

## President's Message

What can we say but AWESOME for the Christmas Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>!!! If you missed the party, this was a lot of FUN FUN FUN and of course the food was great. I want to take this opportunity to THANK - Carol Castellon, Karen Crull, Kathy McKenzie, Kristie Smith, Jody Retter, and Sharon Pearson for all their hard work to make this a fun event for all members. Thanks to all the cooks who took the time to make some great side dishes.

#### THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

We had a GREAT year with some different club events. There was a trip to Detroit, Michigan to start off a very busy and fun year. Bloomington Gold was dry this year and of course the suite worked out great. Hannibal, Missouri was another good one for the year. This is always one of the fun shows to attend. We took the most attendees for the out of state Corvette club at the show in Carmel, Indiana. Club members attended a lot of local car shows with great success, and of course all the parades that we participated in were FUN!!!

I want to take this opportunity to THANK all club members who helped with all of the parades this year. What a year for parades! Delora and I participated in 15 right up until the last one on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

We must thank Barry and Debby Wagner for planning the first trip to the Indy 500 Track to see the Christmas lights on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This was AWESOME and a real fun time. Thanks, Barry and Debby!!!

It looks like we are going to have a very busy Corvette season again this year with all these big events that we are planning: Corvette Adventures at the Wisconsin Dells, Bloomington Gold at the Indy 500 Track, Black Hills Corvette Classic in Spearfish SD, Hannibal Mo Corvette Show, Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle PA, and of course all the local car events.

There was a good turnout for our first Dinner and a Movie on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Market Place Mall Food Court. We had 12 club members there to have good food and good conversation. Check out your emails. We will talk about the next Dinner and a Movie at the February meeting.

Jerry Swisher has set us up to use the Carpenter's Hall on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for Our Annual Chili/Soup Dinner. The initial plans are to eat at 6:00 pm.

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

Check out the newsletters for updates on our Dinners and Movies during the winter months. 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 (<u>s.tribble@frontier.com</u>). New ideas or new 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 February 13, 2018 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

#### wear your name tag

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#### Minutes of November 14, 2017

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Report of club support groups and standing committees 63 members were present. The meeting was opened with the Communications: Pledge of Allegiance and a minute to say hello to fellow club Everyone is receiving the newsletter via email. members and guests.

#### **Guest or Prospective Members or Associates Members**

Joyce Cryer – 2000 Silver Convertible

Steve & Christine Mechling - 1958, 1961 & 1971

#### Members with new or different cars

Larry Askew - 2017 Long Beach Red Convertible Terry & Betty Manning - 2017 White

#### Sickness or distress

Ron & Brenda Martin lost their home and Corvette in a fire. Social Committee: They and their family were not hurt.

Tom McKinley's father passed away.

waiting for the results.

#### **Election of Board of Directors and Trustee Results:**

President - Doug Hanner Vice President - Barry Wagner

Treasurer - Karen Crull Governor - Dave Crull Secretary - Debby Wagner

Trustee (3 Year Term) - Dwight Hooker

Charity - 90% BETHS Place and 10% Honor Flight

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Ed Saari from Corvette Adventures gave details to the club We are still looking for pictures, memorabilia and historical stoabout their upcoming Chula Vista Resort Road Tour in Wiscon-ries for the club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book. Time is getting short. their website: www.corvetteadventures.com.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

With a minor change the minutes were accepted and approved. Items for sale

Treasurer report: Karen Crull

Karen Crull read the Treasurer's report. Report was approved.

Governor Report: Dave Crull

The Governors' meeting was held in St. Louis on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Dave announced that with 200 members we are no longer the largest club in the Midwest Region.

If you receive an email from NCCC President Dave Heinemann, it is not spam. If it comes in and you don't want it just delete. Waivers for all club events are mandatory.

Club members that belong to the National Corvette Museum can get a discount for any new Chevrolet vehicle, not just a Cor-

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles have been recalled.

#### Trustees:

Nothing new to report.

The 2018 calendars should be ready by the Christmas Party. If you wish to have your car in the 2019 calendar, please let Carol know.

#### Website:

If you have any events for next year, please let Steve Tribble know so that he can put them on the website.

#### **Public Information:**

Nothing new to report.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Elks Club in Savoy. Bring items for BETHS Place. Please sign up by Mark Camp is doing well after having some tests run. He is November 27<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend. Those whose last name begins with A to L are to bring a salad and those with M to Z bring desserts.

> The 2018 Banquet will be held at the Ozark House in Bloomington on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Vice President: Barry Wagner

The 2018 Planning meeting was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Urbana Gardens Restaurant. We have quite a few outings planned, but we have room for more on the calendar.

Sign-up books for trips, events, etc. are available during the meeting.

sin in June. If you are interested, you can get the information at Remember to notify the club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: email and home addresses, phone numbers, etc.

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

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

#### **President:** Doug Hanner

Doug read a Thank You from BETHS Place for the donation.

#### **Old Business:**

Rich Lampo gave an update of the 2018 club trip to the Black Hills Classic in South Dakota. There are no changes. You will be able to make your reservations for the Holiday Inn in Decem-

A big thanks go out to Greg & Lynn Crawford for hosting the weiner roast. We had a great time.

#### Minutes of November 14, 2017 continued

#### **New Business:**

Carol Castellon gave a presentation on the current American Flag.

Carol also gave a report on the Honor Flight. The one out of the Peoria hub will allow spouses if they are both veterans, They will be allowed to go on the same plane.

#### **University of Illinois Homecoming Parade:**

A discussion was held concerning the incident at the parade. Nothing was resolved concerning future U of I Homecoming Parades. A letter will be sent by the Board of Directors to the University of Illinois President, Chancellor, Board of Trustees, Director of Public Safety and Fraternity & Sorority Affairs. It will voice our concerns from this year's parade and future parades.

50/50 - \$120.00 - Doug Hanner

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:35 p.m.

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December 15 Chuck Croxton

December 17 Oak Chancellor

December 20 Kathy McKenzie

December 22 Terry Pearson

December 23 Jimmie Bolton

December 26 Mike Sims

December 26 Mark Williams

December 28 Tom McKinley

December 31 Doug Hanner

December 31 Doug Murray

December 31 Ray Gonzalez

#### Club Calendar

#### February 13 Monthly Club Meeting

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

#### February 10-19 Chicago Auto Show

McCormick Place 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, Illinois

## February 23-24 NCCC Governors' Meeting

St. Louis, MO

## March 13 Monthly Club Meeting

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

#### March 24 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

### January Birthdays

Dick Lampe

January 2

January 4 Steve Tribble

January 5 Brenda Martin

January 7 Ken Guyette

January 7 Dennis Olson

January 8 Art Rapp

January 9 Rich Halford
January 9 Sue Rossetti

January I 0 Vanessa Brewer
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January 14 Carol Castellon

January 15 George Kimble

January 17 Sue Schlueter

January 18 Dave Wilson
January 20 Angie Totheroh

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January 24 Bob Smith

January 28 Terry Manning

January 29 Mike Pierce

January 31 Rick Dawkins

#### **DOUG'S TECH TIP**

I do not have a new tech tip for this month, so how about a repeat of the tip about keeping your battery charged over the winter months. The best way to keep the battery charged is to drive your Vette once or twice a month, I know that it is not always a good idea with the salt that some of us apply to keep the roads passible in bad conditions. The next best way is to use a good battery tender to keep your battery in fully-charged condition throughout this storage time.

#### **INK CARTRIDGES:**

Please bring used printer ink cartridges to the meetings.

This helps reduce the cost of the newslet- ter!





Above—Ugly sweater contest participants at annual Christmas Party
Right— donations to BETHS place
Below—table of plenty







#### **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.



Checks were presented to Jim Hires, President/CEO of the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and Sharon Jarboe of BETHS Place at our annual Christmas party.

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Jim and Sharon expressed their gratitude to the club for our generous donations.















# "A Fork on the Road"

#### SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

### **THIS MONTH**

LUCCA GRILL 116 EAST MARKET ST. BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61701 1-309-828-7521

http://www.luccagrill.com

#### **RESTAURANT HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.



With winter upon us, "A Fork on the Road", for the next few months, will focus on dining establishments a little closer to home.

This month, we look at the Lucca Grill in downtown Bloomington, IL. The Lucca Grill was established in 1936 by brothers Fred and John Baldini, and was named for their hometown of Lucca, Italy. It is currently owned by Chuck Williams, along with his four children who represent the fourth generation of the original founders.

Their menu consists of items whose recipes were brought over from Italy. Menu choices are what you would typically expect to find on an Italian restaurant menu, although Lucca Grill has some surprises and twists on food that you don't usually see anywhere else.

Please visit their web site to view the many menu choices.

The Lucca Grill claims to be the first restaurant in Central Illinois to serve pizza on the menu.

Their décor includes an ornate tin ceiling and an antique mahogany bar. If you are looking for an old line restaurant with atmosphere and quality food, Lucca Grill is the place for you.

Please make your suggestions and recommendations for submission to "A Fork on the Road", to Barry Wagner (<a href="mailto:bkwagner@illinois.edu">bkwagner@illinois.edu</a>) 217-356-9961.



Vice President, Barry Wagner and President, Doug Hanner attending to business during the Christmas Party.



### Bement American Legion Friday Fish Fry

Starting at 5:00 p.m.

February 23 March 9 March 23 March 30



#### Minutes of January 9, 2018

President, Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 Remember to notify the club Board of Directors of any changes p.m. 52 members were present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a minute to say hello to fellow club numbers, etc. members and guests.

#### Members with new or different cars

Tom McKinley - 2008 Blue Roadster Bob Smith - 1967 Roadster Ray Gonzalez – 2017 Gray Grand Sport Lonnie Von Lanken - 2019 Gray Grand Sport - On Order

#### Sickness or distress

Jerry Wiese has sold his car. He has been in poor health. Bob and Pam Weeks are not well

#### Secretary report: Debby Wagner

Since there was no newsletter, the November Minutes were not approved. There were no December minutes due to the the building was a total loss. The fire broke out around Noon Christmas party.

#### Treasurer report: Karen Crull

Karen Crull read the Treasurer's report. Report was approved.

#### Governor Report: Dave Crull

Dave announced that we are still around 200 members.

The next Governors' meeting will be held in February in St. Louis. There is a possibility of moving the meetings to Akron, Ohio 22<sup>nd</sup>. The show runs August 23<sup>rd</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup>. Doug is next year.

#### Trustees:

Nothing new to report.

### Report of club support groups and standing committees **Communications:**

The 2018 calendars are sold out.

#### Website:

If you have any events for next year, please let Steve Tribble Old Business: know so that he can put them on the website.

#### **Public Information:**

Nothing new to report.

#### Social Committee:

Nothing new to report.

#### Vice President: Barry Wagner

members may have from other organizations: fish fries, soup 5 of the tours have already filled up. dinners, etc., and we will put them in the newsletter and mass Everyone had a great time at the Christmas Party. Thanks to emails.

It was a great event and hope more members will go in the fubeautiful and you get to drive on the track.

Sign-up books for trips, events, etc. are available during the meeting

in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone

#### Items for sale

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

Parade Flags \$17.00 (flag caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

#### **President:** Doug Hanner

Thanks to Rich Lampo for his service as Trustee.

Mike Yager from Mid-America Motorworks will be inducted into the National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame in September.

Uftring Chevrolet in Washington, Illinois, had a major fire and on January 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 20 vehicles in the service area. Everyone was able to get out of the building. They have 5 other dealerships but this was his first and he does plan on rebuilding. They are working out of temporary facilities.

Doug has reserved 10 rooms at the Sleep Inn for Corvettes at Carlisle. It is located 4 miles from the fairgrounds. The cost is \$169.00 per night and you can start making reservations January 11th. Doug and Delora plan on leaving Wednesday, August working on getting a Club Area.

Ron & Brenda Martin and their family lost their home and Corvette in a fire this past fall. Thankfully, the family was not home at the time. A motion was made by Charlie Mornout to give the family a gift of \$500.00 to help with expenses. Seconded by Greg Anderson. Motion carried.

We received a thank you from the Corvette Museum for a large box of candy that Art Rapp sent from the club. We also sent one to Sullivan-Parkhill for their generosity.

We need a Chairperson for the Golf Outing. Karl Smith is willing to give guidance but wants to step down. Most of the legwork has already been done. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Rich Lampo gave an update of the 2018 Club Trip to the Black Hills Classic in South Dakota. The website is open to register for the classic. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, get in touch with Rich.

Ken Guyette gave an update on Corvette Adventures Road Tour Please let the Board of Directors know of any outside events June 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to go, please register soon, as

the Social Committee for the decorations and entertainment. A few members went to Indianapolis for Lights at the Brickyard. Thanks to Karen Crull for the ladies' gifts. There will be some minor changes to the menu next year. Linda Ogle suggested ture, either as a group or on their own. The light displays are that we add appetizers as a third category since there were so many desserts left over.

#### Minutes of January 9, 2018 continued

Barry read a thank you note from Jim Hires, President/CEO of the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Every dollar that we gave them is equal to 5 meals of approximately 9,000 meals. They service most of the counties In which our members reside.

#### **New Business:**

There will be a Dinner and a Movie Night on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Market Place Mall Food Court at 5:30 p.m. The Chicago Auto Show will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Chili and Soup Cook-off will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will check on the availability of the Carpenters Hall. We will have more information at the next meeting.

If we cancel a meeting due to weather, a decision will be made by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. A mass email will be sent out, so please check your emails before coming to the meeting.

Ray Gonzalez asked if anyone had received their FunFest Book from Mid-America. Rich Lampo talked to Mid-America and they are running behind schedule.

Mike Sims informed the club that the North America Car Show in Detroit will be held in January.

#### **Corvette Chat:**

For C-6 owners, there is a divot in the doorjamb to run a wire to connect the battery tender to the cigarette lighter.

**50/50 -** \$90.00 - Rich Lampo

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

The meeting adjourned @ 8:00 p.m.



#### February Birthdays

February 5	Mikki Pierce
February 10	Ed Carleton
February 12	Margaret Brewer
February 14	Kathy Link
February 15	Freda Warf
February 15	Greg Crawfford
February 16	Richard Larimore
February 19	Cathy Stiff
February 20	Jerry Swisher
February 28	Larry Askew



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