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President's Message

What can you say but WOW for the Christmas Party on December 7th!!! There were over 110 members in attendance this year and they were really treated to a FUN FUN FUN party. It will definitely be a hard party to top in the future.

THANKS TO ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE HARDWORK!!!

Please continue to follow the website and newsletters for all events that the 50th Anniversary Committee members have been working on very hard for the celebration plans for this year. If you have some ideas to make 2020 the year to remember, please get in touch with one of the committee members or just bring it up at a meeting. If you would like to help out this committee, every member is welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Keep an eye out for emails about information on any Dinner and a Movie Nights that we plan after the first of the year. If you might have a good idea for a Dinner and a Movie, please contact one of the Board of Directors. THANKS!!!

As always, take a minute to check out the Club's website www.ccofi.org for any updates on Club events. 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!!!

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!!

**Happy New Year
2020**

Next Meeting 7:00 PM

January 14, 2020
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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Minutes of November 12, 2019

President, Doug Hanner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 60 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. We took a minute to say hello to fellow club members and guests.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

Pam Sims' cousin from Hawaii was visiting.

Members with a new or different car – color and year

Ron Martin – 2013 White Convertible

JR and Kim Longsdorf – 2008 Black Coupe

Good and Welfare

Dwight Hooker thanked everyone for their sympathy in the passing of his brother, David.

Oak Chancellor has been in and out of the hospital.

Dan Cook was doing better in October.

No word on how Greg Crawford is doing.

Freda Warf is doing well.

Kathy Link's father passed away.

Jody Retter's and Terry Pearson's father fell and broke his hip.

Doug read a thank you note from Barb Esworthy's family.

Elections

The trustees handed out ballots for the election of Board of Directors, one Trustee and Charity.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

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

Treasurer report: Ken Guyette

Ken read the report. Jody Retter moved to accept the report, seconded by Ron Martin. Motion approved.

Annual dues need to be paid ASAP. There are still 17 members who have not paid. If you are not paid up by the end of November, you will be deactivated.

Governor Report: Tom McKinley

National officers remain the same, except Bill Docherty is now Vice President of Competition. Midwest Region Officers are also the same, except Russ Tharp is the Treasurer.

The Midwest Region Party will be held on March 7, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Burr Ridge, IL. The cost is \$60.00 per person with an open bar.

Midwest Region 2020 Financial Plan was tentatively approved and will be voted on in February by the Governors. Scholarships will open up on January 6, 2020 and will close in May. Applications can be found on the website.

Blue Bars was mailed last week and everyone should be getting them. Deadline for the winter issue is November 30.

The 2020 Convention is on track for Indianapolis, but there is a little hiccup with the 500 Track. Penske has bought the track and they don't know if they will be able to use the track for some events. Registration for the convention will open February 1st. The 2021 Convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio. Atlantic City, New Jersey is the destination for the 2022 convention, if the East Region wins the bid.

We are still the largest club in the region with 208 members. Nationally there are 18,426 members.

FCOA has 1,801 members. The new membership packet will have a plastic membership card like the adult card. Director of the FCOA has activities for the FCOA members at the convention. To boost the coffers of the FCOA, Shannon Davis is doing a raffle for a certificate for a set of tires donated by Tire Rack. Tom has 10 tickets, if anyone wants to purchase a chance. They are \$20 per ticket.

Dr. Sean Preston, the new President and CEO of the Museum spoke at the afternoon session. He owns three Corvettes: a 54; 72 and 04 plus 5 other collectibles. The museum has purchased the XP697GT that was on loan to them. They are redoing displays and adding more interactive displays. They will have Ed Roth's Kustom Kar Rat Find Art display for 12 months. The NCM track has purchased 7 C8's. The Corvette plant will be open for tours in March or April. GM has spent \$500,000 redoing the reception area. The tours will be different from what they were in the past.

Trustees:

The results of the election were tallied. All of the Board of Directions will remain the same. Dan McKenzie is the new Trustee. Special Olympics will remain our main charity. They will receive 90% and Honor Flight will receive 10%.

Report of club support groups and standing committees

Communications:

Keep sending pictures for the newsletter.

Website:

Please send any upcoming events, vehicles for sale, etc. so they may be posted on the website.

Public Information:

New members see Kristie Smith for access to the Club Closed Facebook page.

Calendars

Carol is still waiting for pictures for the 2020 calendar. Please send them ASAP.

Social Committee:

Linda Ogle has things set-up for the Christmas Party. Social Hour will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu has been set. For one of the games, if you wish

Minutes of Noveber 12, 2019 *continued*

to participate, you will need to bring a gift in the price range of \$1 to \$5 (NO white elephants). It will need to fit into a brown paper bag, 12" high and 6" wide. Bags will be provided at the door, if you need one. You will check in at the table, as usual. She is looking for volunteers to help that evening. A sign-up sheet was sent around. Calendar, gifts and 50th Anniversary items will be distributed at the end of the evening.

Charity Committee:

A Thank You note was read from Special Olympics Family Fest. Next year's will be held on Saturday, September 19th.

50th Anniversary Committee:

The Anniversary Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Ken and Nancy Guyette's home.

50th Anniversary shirts and hats are almost done. He can take orders again in January.

The Memorial Day Picnic will be held at the Homer Lake Pavilion on May 30th. The time will be determined.

Art Rapp is working on the trip to Bowling Green. We are looking at around October 16th to the 20th. He is looking at a possible trip to the Grand Old Opry in Nashville. Doing the plant tour and race track on Monday.

We are working with Sullivan-Parkhill to have a Corvette Display Day on a Saturday. Date to be determined.

Special Anniversary License plates are being finalized and we are looking at displaying them from August thru October 2020.

Corvette Adventures Special Anniversary Tour will be June 4th thru June 6th. We have 15 cars registered of the 36 who indicated they want to go. We have Tours #2 and #3. We have reserved seating at the banquet. Ken has brochures is you would like one.

We are working on a group picture for our 50th Anniversary for publication in Blue Bars and the Club Calendar. We have to have the picture to Blue Bars three months in advance of publication.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Annual Planning Meeting.

There were concerns if we would hold the meeting in November due to the weather. If there is bad weather on a meeting day between January and March, the Board of Directors will make a decision by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. If the meeting is cancelled, a general email will be sent out to the membership. Please check your emails before you head out for the meeting.

Remember to notify the club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone numbers, etc. The membership list is in the process of being updated. 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.

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.

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

Items for sale

Shirts \$27.00

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)

President: Doug Hanner

The Hot Rod Power Tour will be in Champaign on Thursday, June 11, 2020. We will volunteer to do registration only.

Old Business:

Mike Sims gave a report on the Honor Flight that he, Karl Smith and Mark Williams participated in on October 29th. They were welcomed at the DC airport and had police escorts for the monuments tour. They took a group picture and were each given a mail bag with cards and letters from people. They returned to Springfield at 10:00 p.m. and were greeted by a big crowd welcoming them back. There were 95 veterans from Illinois. They also had a New York Times reporter and photographer on the plane with them. Mike encouraged any veterans to take the trip if they get a chance.

New Business:

Thank You to the DAR for honoring our veterans at last month's meeting.

Corvette Muscle Car Show will be November 23rd & 24th in Chicago. See Bob Smith if you want to go.

Corvette Chat

C-5, 6 & 7 owners, do not put your cars away for the winter with a full tank of gas. Keep a 1/4 to a 1/3 of a tank of gas in it. Running Techron through a full tank of gas will help clean your engine.

C-7 – If your key fob battery is dead, you may be able to start the car by inserting the key fob in the steering column.

50/50 - \$98.00 – Rich Larimore

Motion to adjourn- Made by George Dick, seconded by Jody Retter. Motion carried.

December Birthdays

- December 2 Don Adams
- December 2 Jan Monk
- December 2 Bob Ogle
- December 3 Tom Burgess
- December 4 Greg Anderson
- December 7 Barry Wagner
- December 10 Lonnie Van Lanken
- December 12 Ron Stonestreet
- December 15 Chuck Croxton
- December 20 Kathy McKenzie
- December 22 Terry Pearson
- December 23 Jimmie Bolton
- December 26 Brandon Heckler
- December 26 Mike Sims
- December 26 Mark Williams
- December 28 Tom McKinley
- December 31 Ray Gonzalez
- December 31 Doug Hanner
- December 31 Doug Murray



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www.sullivanparkhill.com

INK CARTRIDGES:

Please bring used printer ink cartridges to the meetings.

This helps reduce the cost of the newsletter!



January Birthdays

- 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 9 Sandy Whittle
- January 9 Sue Rossetti
- January 10 Vanessa Brewer
- January 14 Carol Castellon
- January 18 Dave Wilson
- January 24 Bob Smith
- January 28 Terry Manning
- January 29 Mike Pierce
- January 31 Rick Dawkins
- January 31 Bobby Pearson

Club Calendar

January 14

Monthly Club Meeting

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

February 21-22

NCCC Governors' Meeting

St. Louis, MO

Doug's Tech Tip:

TECH TIP: I Hope this Tech Tip will help even if you have already put your Corvette into hibernation for this winter. We had a good question brought up at the November meeting about the gasoline you should keep in your Corvette over the winter hibernation period. If you own a C5 – C6 – C7, or any other Corvette with a fuel pump in the fuel tank, you should have no more than a quarter to a third of a tank of fuel. This will keep the fuel pump lubricated and void of deposits that make for a starting and running problem in the spring. I have also talked about using an additive like Techron or Lucas to make sure that the deposits don't begin to form on your fuel pump.



Flat Stanley, along with other club members enjoyed visiting at the club's annual Christmas party on December 7, 2019.





“A FORK ON THE ROAD”

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

BraiZe

1413 LESLIE DRIVE
 (INSIDE THE PARKE REGENCY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER)
 BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61704
 309-827-4280
<https://parkviewinnbloomington.com/>



OPEN:

TU - SAT 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 SUNDAY 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 (KITCHEN CLOSSES AT 9:00 PM DAILY)
 MONDAY CLOSED

Hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we continue to put up with the winter months, Fork on the Road suggestions are kept a little closer to home.

This month we look at BraiZe. BraiZe is a restaurant with different menu items not typically found at most restaurants.

Numerous unique “Shared Plates” (aka appetizers) are available, as well as “Loaded Salads”.

The signature item at BraiZe is the “Brazitos”. The Brazitos is a six inch fresh baked French bread, hollowed out and stuffed with a wide selection of tasty fillings. These fillings are also available on soft corn taco shells, or as a salad (gluten free), instead of bread. All Brazitos come with a choice of side dish. Additional side dishes are available.

Made from scratch Beer Soup is on the menu.

Unique desserts and a kid’s menu are available, as well as a full service bar.

The menu for BraiZe can be found here: <https://braizefood.com/eat/>

If you are looking for something different, consider BraiZe.

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

Dick Lampe has created some lighted based signs featuring our 50th anniversary club logo. He is offering these signs to club members only.

They measure about 9 1/2 inches wide and 10 1/2 inches tall. You have your choice of red or blue lights. The red lights show up better than the blue ones. The bases contain a 9 V battery to power the lights.

The cost would be \$65.

If interested, please text Dick at 815-257-2382.



Club Calendar

January 14 Monthly Club Meeting

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

February 21-22 NCCC Governors' Meeting

St. Louis, MO

Some of us might be suffering from cabin fever by late February. Let's get together and go to the Barn III for some great food and entertainment. The exact date is yet to be determined, but would most likely be either Sunday, February 23rd or Saturday, the 29th.

This will be discussed at the January 14th meeting. We need to get our seats reserved as soon as possible. Please let Ken Guyette know if you'd like to attend this event. I'm sure you will enjoy it! It's always a good time at the Barn.



Love, Sex and the IRS

By William VanZandt & Jane Milmore

It's the heart of the 1970's and male roommates Jon and Leslie each have secrets—Leslie has been seeing Jon's girlfriend Kate on the sly and Jon has been filing joint income tax return for himself and Leslie as a married couple! The day of reckoning comes when the IRS informs the "couple" that they're going to be investigated and Leslie is forced to masquerade as a housewife! Throw in Jon's mother, arriving to meet Jon's fiancée and Leslie's ex-girlfriend demanding to know why Leslie won't see her anymore and the stage is set for a frantic farce of gigantic laughs!

February 6 to March 8, 2020



Dave Crull entertained us with some of his magic tricks.



HEADS OR TAILS?

Ken Guyette and Linda Ogle judge the Heads or Tails game at the annual club Christmas Party on December 7, 2019.

And the winner is.....
.....Kathy McKenzie !!!





Especially for Corvette Club of Illinois' 50th Anniversary

Ed Saari has contacted the club on how he will make our club's experience at the June 4-6, 2020 Corvette Adventures event extra special for our 50th Anniversary. At the September club meeting, I sent around a sign-up sheet to find out how many members would be interested in attending this special Corvette Adventures, and we already have 36 cars interested in attending this fun event.

Ed is planning a special tour that will be just for our club. We will plan on taking this tour on Thursday and then everyone will be able to pick from all of the other tours that will be available on Friday and Saturday. We will also be able to enjoy all of the parties and dinner that is part of the Corvette Adventures experience.

Registration for the 2020 Corvette Adventures is now open. We have a block of rooms set aside for our club in the recently renovated North tower at the Chula Vista Resort.

It is important to register early, as the tours fill up quickly and our block of rooms will be limited.

Important notes:

YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW BECAUSE TOURS FILL UP FAST

- 1) Go to CorvetteAdventures.com for all of the information about this great time.
- 2). Make your reservation at the Chula Vista Resort (ph 833-771-5945) and use the booking code **H48845** for the Corvette Club of Illinois block of rooms.
- 3) Get your confirmation number
- 4) Then go to CorvetteAdventures.com website and fill out your registration for the tours you want to take. The club's private tours are on Thursday.
- 5) Our club will be caravanning up to Chula Vista on Wednesday morning June 3rd.
- 6) you have any questions about Corvette Adventures call Ed Saari at 309-530-9235
- 7) More information about our club's plans will be given out as we get closer to June 2020.
- 8) If you haven't already put your name on Ken's list of people interested in this trip, please do so now.

Any club questions, please contact Ken Guyette 217-954-1411.