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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that we can get back to a little More Normal with events and outings this year. As of right now, we have not gotten any events other than the bigger events this year that members attend. It looks like we will not be having any of our monthly Winter Dinners and a Movie this year. There are just too many factors to try and plan this event. SORRY!!!

I have an update on the status on Art and Chona. As of January 5th, the Fire Marshall released their home so that they can retrieve items that are salvageable. Art, Tom McKinley, Charlie Mornout, Ken Guyette, Tom Kilhoffer, Chona, Linda McKinley, and Myself worked hard January 6th and retrieved all of Art's guns. We cleaned and oiled all of them up so that the Dreaded Rust should not raise its ugly Head. There is still not anything that the Club Members can do right now, but I will keep everyone posted on the progress. Thanks for all the members who have called, emailed, or texted me on concerns of helping Art and Chona.

Everyone should have received an email from Barry about the cancellation of the Meeting on January 11th. We will resume meetings in February, if the weather permits. We are working on some events and outings for 2022. As always, we like for members to come up with new things to do for the Club.

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 always 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!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM
February 8, 2022
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag
and a mask**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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If a decision is made to cancel the meeting, a "mass e-mail" will be immediately sent to all club members. So before heading out to the meeting, please be sure to check your e-mail for any cancellation notice.

Also, please do not put yourself at risk if travel conditions are questionable on meeting day during these winter months. We want everyone to be safe.

Typically we only have to deal with winter weather issues December thru March.

Club Calendar**February 8****Monthly Club Meeting**

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

March 8**Monthly Club Meeting**

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

April 5**Monthly Club Meeting**

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



Bob & Linda Ogle participated in Champaign's parade of Lights on
November 27, 2021

**"A FORK ON THE ROAD"****SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, "A Fork on the Road" will be on sabbatical. There are so many different restrictions as to what restaurants can and can't do, that it is nearly impossible to make any suggestions for one to have a pleasurable dining experience. Seating / capacity, hours of operation, masks no masks, and the list goes on. This "article" will resume once there is more normalcy and accurate information to pass on.

2022**Happy New Year !**

Minutes of November 9, 2021

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 40 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

Doug & Jennifer Cary – 2019 ZR6 Long Beach Metallic Red
Charles Jamison – 2019 Long Beach Metallic Red

Members with a new or different car – color and year

Joyce Cryer – 2019 Stingray Convertible Long Beach Metallic Red

Good and Welfare

None.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

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

Treasurer report: Ken Guyette

Ken gave the report. Dick Lampe moved to accept the report, seconded by Steve Tribble. Motion approved.

Ken reminded members that if they wished to attend the Christmas Party they needed to sign up by November 14th. The Elks bar will be open and they accept cash or credit card.

Also, Wagner Signs is having a Christmas sale. If you order thru November 30th, you will get a 15% discount.

Governor Report: Tom McKinley

We have 168 members. 14 members did not renew for 2022.

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. so they may be posted on the website. Steve Tribble has everything up to date.

Public Information:

Nothing to report.

Calendars

All of the months for the 2022 Calendars have been filled. If you have not done so, send your photo to Barry ASAP. Payment is to be sent to Ken. Payment must be received before the calendar is printed in November.

Social Functions:

No report.

Charity Committee:

Nothing to report.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

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

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.

"Fork on the Road" is on sabbatical until normalcy returns. Recommendations are still requested for future articles

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

Remember that there is no December meeting.

Minutes of November 9, 2021 *continued*

Let the minutes indicate that the annual election of officer nominations were made at the October Meeting. There were no contested positions. Motion was made and seconded to accept the ballot by acclamation, thus fulfilling the election obligation in November.

Results:

President – Doug Hanner
 Vice President – Barry Wagner
 Treasurer – Brenda Croxton
 Secretary – Debby Wagner
 Governor – Tom McKinley
 Three Year Trustee – Ken Guyette

Thank you to everyone who participated in homecomings and parades this year.

Old Business:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Paxton and Fisher Homecoming parades.

New Business:

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman will be holding their Soup Supper on November 15th from 4:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will be a drive-thru only and donations are a free-will offering. They will have Oyster Stew, Chili, Potato Soup and Dessert. The contributions are for a gentleman in Bellflower who is recovering from a heart attack and stroke.

Art Rapp had forwarded information from the St. Joseph Santa 5K Run and Walk on December 18th. They were requesting the Club help sponsor the run. We did not have a quorum present to bring to a vote. Tom McKinley made a motion to sponsor in the amount \$300.00. Seconded by Rich Larimore. Ray Gonzalez, Rich Larimore and Mike Gruber volunteered to cover the amount until the Club can vote on it in December.

Carol Castellon needs 2 volunteers to interview for the upcoming newsletter.

Corvette Chat

Joyce Cryer is purchasing a 2019 Corvette and the dealership was offering her a body protection package deal at a cost of \$800.00. Several members advised her not to get it. Tom McKinley suggested that she have Expel applied to the car at It's a Wrap in Champaign.

Members were reminded that a Trickle Charge maintains the charge on a charged battery but it will not maintain it if the battery is not good.

50/50 - \$72.00 – Mike Sims

Motion to adjourn- Made by George Dick, seconded by Ray Gonzalez. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.



Left—Linda Ogle accepted the Survivor Award for her and husband, Bob during the banquet portion of the 2021 Christmas Party/Banquet. Bob and Linda are charter members and have continued to support the Corvette Club of Illinois for more than 50 years.

Thank you Bob and Linda!



Right—A collection of club memorabilia Linda Ogle collected and displayed at the 2021 Christmas Party/Banquet.



Above—For their continued leadership and service, Vice President, Barry Wagner presented Doug and Delora Hanner with lawn chairs, each adorned with our club logo and their respective titles of President and First Lady.

Below—During the 2021 Christmas Party/Banquet, President, Doug Hanner presented Jody Retter with an award recognizing her contributions as the club’s Newsletter Editor for 2020-2021.



Left—Roger and Aly Jackson received the Rookie of the Year award for their club participation as new members. Could Aly’s 50-50 winnings have anything to do with their attendance at club events?

Below, Mike and Pam Sims received an award recognizing them for introducing several new members to our club.



Above, Dick Lampe presented the Poo Poo Paddle to Todd Lemanager.

Who will be the lucky recipient next year?

An interview with Club members Mike & Pam Sims

By Carol Castellon

After selling their 1982 Excalibur they had for 23 years, Mike and Pam bought their 2008 Crystal Red Coupe on July 26, 2010, in Burr Ridge, IL.

One day when they were at Sullivan-Parkhill getting an oil change, Dave Rich came up to them and asked if they knew about the Corvette Club of Illinois. After a brief discussion, Dave assured them that the club was exactly what they were looking for and he was right! They joined the club on September 11, 2012.



Also in 2012, they planned to attend their first Funfest and be interviewed by CI Living. They wanted to take their camping trailer and camp while attending the event. As Mike was heading down I-57 with Pam following in the Corvette behind him, the camper started to fishtail and pulled the SUV and camper onto its side, crossing the median and coming to a skidding halt next to the

emergency lane. Fortunately, Mike and the vehicles landed off the road and Mike survived with only a cut on his head, but was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Unfortunately, they never made it to Funfest that year.

They loved driving their car so much that in 2013, for their 40th wedding anniversary, they went on a 5-week, 7,000 mile trip through 15 western states that included driving up US Highway 101 from California to Seattle, WA. This trip actually describes Mike and Pam pretty well – they are fun-loving and adventurous.



Since joining the Club, they have attended road rallies, tours, picnics, dinner dashes, parades, Funfest, Bloomington Gold, Carlyle, the National Corvette Museum and more. Their most memorable trip was to Pigeon Forge/Fontana Resort/Biltmore Estates (Tail of the Dragon). They also loved the trip to New Orleans/Plantation Tour/Tabasco Tour (Tail of the Alligator), along with the Hannibal Car Show and Corvette Adventures. They would like to do more mystery trips in the future.



They think the Board members have all been friendly and helpful throughout the years, making all the club activities a great

success. They laughed when they talked about the Club Banquet and Bob Lange's antics. They want to thank Sharon & Terry Pearson (50/50 raffle), Jody Retter (newsletter), Carol Castellon (calendars, flag presentations, Honor Flight), Kristie Smith and Steve Trimble (website). They are also proud of the Club's past support of BETHS Place, a not-for-profit organization in Douglas County that aided women and children in domestic abuse transition situations.

An interview with Club members Mike & Pam Sims *continued*

By Carol Castellon

Mike grew up in Selma, AL on a farm where he picked cotton, fed the chickens and cows, and tended the fireplace in the house. He started picking cotton at age 5 and made \$2 for every 100 pounds he picked. At age 9, he was plowing fields. Everything was manual labor – the well was at the bottom of the hill so water had to be hauled up in large buckets and barrels. As a child, he loved swimming in the creek and played Tarzan there. He remembers it snowing only once while he was growing up and everything shut down. After graduation from high school, he



signed up for automation school, but figured he would get drafted (Vietnam War) so he joined the Air Force, serving 3 years and 10 months, ending up at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul. After he was discharged, he became a Journeyman Sheetmetal Worker, working for Petry Roofing, and the Nuclear Power Plant in Morris, IL. In 1978, he got a job at the University of Illinois and stayed there for 25 years until his retirement.

Pam grew up in Champaign, IL. When she was young, her father stabled horses at the Fairgrounds and she became quite the cowgirl. They participated in the 4th of July parades and even promoted the “Chuckwagon” diner on their wagon. The stainless steel diner operated from 1956-76 on the corner of Springfield and Neil streets. Pam graduated from Central High School in 1969 and then went to work for the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) where she retired after 35 years of service.

They belong to the Lifetime Fitness Program at the U of I, an exercise group that meets 5 days a week. The oldest member exercising regularly is 92! They are avid bicycle and motorcycle riders. They ride their bicycles all sorts of places such as the I&M Canal, a 96-mile trail that runs through Morris, IL, and the Stevens Creek Trail in Decatur. They go camping and just got back from a camping trip to Gulf Shores, AL, but also go to Clinton, Starved Rock, Kickapoo, and Brown County State Park. Mike says if anyone is by Ogle Lake in Indiana and the water is low “look for my cell phone.” Mike played in racquetball leagues and tournaments for many years, winning many of his leagues. They also like hiking, table tennis, kayaking and sailing. In their spare time they built cedar planter/storage boxes for a Habitat for Humanity Home that was built by U of I Students for an International Competition. And they spend time in their fabulous garage! If you haven’t seen it, I suggest you invite yourself over and take a look! You may find it difficult to leave!



On January 26, 2018, Mike and Pam bought their 2017 Grand Sport, arctic white coupe, from Hare Chevrolet in Noblesville, IN, and are eagerly looking forward to their next Corvette purchase in the future.

They both said that one of the best things they have done is join the Corvette Club of Illinois. It has opened up another whole world of fun and friendships with their car.



Welcome to our Club

Tom Jamison & Gloria Mapson

Urbana, IL

2019 Grand Sport Coupe

December Birthdays

December 2	Don Adams
December 2	Jan Monk
December 2	Bob Ogle
December 3	Tom Burgess
December 4	Patti Gruber
December 7	Barry Wagner
December 8	Dan Martin
December 10	Lonnie Van Lanken
December 11	Bill Duckett
December 11	Tom Jamison
December 12	Nina Gill
December 12	Ron Stonestreet
December 15	Chuck Croxton
December 20	Kathy McKenzie
December 22	Gina Keller
December 22	Terry Pearson
December 23	Jimmie Bolton
December 26	Mike Sims
December 26	Mark Williams
December 28	Tom McKinley
December 31	Ray Gonzalez
December 31	Doug Hanner
December 31	Doug Murray



Call 217-352-4275
Ask for special Club pricing
www.sullivanparkhill.com

TECH TIP:

Remember if you have access to your Corvette in the storage months, it will help to either drive on nice days or just start them up to operating temperature once a month. This will help when you get them out of storage in the Spring.



January Birthdays

January 1	Terry Pepin
January 2	Dick Lampe
January 4	Steve Tribble
January 5	Brenda Martin
January 7	Ken Guyette
January 7	Dennis Olson
January 8	Chris Mechling
January 8	Art Rapp
January 10	Vanessa Brewer
January 14	Carol Castellon
January 14	Jim Gill
January 20	Gloria Mapson
January 24	Bob Smith
January 28	Terry Manning
January 29	Michael Pierce
January 30	Mike Gruber
January 31	Rick Dawkins

2022 Corvette Club of Illinois Calendar

The 2022 Corvette Club of Illinois Calendars are now available. Please contact Ken Guyette (217-954-1411) to pick up your copy of this keepsake calendar full of great pictures of our members' cars. Calendars are only \$10.00.



2021
Christmas Party
fun.



Who else, but Aly Jackson won the 50-50 drawing at the Christmas Party. Congratulations, Aly!









An interview with Club members Ray & Dee Gonzalez

By Carol Castellon

Ray always remembers liking Corvettes. When he was about 14, one of his friends got a '64 or '65, and took Ray for a ride (actually took 2 friends for a ride and Ray sat on the console!). When the friend mashed the pedal down and the car took off, Ray was hooked! He knew that someday he would own a Corvette.



While Ray was serving in the US Army and stationed in Mannheim, Germany, he ordered a 1980 white Corvette at the 1979 price - a deal offered to servicemen. He started paying on it, and after a few months, went to the dealership in Germany who had no record of the sale. After investigation, the dealership discovered the salesman had embezzled Ray's money as well as six others! Ray had kept records so the dealership honored what Ray had paid. When Ray got back to the states, the car wasn't what he ordered – it was an automatic transmission instead of a manual. He decided to trade for a different one, but the dealer wanted \$2000 more, so he kept it.



In 1985, he had been married for 6 months, when Dee drove it to meet friends for lunch, and didn't put it in "park," and it rolled under a "monster" truck. She said she was scared to death to drive a damaged Corvette home!

In 2005, they started looking for another Corvette, and in 2007, they bought a 2007 Monterey Red Corvette. They were driving around Champaign and saw the Corvette display at Texas Road House, so they stopped. Ray talked with Art Rapp, who told them about the Club. Ray went to the next meeting and joined the Club in 2009. Ray had belonged to a Club in El Paso TX, and run autocross so knew he'd enjoy being in a club. Their first trip with the Club was the Bourbon Trail trip in 2010.

Ray was an early recipient of the "Poo-poo" paddle award, for leaving his cell phone in a restroom in Colorado on another club trip. The cell phone was retrieved by Art Rapp, the recipient of the first award, who eagerly nominated Ray for the award. Ray and Dee attend nearly all events the club offers, from decorating for the Christmas party, helping with the golf outing, NCM trips, Funfest, Dinner Dashes, Mystery Trips, Bloomington Gold, Carlyle. The first time they went to Funfest was before they had joined the Club, so they parked way out in a field and said "it was a long walk to get to the activities." Their most memorable trip to NCM was just after the floor collapsed, so they saw the sinkhole with the cars still in it. One of their favorite activities was the dinner dashes, and they hope the club gets back to doing those.

Both Ray and Dee were very fond of Bob and Pam Weeks, who took them under their wings, even offered them a room at Funfest. Bob always greeted them whenever he saw them. They also were complimentary of Carol Castellon, who is always looking for ways to honor the veterans in the club.

An interview with Club members Ray & Dee Gonzalez *continued*

By Carol Castellon



Ray grew up in Tulare, CA, in San Joaquin Valley. He graduated from Tulare Western HS in 1968 and joined the Army. He was in Viet Nam from 1969-1971 as a signal radio teletype mechanic. Upon leaving Viet Nam, Ray was awarded the Bronze Star. Then, after 7 years at Fort Ord in Monterey CA as a drill Sargent, he went to Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX for 2 years. Then he went to Germany for 3 years, then back to Ft. Bliss for 2 years. From there he was sent back to Germany for 3 years, where he met Dee in a bowling league. He was “forced” to get married in December 1984, after getting engaged on Thanksgiving Day, because only if he was married would he get an assignment to Ft. Carson, CO to be near her at the US Air Force Academy. In 1990, he was sent to Korea, then his last assignment was Red Stone Arenal in

Hunstville AL. He retired in 1993, but Dee was still in the Air Force, so he went with her to Guam. A few months later Dee’s mother was diagnosed with a terminal illness and they received a humanitarian reassignment to Scott AFB in Belleville, IL to be near her. Ray worked at Scott AFB as a maintenance mechanic until Dee retired In February 2000. Then they moved to Tolono and he took a job with the US Postal Service in 2000, and will retire in June 2022. Ray likes to work out, ride a bike, and his Corvette. Ray and Dee have a son, Shane who lives in Malaga, Spain.

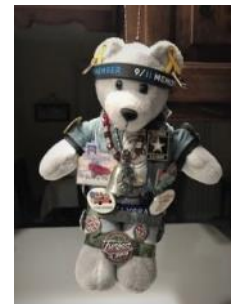


Dee grew up in Sadorus, IL and graduated from Unity HS in 1972. Her first job was at Follet’s Book Store at the U of I. She held different jobs as a teen, but always wanted to be an airline stewardess. She joined the Air Force in 1978 and her first assignment was at Minot AFB in ND where the “frozen chosen serve.” After six months, she received orders to Bitburg Air Base in Bitburg, Germany where she met Ray in February 1983. In May 1984, Dee was sent to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and Ray came back to the states on leave to see her. They got engaged, and were married 12 days later. In 1996, while stationed at Scott AFB, she received TDY to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch. On June 25, 1996, terrorists bombed the Khobar Towers housing complex killing 19 military members. She retired in 2000 and moved to Tolono to help her father with his business (welding & machine shop) as a bookkeeper. She worked for Roberson Transportation in Mahomet for 6 years, then applied at the US Postal Service and worked there for 8 years. Now she can spend time reading, having fun with her sister and family, and loves to

travel and explore new things. Before she met Ray, she spent off duty time traveling throughout Europe. She has visited Austria, Belgium, England, France, Luxembourg, and Switzerland.



In 2014, they took Museum Delivery on their new 2014 Corvette. Ray had kept a little stuffed bear in his Corvette for several years, lovingly named “Corvee.” The bear was a Commemorative Corvette Bear sold by the US Postal service. Before they sold their 2007, Delora and Dee stole the bear out of the car and sent it to the NCM. When Ray realized “Corvee” was missing, he



looked everywhere and was sick about losing him. When they accepted delivery on their new Cyber Gray Metallic Stingray at the NCM, “Corvee” was in his new car hanging on the rearview mirror! Ray was overjoyed to see him!