

## President's Message

We can still use some members to help with the Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Illinois through Champaign County on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The starting point is 6:00 am in Fisher, so you will need to be in Fisher by 5:30 a.m. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with Ken Guyette by his email, <u>kjguyette@aol.com</u> or call 217-954-1411. We know that it is a short timeframe, but this could really be a lot of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

If you have not registered for Bloomington Gold at the Indianapolis 500 Track June  $21^{st}$  to  $23^{rd}$  yet, you will need to register As Soon As Possible. Here is the direct telephone number that makes it a lot easier to register, <u>309-888-4477.</u>

Don't forget that we will be participating in the Fourth of July Parade in Rantoul. This is one FUN, FUN, FUN parade. This is one of the parades at which we can throw candy to the kiddies. The plans will be the same as previous years, leaving from Farm and Fleet at 8:30 a.m. to travel to our starting point in the parking lot north of Route 136. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, feel free to email me back at <u>dug.hanner@gmail.com</u> or call my cell phone - 217-369-5868. THANKS.

Below is the list of the club's major events for 2018, just in case anyone has questions or would like to make plans for one of these GREAT TRIPS!!!

Bloomington Gold, Indy 500 Track · June 21-23 · Barry Wagner 217-649-8956 or <u>bkwagner@illinois.edu</u> Wisconsin Dells · June 6-9 · Ken Guyette 217-954-1411 or <u>kiguyette@aol.com</u> Black Hills Corvette Classic, SD · July 17-23 · Rich Lampo 217-369-6046 or <u>rlampo@comcast.net</u> Hannibal, MO · August 3-5 · · Sharon Pearson 217-433-4694 or <u>terry.pearson@comcast.net</u> Carlisle, PA · August 22-26 · Doug Hanner 217-369-5868 or <u>dug.hanner@gmail.com</u> Le Claire, IA · August 24-26 · Kristie Smith 812-929-9930 or <u>kristie.smith8@icloud.com</u>

#### INK CARTRIDGES:

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

#### DOUG'S TECH TIP:

Hope everyone has their Corvettes ready for a busy Corvette summer. There are a few items that you might want to check before the trips: serpentine belt, tire pressures, oil life, antifreeze level, and brake fluid level.

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM June 12, 2018 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

#### wear your name tag

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#### President's Message (continued)

Take a minute to check out the club's website <u>www.ccofi.org</u> 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 (<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. We all like new ideas to be presented to the club for discussion.

Minutes of May 8, 2018

President, Doug Hanner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 74 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

Jim & Barb Esworthy – 2005 Silver

Members with new or different cars None.

Sickness or distress None.

#### Secretary report: Debby Wagner

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

#### Treasurer report: Doug Hanner

Ray Gonzalez moved to accept the report, seconded by Dee Gonzalez. Motion approved.

#### Governor Report: Barry Wagner

Barry went to the Governor's meeting for Dave. He announced that we have 204 members. We are #1 in the Midwest Region and #9 National.

As far as waivers are concerned, it is the consensus that waivers need to be signed for all club activities.

There are changes at the Motorsports Park in Bowling Green. They have purchased some more land and they have settled with the neighboring land owners. The plans include a road from the interstate to the park.

#### Trustees:

Nothing to report.

**Report of club support groups and standing committees Communications:** Nothing to report.

#### Website:

Keep sending car show, etc. information.

#### **Public Information:**

Steve Brown reported that about half of the club members are using the Facebook page. He was going to shut off the security for 72 hours starting that night so the members could get signed on. He is considering doing the same on club meeting nights for new members.

#### Social Committee:

Thanks to the committee for all of their hard work for the banquet.

#### **Charity Committee:**

The committee handed out ballots to vote on our charity for 2018. Special Olympics received the most votes. The charity monies will be raised from the autocross concession, FunFest Bartender Challenge, and banquet silent auction.

It was decided that we need to keep \$2,000 in reserve for any emergencies that our members may incur.

There are some charity things that the club can do that do not entail raising funds:

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for Club participation and we would be handing out water bottles to the runners.

There will be a Special Olympics Family Festival and Parade in Mattoon on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The time is from 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We could display our cars and maybe let the Olympians sit in our cars.

Packing food at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Helping out at the Special Olympics.

Ideas that were mentioned for raising funds were: Sponsorship for the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Sponsors on New Club Shirts; Sell adds to the Newsletter; Working a Concession Stand at the State Farm Center; Corvette Rides for Donations; Euchre or Poker Night for the Club; Car Show.

#### Vice President: Barry Wagner

Barry has the wrist bands for Bloomington Gold. You cannot get into the Club Suite without a wrist band and you can't park in the special Club Parking area without them either. Remember that the Club Parking is on a First Come, First Served basis. See Barry after the meeting for your wrist band. Also, when you get your tickets for Bloomington Gold, put the tickets and the wrist bands in the glove compartment so you don't forget them.

#### Minutes of May 8, 2018 (continued)

We hope to have the Bloomington Gold Club shirts to hand out at the June meeting. Those that don't get them prior, we will have them in the Suite.

Doug and Barry will be over at Bloomington Gold starting Thursday. Does anyone want to lead a group over on Saturday? Please let them know.

Dick & Janice Lampe have a day trip lined up to Starved Rock on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing to attend will leave from the Minonk Truck Stop at 9:30 a.m. You will leave the park at 3:00 p.m. and drive to Toluca for dinner at Mona's. Unfortunately, this is the same day as the NCCC Autocross at Rantoul.

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

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

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

Sign-up books for known events are available.

We are seeking new ideas for club activities (dinner dash, road trips, etc.). Help is available to aid in the planning of these activities.

#### Items for sale

Shirts\$27.00Hats\$15.00Decals\$3.00Pins\$2.00ParadeFlags\$17.00 (Flag caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

#### President: Doug Hanner

Doug brought Hole Sponsor signs for members to pick up and take them back to the sponsors. If you do not take them, they will be disposed of.

There are still 2 rooms out of the 10 that Doug reserved available at the Sleep Inn for Corvettes at Carlisle. It is located 4 miles from the fairgrounds. The cost is \$169.00+tax per night.

The Illinois Marathon was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Want to thank everyone for a great job. There was a picnic for volunteers at Parkland College the day after the marathon. They had food for around 800 and only about 250 showed up. There was a lot of food for people to take home with them. There was a special place for the Corvettes to park and a group of the club sat around talking long after everyone left. The Parkland Car Show was held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with 300 cars, not just Corvettes. Doug and Delora received a TOP 12 plaque.

#### Old Business:

There was no new information for the Black Hills Classic trip.

See Ken Guyette after the meeting. He will hand out trip books for the Corvette Adventures Road Tour.

The Mark Twain Corvette Club Car Show will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Hannibal, Missouri. Sharon Pearson has a block of rooms reserved at the Quality Inn at Hannibal. You have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your room. Contact Sharon Pearson for any information.

The Door County Trip will be May 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>. There are still rooms available. If you have any questions contact Carol Castlellon.

There are still 3 hotel rooms available, which will be held until August for Vettes on the River at LeClaire, Iowa on August 25th. We have 12 cars signed up, but the hotel has 15 rooms for us. Please contact Kristi Smith to confirm your reservation.

#### **New Business:**

A vote was needed on the location for the 2019 Banquet and entertainment. Bob Smith made a motion that it be held at the Ozark House in April in Bloomington and Captain Ron for the entertainment. Seconded by Curtis Heck. Motion carried.

The Vettes N Vets Car Show will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Carmel, Indiana. They have 150 trophies to hand out. The Corvette Indy Club will vote on guest cars and the guests will vote on the Corvette Indy cars.

A suggestion was brought up for Sunday brunch. Art Rapp had suggested the Lincoln Trail State Park restaurant near Marshall. Another was a Sunday lunch at Kelly's on 66 at Lexington, followed by a drive to the museum in Pontiac.

A discussion was held as to whether we need a DJ at the marathon. Steve Brown made a motion to still have the DJ, seconded by Pam Sims. Motion carried.

#### Corvette Chat:

If you are interested is having your hood liner painted, see Barry Wagner or Ray Gonzalez. They have the name and number of a gentleman from Weldon.

**50/50 -** \$141.00 – Linda Ogle

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



### Corvette Club participation in Special Olympics Torch Run

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>

All Corvettes must be at the Fisher Police Department at 5:30 a.m. (yes, 5:30 a.m.)

Torch route: Starts at the Fisher Police Department, to Rantoul, to Thomasboro, to Urbana, and ends at Ambucs Park in Urbana.

Starting time: The torch run starts at 6:00 a.m., so all Corvettes need to be at the Fisher Police Department by 5:30 a.m. The Fisher Police Dept. is currently located in the Fisher Community Bldg. Turn right (north) onto 3rd street, go two (2) blocks, then turn right onto School Street. The Police Dept. is on the east side of the community bldg.

End Time: It is estimated that the torch run will be done around 11:00 a.m., with barbecue lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) at Ambucs park.

The torch run will be led by a police squad car, with the Corvettes in the middle carrying some of the athletes, and another squad car on the tail. All intersections will be blocked by the police, so we will have a continuous flow. Most of the torch runners will be police pfficers. We will have several breaks during the run.

Special Olympics has asked the Corvette club to hand out bottled water to the police officers and runners along the route. I am going to bring my SUV instead of my Corvette to hold large coolers with the water bottles. I would like each Corvette to bring a small cooler that will fit in your car when the top is down or off, to fill with bottles to hand out. We will also provide water for the lunch.

Special Olympics is very excited to have the Corvette club's participation in this event. I think this is going to be a special fun event and great exposure for our club.

Members that have signed up are:

Barry & Debbie Wagner, Dan & Kathy McKenzie, Doug & Delora Hanner, Dave & Karen Crull, Ken & Nancy Guyette, Larry Flessner, Ray & Dee Gonzales, John Gruber, John & Debbie Lammle, Linda Ogle

Please let me know if other members want to join in. Thanks, Ken Guyette 217-954-1411



JUNE 2018

Several club members enjoyed a trip to Door County Wisconsin May 21-25.



One of the highlights included a visit to Washington Island.





We celebrated Ted's "birthday" at the Fish Boil.



Good people, good food, good times.





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### **Corvette Club Participation in Special Olympics Family Fest**

September 15, 2018 Lake Land College, Mattoon 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

On September 15, 2018 the Central Illinois Special Olympics (Region 1) is having it's Family Festival. The Corvette Club of Illinois has been asked to participate in this very special event.

The day will start off at 9:00 a.m. with our Corvettes lining up to be featured in the one mile long parade. After the parade and torch lighting, about 10:30 a.m., we will park our cars in a Corvette only parking and show area. This is when all of the Special Olympians and their families will get a chance to see our cars up close. The organizers have requested that we <u>DO NOT</u> let any body sit in our cars.

During the day, there will be all kinds of games, activities, music and lunch. There will be numerous opportunities for club members to get involved in the day's activities. Some of the events that we can help run are bowling, bow & arrow, golf, bean bag toss, skeet ball, plinko, volleyball, softball, and more.

At 2:00 p.m. we will have the closing ceremony with the day ending at 2:30.

The following links are videos that give a nice overview of this event: <u>https://youtu.be/VoDHFneZd6o</u>

https://www.consolidated.com/about-us/community-matters/special-olympics-family-festival

#### June Birthdays

June 2	Kay Cain
June 3	Tom Forrest
June 6	Chuck Cain
June 6	Molly Pettice
June 7	Sharon Kuntz
June 12	Joyce Cryer
June 17	Lance Wycoff
June 19	Rich Lampo
June 22	Steve Brown
June 24	Lori Davis
June 26	Brenda Runyon
June 28	Charlie Mornout
June 29	Fred Wahlfeldt
June 29	Larry Warf

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#### Club Calendar

June 6-9 Corvette Adventures Wisconsin Dells

June 10 Special Olympics Torch Run Fisher Police Department 5:30 am

June 12 Monthly Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive 440 West Anthony Dr, Champaign, IL

> June 21-23 Bloomington Gold Indy 500 Track Indianapolis, IN

July 4 Rantoul Parade 9:30 a.m.



# "A Fork on the Road"

#### SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH BARBECUE AND BOURBON ON MAIN 1414 MAIN ST. SPEEDWAY, INDIANA 1-317-241-6940 http://www.barbecueandbourbon.com



RESTAURANT HOURS: Monday – Tuesday 11:00am to 10:00pm Wed - Thur 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fri – Sat 11:00am to Midnight Sunday- CLOSED

It's that time again. Time for the annual pilgramage to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Bloomington Gold. If you are looking for a lunch or dinner location close to IMS, consider Barbecue and Bourbon on Main. Barbecue and Bourbon is located on Main street in the town of Speedway, just a short distance from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

As the name says, barbecue is the main focus at Barbecue and Bourbon. Start off with one of their numerous appetizer selections. Next choose one of their serious sandwiches or items from the dinner menu. Meat platters are also available with seven meats to choose from. Five differant barbecue sauces are available. Salads, along with a wide variety of side dishes are on the menu as well. Round out your meal with a dessert from their rotating selection dessert menu. Adult beverages are available. Check out their website for full menu details.

Barbecue and Bourbon, a wise choice near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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

#### **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