-). Pat was working at Royal Neighbors of America Insurance in Rock Island, IL when a co-worker (and friend), who was dating the drummer in the band, said to Pat "Let's go listen to the band." Pat met Rich on "July 20, 1968 at 9:12 PM." They started dating, he gave up his other girlfriend, and they married on February 1, 1969. They have 2 daughters, Erica and Angela, and 4 grandchildren.



*Fall, 1973*





Club Picnic at Dick & Janice Lampe's - July 23, 2023







Thank You,  
Dick & Janice !



# 2023 At a Glance

Aug. 5	Barn III Dinner Theater – Goodfield, IL
Aug. 5	Cruise-in – Danville Airport
Aug. 6	Cruise Night – Obies in Oakwood, 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	Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL
Aug. 12	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
Aug. 19	Car Show – Sadorus, IL
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. 26	Car Show – Ogden, IL
Aug. 26	Car Show – Legion Park in Watseka, IL
Aug. 27	Mahomet Cars & Coffee—Whisk Coffee & Wine Bar, Mahomet, IL 8-10 am
Aug. 31–Sept. 2	NCM 29 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Bowling Green, KY
Sept. 2	Car Show – National Sweetcorn Festival in Hoopeston, IL
Sept. 3	Cruise Night – Obies in Oakwood, IL
Sept. 8 – 9	NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis. MO
Sept. 9	Cars & Coffee – Indy 500 Museum – 8-11 am
Sept. 9	Cruise Night – Downtown Morris, IL
Sept. 10	Car Show – Beaverville, IL
Sept, 10	Car Show – Farmer City, IL
Sept. 16	Special Olympics Family Fest – Mattoon, IL
Sept. 14-16	Mid-America Motorworks Corvette Funfest - Effingham, IL
Sept. 24	Scott’s 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Car Show - Baum Chevrolet in Clinton, IL
Sept. 18-22	Road trip to Branson, MO
Sept. 22–24	Route 66 Mother Road Festival Car Show – Springfield, IL
Sept. 24	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. 7	Car Show – Caliber Collision in Champaign, IL
Oct. 7	Car Show – Museum in Watseka, IL
Oct. 14	Cruise Night—Downtown Morris, IL
Oct. 14	Cars & Coffee—Indy 500 Museum 8-11 am
Oct. 14	Wiener roast / chili-soup dinner – Roger & Aly Jackson’s, Mansfield, IL
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