

President's Message

We are going to try to have this year's annual chili/soup dinner again this **Saturday, April 7th**. The plans are all the same as on March 24th. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE NOT CANCELLED CLUB EVENTS BECAUSE OF WEATHER!!!

Please don't forget to make your reservations for the club's annual banquet on **Sunday, April 22nd** at the Ozark House in Bloomington. This is always a GREAT time with great food, a silent auction, great entertainment, and great fellowship with all kinds of Corvette stories. We will be having a silent auction again this year, so bring your items for this auction. See the flyer in this newsletter.

As in all previous years, the members of this great club have come through again with all the volunteers for the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon. We can still use more volunteers. If you would like to help, please give me a call at 217-369-5868, or email me at dug.hanner@gmail.com. The date for this FUN EVENT is **Saturday, April 28**th.

I have attached the list of some of the major events for 2018. Please take a little time to check them out. If you have any questions, please contact the club members who have spent a lot of time setting up these events. THANKS to all the members for their hard work.

CLUB EVENTS FOR 2018

Door County, WI \cdot May 21-23 \cdot Carol Casetellon

217-649-2410 or c.castellon@comcast.net

Bloomington Gold, Indy 500 Track · June 21-23 · Barry Wagner

217-649-8956 or bkwagner@illinois.edu

Wisconsin Dells · June 6-9 · Ken Guyette

217-954-1411 or kjguyette@aol.com

Black Hills Corvette Classic, SD · July 17-23 · Rich Lampo

217-369-6046 or rlampo@comcast.net

Hannibal, MO · August 3-5- · Sharon Pearson

217-433-4694 or terry.pearson@comcast.net

Carlisle, PA · August 22-26 · Doug Hanner

217-369-5868 or dug.hanner@gmail.com

Le Claire, IA · August 24-26 · Kristie Smith

812-929-9930 or kristie.smith8@icloud.com

Next Meeting 7:00 PM April 10, 2018 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

wear your name tag

Officers 2018 ·

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President's Message (continued)

Be sure to check out the club's website www.ccofi.org for any updates on club events. There will be more information in the upcoming newsletters on all events for 2018. Remember to bring the flyers from other shows and events 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. We all like new ideas to be presented to the club for discussion.

Minutes of March 13, 2018

President, Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 73 members were present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a minute to say hello to fellow club members and guests.

Guests or prospective members

Glenn Watson – 1990 Red Brandon & Amy Heckler – 1984 Blue

Members with new or different cars

Lonnie Van Lanken - 2019 Grand Sport

Sickness or distress

Tom Wiggins passed away. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

Ed Carleton had a ruptured appendix and has been in the hospital for a week and was hoping to get out in a day or two.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

George Dick moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Ray Gonzalez. Motion approved.

Treasurer report: Karen Crull

Dave Crull read the Treasurer's report. Jody Retter moved to accept the report, seconded by Dwight Hooker. Report was approved.

Governor Report: Dave Crull

Dave announced that we have 204 members. We are #1 in the Midwest Region and #10 in the country.

The NCCC Scholarship applications are due by June 1st.

The Corvette Raffle for St. Jude's has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. If you bought a ticket, you can have the money go to St. Jude's, have the money go for a ticket for the raffle of an autographed guitar, or you can have the money refunded to you.

Clubs must have signed waivers for all activities.

We will have a food wagon at the Rantoul Autocross on October 6^{th} & 7^{th} .

There will be a Corvette Car Show in Herrin, Illinois on May 12th.

Trustees:

No report.

Report of club support groups and standing committees

Communications:

The calendars are sold out and the 2019 calendar months are full

Website:

Steve Tribble reported that everything is up-to-date.

Public Information:

We have 160 members on the club Facebook page.

Social Committee:

The Chili and Soup Dinner will be held at the Carpenters Hall in Champaign, on Saturday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President:

The Bement American Legion Friday Fish Fries will be held on March 23rd and 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please let the Board of Directors know of any outside events members may have from other organizations: Fish Fries, Soup Dinners, etc. and we will put them in the newsletter and mass emails.

Keep sending suggestions for the "Fork on the Road" articles.

The various event sign-up books are available.

We are still taking orders for Bloomington Gold Club shirts. Please give your order and payment to Karen Crull.

Remember to notify the club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Items for sale

Shirts \$27.00 Hats \$15.00 Decals \$3.00 Pins \$2.00

Parade Flags \$17.00 (Flag Caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

President: Doug Hanner

BETHS Place will officially close on March 23rd. It was discussed whether to continue the golf outing. We have held the golf outing for the last 10 years. In that time we have contributed \$110,000 to four different charities. If we continue it, we will need to take nominations for a new charity or charities.

Minutes of March 13, 2018 (continued)

We have also been informed that Stone Creek Golf Course is up for sale. We could also decide to get out of the charity business. The club voted on discontinuing the golf outing. It was also decided to still give to charities on a much smaller scale.

There are still 5 rooms out of the 10 that Doug reserved available at the Sleep Inn for the trip to Corvettes at Carlisle. It is located 4 miles from the fairgrounds. The cost is \$169.00 + tax, per night. Charlie Mournout still has 3 rooms available at a motel. Please contact Charlie for information.

The Illinois Marathon will be held on April 28th. Our water station at mile 17 is full, but we still have one Intersection Traffic Control still open. There will be a picnic for volunteers at Parkland College the day after the marathon.

Old Business:

No updates on the 2018 Black Hills Classic club trip. Contact Rich Lampo for information.

No updates on the Corvette Adventures Road Tour. Contact Ken Guyette for information.

The Mark Twain Corvette Club Car Show will be held on August 4th in Hannibal, Missouri. Sharon Pearson has a block of rooms reserved at the Quality Inn at Hannibal. Contact Sharon for any information.

The Door County Trip will be May 21st thru the 25th. There is no caravan. Traveling up and back is on your own. If you have any questions contact Carol Castlellon.

New Business:

The Banquet will be held on April 22nd at Ozark House in Bloomington. The cost is \$33.00 each. Please pay Karen Crull as soon as possible, and remember to bring items for the silent auction.

If you want the Bloomington Gold event club t-shirts, you can still order them. There is a minimum that needs to be ordered. The shirts are \$20.00 each.

Barry Wagner made a motion that we form a 3 member charity committee, seconded by Jackie Heck. Motioned passed. Volunteers were asked to form the committee. The committee members are Ken Guyette, Carol Castlellon, and Tom McKinley. Ken will serve as chairman.

Dwight Hooker thanked the club members who attended his church's soup supper for charity.

Carol Castleton gave a flag presentation on the Illinois Centennial Flag.

Corvette Chat:

If the telescopic steering wheel doesn't work, try disconnecting the battery.

On the C-6, if you have the battery changed or the battery goes dead, the windows will quit indexing and will need to be reset. This is done by holding the window switch up for 3 seconds, release, and repeat for 3 seconds. Remember to do both windows.

When filling up with fuel, when the fill-up shuts off, do not try to put more fuel in. It is full.

50/50 - \$119.00 - Kent Schurg

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner, seconded by everyone. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:14 p.m.

INK CARTRIDGES:

Please bring used printer ink cartridges to the meetings.
This helps reduce the cost of the newsletter!



NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEETING CANCELLATION

In the event of weather conditions that would necessitate cancelling the monthly scheduled club meeting, a decision will be made by the Board of Directors no later than 2 p.m. the day of the meeting.

A "mass e-mail" will be sent out at that time to the membership with the cancellation notice. Prior to traveling to the meeting, please check your e-mail for any such notification.

As always, please do not put yourself at risk attempting to attend a meeting when weather and road conditions are a factor for your safe travel.





"A Fork on the Road"

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

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

http://mononconnection.com

RESTAURANT HOURS: (EST)

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



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

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

The Whistle Stop has a full service menu that features a fully stocked salad bar.

Their menu includes appetizers, salad and homemade soup combinations, burgers, many sandwich options, along with steaks, seafood, chicken and pork entrees.

Numerous side dishes are also on the menu. Hand-dipped and soft serve ice cream as well as bakery fresh pies are available to top off your meal.

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

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

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

Submitted by Mike & Pam Sims

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

Corvette Club of Illinois

Annual Chili – Soup Cook-off



Saturday, April 7
Carpenter's Hall
402 S. Duncan Road
Champaign, Il



Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Please bring your favorite (secret recipe) chili or soup to share with the group.

Also, please bring a dessert to share.

Coffee and tea, as well as plasticware will be provided.

Bring your own soft drinks, if desired.

Please plan to attend.

This is always a good time with lots of food and fellowship.

April Birthdays

April I Chellee Camp Tom Serd April 4 April 4 Cynda Dick Gloria Bolton April 13 April 17 Karen Crull April 20 Earl Ross April 23 Linda Smith April 26 Brenda Simpson April 26 Debbie Lammle Shawna Wycoff April 26 April 28 Kent Schurg April 30 Blake Burton April 30 Amber Howe



Club Calendar

April 7 Chili/Soup Dinner

6:00 PM at Carpenter's Union Hall 402 S Duncan Rd - Champaign, IL

April 10 Monthly Club Meeting

7:00 p.m. at Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive 440 West Anthony Dr, Champaign, IL

April 14 Car Show PT's BBQ in Decatur

April 22 Club Banquet

Ozark House Restaurant 704 McGregor St. – Bloomington, IL

> April 28 Illinois Marathon



ANNUAL BANQUET

SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2018

OZARK HOUSE

704 McGREGOR STREET BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

SOCIAL HOUR: 1:00 P.M. DINNER: 2:00 P.M.

BANQUET BUFFET MENU INCLUDES:

CHICKEN; ROAST BEEF; MASHED POTATOES; AU GRATEN POTATOES; GREEN BEANS; CORN; SALAD; ROLLS; CHERRY COBBLER; ICED TEA; POP AND COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT BY: CAPTAIN RON

COST: \$33 PER PERSON (INCLUDING TAX AND GRATUTITY)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS

SEND YOUR CHECK TO: KAREN CRULL

2815 GRANDVIEW DRIVE BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61704

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 14, 2018

"SILENT AUCTION"

THE CLUB WILL AGAIN CONDUCT A "SILENT AUCTION" AT THIS YEARS BANQUET. WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE CLUBS CHARITY FUND.

ITEMS ARE NEEDED!

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION WITH YOU TO THE BANQUET.

LAST YEAR THE CLUB EARNED OVER \$700 DOLLARS FROM THE AUCTION. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN TOP THAT NUMBER THIS YEAR.

WITH YOUR HELP, "WE CAN DO IT"

* HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE *



50TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT CALL FOR MATERIALS

The Corvette Club of Illinois will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the year 2020.

We are in the process of putting together an anniversary book highlighting the history and activities of the club throughout the 50 years. We NEED YOUR HELP to gather information for this book. We are looking for pictures of club events, stories, either written or verbal of the beginning of the club and the ongoing activities over the years. Please look through your photo collection for any photos pertaining to the club.

Larry Warf, our club photographer, has agreed to help with this project. Your photos will be copied and returned to you. Photos can be prints, color or black and white, 35mm slides, and digital. Ideally we need to have information about the photos as to the activity, year, and names of people, year of Corvette, etc. in the photos. For any stories, please write them down on paper or if you prefer, we can set up an interview process to document the stories.

In addition to this request for materials, we need volunteers to serve on the Editorial Committee for this project. Needless to say, this is no small undertaking and will require a great deal of help from the membership.



DOUG'S TECH TIP:

I thought that I would bring up one of my previous tech tips about using Techron fuel additive to help clean up fuel injectors and fuel pumps. Techron is also the perfect fuel additive to help a sticky fuel pump, which makes for a fuel gage not registering the right level. The main reason the fuel pump will get a little sticky is that all the C5, C6, and C7 Corvette fuel pumps are submerged in the fuel in the gas tanks. This is also another reason to never let your C5-C7 Corvette to

get below a quarter of a tank, as the fuel keeps the fuel pump cooled during operation.



INFORMATION REQUESTED

Please send us any information that you have regarding any upcoming food festivals, fund raising events, so that we can list them in the newsletter. We need to have the information by the first of the month for publication.

These can be fish frys, chili – soup dinners, etc., put on by your church, fraternal or civic organization. Many of our members have been to these events when we know about them. Always looking for a reason to not cook and to support members' activities.

We can always send mass mailings, however we would like to get them in the newsletter.

Send your information to: bkwagner@illinois.edu



Bloomington Gold 2018 event shirts will again be for sale with Corvette Club of Illinois logo on them like last year. If we order less than 25 the cost is \$25 per shirt. More than 25 the cost is \$20 per shirt.

Please order and pay Corvette Club of Illinois by April 23rd.

Name		
Large	Cost(\$20 per shirt)	
Xlarge	Cost(\$20 per shirt)	
XXLarge	Cost(\$20 per shirt)	
	Total paid	
	Check #	

Complete and mail form to:

Corvette Club of Illinois

Karen Crull

2815 Grandview Dr

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