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President's Message

The Annual Steve Brown Memorial outing to Dewey's Drive-In in Farmer City on Thursday July 22nd was a big success. We had a turn-out of 22 Corvettes with over 20 members in attendance. Thanks to Barry and Debby for setting up this fun event. THANKS!!!

Wow, our First Annual Road Rally is history for this year. This was a Fun Fun Fun Event and of course we ended at an eating establishment. I want to take this opportunity to thank Tom McKinley and Ken Guyette for being first time rally masters. THANKS!!!

Check out the flyer for the Cruise-In at Obie's Arctic Chill in Oakwood on August 7th starting at 5:00 pm. This one will be a little special because they are going to have a band just like last year. Obie's has good food and great ice cream (soft serve and hand dipped). Come early to get some good food and then you will have room for ice cream before you travel home. If you have any questions about this event, please email me at dug.hanner@gmail.com or call me at 217-369-5868.

August 13th is the date for the Vettes N Vets at Penske Chevrolet 3210 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. If you want to travel with the Club Caravan, we will be leaving from the Oakwood McDonalds promptly at 7:00 am. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Barry Wagner at 217-649-8956 or email him at bkwagner@illinois.edu. This Corvette show is a great place to pick-up hardware.

There is still time to sign-up for Corvette Adventures at the Wisconsin Dells on September 9th thru the 11th. If you have not attended this event, it is definitely not a car show, but

Next Meeting 7:00 PM
August 9, 2022
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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

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but an adventure of special Corvette tours around the area around the Dells. Here is the website for more information <https://www.corvetteadventures.com> or get in touch with me. I can send you the information of the scenic tours that Delora and I signed up to do.

Let's all be looking out for car shows and cruise-ins for 2022. If any members hear of a car show/display or cruise-in 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 also 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 new events can be talked about at any meeting or just get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. THANKS STEVE!!!



CAR SHOW

ELLSWORTH, IL.
CELEBRATING 150 + 1 YEARS
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SUNDAY SEPT. 4, 2022
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

SHOW 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM



AWARDS WILL BE AT 5:00 PM

FOOD VENDERS

ENTRY FEE
\$10.00

DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 50 ENTRIES

DOOR PRIZES



Minutes of July 12, 2022

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 50 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

John & Kathy LeConte from Greenwood, Indiana – 2007 C6 Victory Red Coupe

Former member, Dave Hilliger, will be rejoining the Club. Dave's wife, Kathy, recently passed away. Our condolences to Dave.

Members with a new or different car – color and year

None

Good and Welfare

John Lammle reported that Deb is doing fine with her treatment and is feeling pretty good.

Tom McKinley reported that Dan McKenzie is doing well and feeling pretty good.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

There was a correction to the June minutes: Lampe's did not win the 50-50 at Chula Vista. The \$2,400.00 was the amount raised for St. Judes.

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

Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Ray Gonzalez made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Larry Warf. Motion approved with the exception of a Nay vote from Tom McKinley.

Governors Report: Tom McKinley

The Corvette Club of Illinois is the largest club in the Midwest Region with 175 members.

Tom passed around the sign-up sheet for the Corvette Club of Illinois 2022 Road Rallye. It will be held on Sunday, July 31st starting at 1:30 p.m. from Farm & Fleet and ending at a secret location with presentation of awards at 5:00 p.m. and a Food Truck will be available. Entry fee is \$20.00 and must be paid before participating. Proceeds to go to our Charity Fund.

Ray Gonzalez made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by JR Longsdorf. Motion approved.

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:

Please send any upcoming events, car shows, vehicles for sale, etc. to Steve Tribble so they may be posted on the website.

Public Information:

Nothing to report.

Calendars

We are taking requests from members to showcase their car in the 2023 calendar.

The following months have been taken: January: Bob Smith; February: Rich & Pat Lampo; March: Doug & Jennifer Cary; May: Van Thompson; June: Chuck & Kay Cain; July: Charlie & Charlene Mornout; September: Melinda & Aaron Burke; October: Doug & Pauline Murray; and December: Tom Jamison.

We still have April, August, and November available. Please contact Barry Wagner if you wish to have your car featured on one of these months. Payment is \$30.00 which includes a free calendar and must be paid prior to Brenda Croxton before it will be included in the calendar.

Social Functions:

Jody Retter is taking reservations for Sunday, October 30th, for the Barn III Dinner Theater. 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 September 13th meeting date. Contact Jody if you have any questions and/or would like to go.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

There are a few upcoming dates for the club to participate in: Fisher Community Fair Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash will be held on Thursday, July 28th to Dewey's in Farmer City.

Corvette Indy will be holding their Vettes for Vets on Saturday, August 13th at Carmel, Indiana. The location has been moved. They award a lot of trophies. Last year the club came back with several trophies plus a 50/50 winner. We will be sending out applications and information.

The Village of Ellsworth will be celebrating their Sesquicentennial (150 years plus 1) on Sunday, September 4th. There will be a car show from 2:00 pm. to 5:00 p.m. There will be food and merchandise vendors.

Dick and Janice Lampe are in charge of the car show.

We are requesting Emergency Contact Information for the Club Member Spreadsheet. We will be sending out an email request.

We have resumed "Fork On the Road" for the newsletter. Please send your recommendations for locations to Barry.

Minutes of July 12, 2022 *continued*

Remember to notify the Club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone numbers, etc. Make sure that you have Doug Hanner's, Barry Wagner's, and Jody Retter's email addresses in your contact/address list on your computer and cell phones. It may help you receive emails from these people if they are in your contact list.

We are always seeking new ideas for club activities (Dinner Dash, Road Trips, etc.). Help is available to aid in planning the activity.

Please send in any information on members outside events such as fish fries, dinners and we will publish them in the newsletter and mass emails.

Items for sale

Hats \$15.00
 Decals \$3.00
 Pins \$2.00
 Patch \$3.00
 Nametag Magnets \$3.00
 Parade Flags \$17.00 (Flag Caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

Current Corvette Club of Illinois merchandise is available from Wagner Signs in St. Joseph.

President: Doug Hanner

The Fall Corvette Adventures at Chula Vista Resorts will be held September 9 – 11, 2022. There are no spirited tours. This is at the Wisconsin Dells. See Doug for information.

We will not be doing the Westville Labor Day Parade.

Corvette FunFest will be held on September 17th at Effingham. This will be one day only. They have eliminated the Registration Fee. If you have already paid you will receive a full refund plus a \$25.00 gift card to Mid-America Motorworks. The dinner on Saturday evening is \$10.00/person.

Former member, Gunner Taylor has passed away. His wife, Shirley, is wanting to sell his cars. A 68 Red T-top with 31,000 (+) miles and a 92 Red Coupe 6 Speed with 32,000(+) miles. Doug has the contact information.

Old Business:

We had 15 cars in the Rantoul 4th of July Parade. We had 8 cars for the Champaign Parade. It was smaller than past parades and the crowds were down. The heat may have paid a part in the crowd attendance.

The Mahomet Car Show - there were 302 registered vehicles. Janice Lampe won the 50-50 drawing and got a picture with Butch Patrick (Eddy Munster) and the Munstermobile. Several members of the Club came home with trophies.

New Business:

Ken Guyette spoke on the Special Olympics Family Festival on Saturday, September 17th at Lakeland College at Mattoon. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and we should be done at 2:00 p.m. We will be manning one of the game tents for the participants.

Ken also spoke on the St. Joseph Community Festival Parade on Saturday, August 13th. The Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. with lineup beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Joe Middle School. There will be activities all day starting at 7:00 a.m. and will conclude with fireworks at dusk.

The Arcola Broom Corn Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, September 10th starting at 3:00 p.m. We will plan on Dinner at Yoders afterwards.

Westville will be holding a Car Show on Saturday, September 3rd (Labor Day Weekend) from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Club is planning on a Weenie Roast sometime in October. Roger and Aly Jackson kindly offered a place to have it. We will have more information in the future.

Miles Chevrolet in Decatur will be holding a Car Show on Saturday, July 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$15.00. If needed, a Rain Date has been set for July 23rd.

The Club was notified that there will be a dues increase starting with the 2023 dues. In 2021, the Board reviewed the budget and concluded that if we didn't raise the dues the club would be operating in a deficit in the very near future. The Board voted to raise the dues for the Primary Member to \$20.00.

Corvette Chat

Steve Mechling has a ticking noise in his C-6. They had to add gear oil. This happens mainly in C-6's. Doug addressed this issue in the July Newsletter under Tech Corner.

50/50 - \$80.00 – Dick & Janice Lampe

Motion to adjourn- Made by George Dick, seconded by DeLora Hanner. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

4th OF JULY PARADE

Rantoul, IL



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August Birthdays

August 4	Craig Musgrove
August 5	Rick Link
August 7	Craig Makemson
August 9	Debra Golliday
August 10	Ron Martin
August 12	Delora Hanner
August 14	Bob Kuntz
August 14	Chona Rapp
August 15	Doris Ewing
August 15	Teresa Schurg
August 16	Betty Manning
August 22	Todd Lemenager
August 26	Barb Utterback
August 29	John Lammler
August 29	Dave Hilliger
August 30	Crystal Vecchio
August 31	Ray Reed



New 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray
3LT With Navigation



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Ask for special Club pricing

www.sullivanparkhill.com

Upcoming Events for the Corvette Club of Illinois

August 13, 2022

St. Joseph Parade and Fair

On August 13, St Joseph will be having its City Fair and Parade. Last year we had 11 Corvettes in the parade. More information will be coming out soon. Please let Ken Guyette (248-880-4952) know if you are available to drive in the parade.

September 17, 2022

Special Olympics Family Festival

Lake Land College, Mattoon
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

On September 17, 2022, 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. This is a very rewarding day when you see the reaction of the participants.

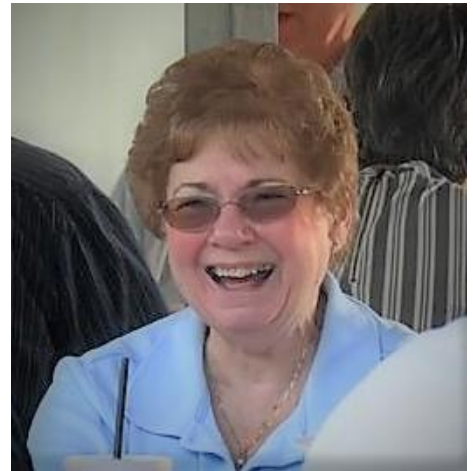
I need at least 10 cars to support this event so please contact Ken Guyette 217-954-1411 if you can help

P.S. You will still have all afternoon to be available to go to Fun Fest, you will be able to leave Family Fest by 12:00



4th Annual Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash
Dewey's Drive-In, Farmer City IL
July 28, 2022







Welcome to our Club

John & Kathy LeConte

Greenwood, IN

2007 Victory Red Coupe

TECH TIP:

This might be a good time to remind members that if you have not put a fuel additive in the fuel tank for sometime, you might want to do this for better fuel economy and power. I use Techron made by Chevron, this seems to one the best additives to get the fuel residue from the fuel injectors and the fuel pumps.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
August 6 th	Car Show	Georgetown, IL Fairgrounds
August 6 th	Car Show	Perrysville, IN
August 7 th	Cruise-In	Oakwood, IL
August 13 th	Corvette Show	Carmel, IN
August 13 th	St. Joseph Parade & Fair	St. Joseph, IL
August 20 th	Cruise-In	Georgetown, IL
August 27 th	Car Show	Legion Park, Watseka, IL
September 3 rd	Car Show	City Park, Hoopeston, IL
September 4 th	Car Show	Ellsworth, IL
September 4 th	Cruise-In	Oakwood, IL
September 10 th	Mega Car Show	Former Tatman's, Champaign, IL
September 11 th	Car, Truck, Bike Show	St. Mary's Church, Beaverville, IL
September 16 th -17 th	Fun Fest	Effingham, IL
September 17 th	Special Olympics Festival	Lakeland College, Mattoon, IL
September 17 th	Fall Festival Car Show	Ellsworth Park, Danville, IL
September 23 rd -24 th	Rt 66, Car Show	Downtown, Springfield, IL
September 24 th	Apple Fest Car Show	Covington, IN
October 30 th	Barn III Dinner Theater	Goodfield, IL

Club Calendar

August 6 Car Show

Georgetown IL Fairgrounds

August 6 Car Show

Perrysville, IN

August 7 Cruise-in

Obie's Artic Chill
Oakwood, IL

August 9 Monthly Club Meeting

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

August 13 Vettes for Vets Corvette Show

Carmel, IN

August 13 St. Joseph's Parade & Fair

St. Joseph, IL

August 20 Cruise-in

Georgetown, IL

August 27 Car Show

Legion Park
Watseka, IL

September 13 Monthly Club Meeting

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



“A FORK ON THE ROAD”

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

OLD ROUTE 66 FAMILY RESTAURANT

105 S. OLD ROUTE 66
DWIGHT, ILLINOIS 60429
815-584-2920

<http://www.route66restaurant.com>

OPEN:

SU -TH 6AM – 9 PM
FRI – SAT 6 AM – 10 PM



Here is an fresh look at this great restaurant.

The Old Route 66 Family Restaurant is listed as one of the Top 10 Restaurants for dining on the “Mother Road” in Illinois

Although a “Family” restaurant since 2001, it reminds one of the old school Route 66 diners that are now just a memory.

Three menus are available, one each for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The breakfast menu features many traditional egg selections, pancakes and French toast, skilletts, a Papa and Mama Special along with a wide variety of breakfast side orders. Lunch items are classic burgers, classic sandwiches, both offering many choices in each category, club sandwiches and open face hot sandwiches. The dinner menu starts with a selection of appetizers and goes on to include many beef, chicken and seafood choices, along with pasta and stir fry entrees. Many side dishes are also on the menu.

After your meal, desserts, pastries and ice cream are available.

Beverages are “family friendly”.

Please be sure to visit their website to view their complete menu.

Route 66 souvenirs are also available.

Another great dining destination when cruising the “Mother Road”.

Suggested by Jim Gill.

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 Tom and Linda McKinley

By Carol Castellon

Did you know that our Club Governor, Tom McKinley has gotten into Autocross racing? I had to squeeze this interview in before they left for another racing event. He races the '87 black convertible that was Linda's when they married. He had a '79 C3 red T-top when they married, and they bought a 2008 "Jetstream Blue" convertible that was Jerry Weise's.



Tom joined the club in 2000. He heard about the club from his late ex-father-in-law, so he contacted Doug and joined the club.



Linda joined in 2006 with her husband Mike Taylor after hearing from Art about a planned trip to NCM. They joined and went on the trip! Mike died in 2009, but Linda kept her membership in the club. She commented about how nice members were after Mike died. Doug even went with Linda the first time she drove the '87 Corvette because she had never driven it. The club also organized a "work party" at their rental house before Mike died.

Tom asked Linda if she wanted to go for a motorcycle ride, but she responded that she'd get her son to take her if she wanted to ride. Later, Tom bought some stuff at a garage sale she had, and gave her an alimony check by mistake instead of a check for the items he bought. When he exchanged it, he asked her again if she wanted to go for a ride, to call him. She called and set up a ride for the end of July. She was very nervous because she realized she had to hold on to his body on a ride and didn't really know him. They started dating, and later, she moved in with him - her frig and AC broke so she told everyone that was why she moved in. When she told her mom about moving to Tom's house, her mom said "Does Tom know?" She really just wanted to see him more often - he worked on the railroad and was gone a lot. They were married on Sept 12, 2016 .



An interview with Club members Tom and Linda McKinley *continued*

By Carol Castellon

Tom enjoyed the rallies that Dennis Heckler put together, which is why he helped plan a rallye for the Club. He liked the trips to NCM. When he bought the '79, he went to the NCM with Art Rapp and Matt Sharp for Museum Delivery. When they got to a tollbooth, they each took a different lane, and when they threw money in, they would race out of the gates. Art and Matt left Tom in the dust, and teased him about it. Another time after getting gas, Matt gassed it, ran across 2 lanes, then spun a 180 and came back by Tom. As they passed Tom, he saw Tracy Sharp's eyes wide open and realized Matt's car had gotten away from him.



While touring the factory, Tracy screamed when she saw a worker take a rubber mallet and pounded the hood of a newly made Corvette. The worker told Tracy "On the outside, it's vandalism. In here, it's minor adjustments."

Every time he went to the NCM, something happened to Tom's car. Once it stopped running at Casey, IL – the upper radiator hose was cut. Arthur took him to an auto parts store in Casey and doubted a parts store in Casey IL would stock an upper radiator hose for a 1979 Corvette. They had 3 of them! Tom finally had Larry Retter build a new engine. When he went to C3 Fest with Art and Charlie, his car ran perfectly, and Art's car wouldn't start, and the next day, Charlie's car wouldn't start.

Linda likes the parades and trips. At the parade for the women veterans in Mt. Vernon, she was lined up with a woman veteran rider, and realized she had to pee. No bathroom in sight, and when she thought she had finished the parade, they put another rider on and she had to go around again. For the trip to Yellowstone, she rode with Linda Johnson and said that was a memorable trip.



Tom has been Club Governor for 3 years. He has helped with the Christmas Party, joined the Club trips to Bloomington Gold, Funfest, NCM tours, Heritage Museum, Hannibal, Carlyle, and won a trophy and 50/50 at Carmel. Tom recalled letting his daughter drive his '79 in the Urbana Homecoming parade. She was so excited that she ran over his foot! Tom would like to see the Club do a car show.

Linda wants to recognize Carol Castellon for the Flag Minutes that were interesting, and Doug for teaching her to drive her car. Tom wants to recognize Dan McKenzie, who did a good job getting the Club in the press, and enjoyed his nickname "Scoop." He recalls when Dan's car was picked as a Funfest winner that Dan was very excited. Linda also recalled Dan and Kathy being very helpful and friendly when they went on the trip to French Lick.

An interview with Club members Tom and Linda McKinley *continued*
By Carol Castellon

Tom graduated from Champaign Central HS, then worked at Sullivan Chevrolet in the parts department for 9 months. He went to Wisconsin for a job as a laborer on a beer truck for his brother-in-law. Then he got a call from Shelby Imports to work in their parts department, and became a grease monkey doing oil changes and undercoating. One evening after work, he met his dad at Esquire Lounge and talked to Kenny Brown, who told him the railroad was hiring. He started working on the Illinois Central Gulf, and 41 years later, retired on February 5, 2018. He is also the Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 2497 and a Lifetime Member, as well as a Lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum. He is a licensed pilot and his crowning achievement was flying a TF51, a 2-seat version of the P51D. He has a certificate for flying it. He has a daughter, Erica, and grandson Brycen.



Linda graduated from N Central HS in Farmersburg, IN. She was raised on a farm. When she was in 5th grade, their house burned down and they lived in the barn for a year, using an outhouse and going to her grandparent's house for baths. She graduated from DePauw University with a major in English Literature with a Sociology minor, certification in secondary education. Then she went to Lakeland College for Nursing, then to Eastern IL University to get courses for elementary education. She married her HS sweetheart and had three sons, Jeremy, Luke, and Clayton. She did some substitute

teaching, then worked at Four Seasons in Tuscola, and Schrock's Cabinet Builders. She divorced and married Mike Taylor and moved to Champaign. She worked at Firestone in Decatur, Chesterbrook Academy pre-school as the lead teacher for 2 years. More recently, she worked at Christopher Banks and another pre-school. Tom and Linda have 6 grandchildren ages 11-21.

So, what does a Club Governor do? The Governor is the liaison between the local Club and the National Council of Corvette Clubs. He is the representative from the local Club at NCCC meetings, events, and business, and is responsible for bringing back a report/information about NCCC to the Club. His duty is to help the Club maintain good standing with NCCC.

Classic Car CRUISE-IN

AUGUST 7, 2022
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Please practice social distancing. Thank you.

5 P.M.



**In Loving Memory of
Fred Thornsborough
and Jim Wright**



Obie's Arctic Chill
102 S. Oakwood St.
Oakwood, IL 61858
(217) 354-4412





Road Rallye - July 31, 2022





Road Rallye



July 31, 2022





Join us at the Barn III on Sunday, October 30th
for the performance of "Run For Your Wife".

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.

Contact Jody Retter at 309-824-6648 or jodyretter@yahoo.com
to reserve your seats.

