



# Glass Reflections

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### President's Message

I want to take this opportunity to THANK Joyce Cryer for the club outing to the Dairy and Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time we tried doing an event during the week. We ended up having 7 Vettes and 12 members in attendance, GOOD TURNOUT. THANKS AGAIN JOYCE!!!

Our first dinner dash for this year is in the books. We had a GREAT turnout for this fun event. There were 16 Vettes with 30 members in attendance for some good BBQ at the Mission BBQ in Peoria. As always, if you have a restaurant or an event that you think would be good for our members, please be sure to get the information to one of the Board of Directors or bring it up at a meeting. We are happy to help out in any way we can.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING OUT AT THE MARATHON!!!!

I will be getting a calendar of events ready for this newsletter to help everyone schedule what events you might want to attend this year. It looks like this will be a busy summer with a lot of events already scheduled.

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](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call 217-369-5868. You can also get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. You can also add events to the Club's website [www.ccofi.org](http://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](mailto: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!!!

Spring  
Has  
Sprung



Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
May 10, 2022  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag  
and bring a chair**

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**Minutes of April 12, 2022**

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., 61 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members**

New Members: Max & Betsy Mitchell – Black 2008  
Returning Member: Van Thompson - 2004

**Members with a new or different car – color and year**

Mike & Patti Gruber – 2016 Black Coupe

**Good and Welfare**

Dan McKenzie is done with radiation. His doctor is pleased that he was able to tolerate it. He has fallen a couple of times.

Deb Lammle – Is battling cancer.

Bob Kuntz– Has had a bad cough for a couple of years from COVID.

Barb Utterback – Is experiencing memory problems. She still knows people and is up and about.

**Secretary report:** Debby Wagner

George Dick made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dave Crull. Motion approved

**Treasurer report:** Brenda Croxton

Motion made to accept the report. Motion approved.

**Governors Report:** Tom McKinley

Tom was unable to attend the meeting. Nothing to report.

**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**

We are taking requests from members to showcase their car in the 2023 calendar.

The following months have been taken: February: Lampo; June: Cain; July: Mornout; September: Burke; October: Murray; and December: Jamison

**Social Functions:**

Joyce Cryer has made arrangements for a day trip to Fairbury on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Dinner Dash on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mission BBQ in Peoria. This is a place that features items from First Responders and Military. At noon everything stops and they play the National Anthem.

Caravan will leave at 9:00 a.m. sharp from behind the Red Lobster in Champaign. Any questions, contact Doug Hanner.

Jody Retter is taking reservations for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, for the Barn III Dinner Theater. The show is a comedy "Run For Your Wife". The cost is \$43.20/person and payment must be received by Brenda Croxton no later than September 13<sup>th</sup>, that is our meeting date. Contact Jody if you have any questions and/or would like to go.

**Charity Committee:**

Doug read a Thank You letter from Art and Chona Rapp thanking the club for their donation after their house fire. It has been a slow process cleaning everything out of the house. They plan on rebuilding. Art started the Emergency Fund when he was Vice President.

**Vice President:** Barry Wagner

There are a few upcoming dates for the club to participate in: Barry asked if any members were wanting to do a caravan on the Route 66 Red Carpet Tour on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. No interest was expressed.

The Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash will be held on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to Dewey's in Farmer City.

Corvette Indy will be holding their Vettes for Vets on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Carmel, Indiana. The location has been moved. They award a lot of trophies. Last year the club came back with several. We will send out more information as it becomes available.

The By-laws and SOP's changes have not been updated. They will be emailed to the membership asap.

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

We have resumed "Fork On the Road" for the newsletter. Please send your recommendations for locations to Barry Wagner.

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.

**Minutes of April 12, 2022 continued**

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.

**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

The Christie Illinois Marathon will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. On Friday there will be a 5K. They are asking for volunteers for Saturday for the Half Marathon. They need us to man a water station at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Mary's Road. There will be no Full Marathon this year. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Still needed 2 volunteers.

The Spring Corvette Adventures at Chula Vista Resort will be held on June 9 – 11, 2022 and the Fall one will be held September 9 – 11, 2022.

Bloomington Gold will be held in Bloomington, Illinois on June 10 – 11, 2022. They are planning a Road Tour on Route 66. Corvette FunFest will be held September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at Effingham. Registration is \$16.75 per car and the dinner on Saturday evening is \$10.00/person.

There will be an NCRS Meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Pontiac. Contact Doug Hanner or Steve Mechlin if you have any questions.

There will be a Car Show in Tuscola on May 7<sup>th</sup> which is Kentucky Derby Day and ladies wear their decorated hats.

There will be a Car Display at Obie's in Oakwood on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Ron Carney sold his Grand Sport due to health issues.

Reminder that members are supposed to wear their name tag to the meetings. If you forget, it will cost you 25 cents. The collection box is on the officers' table.

Barry Wagner is planning a Dinner Dash to Springfield. More information to come.

**New Business:**

None.

**Corvette Chat**

Another member was having trouble with the shifter in his C-6 locking in park. He had it replaced. This is called the C-6 Shuffle. It isn't a question of if the shifter will go out, but when. Several members have had their's replaced.

Another member went to put fuel in their car and it would only take 2 gallons and it would shut off. You should keep less than a half tank during the winter storage. He was advised to purchase 2 bottles of TechTron to put in the fuel tank and drive it.

Van Thompson was stitching his steering wheel cover and was having a problem getting it to come together in the corners. He asked for suggestions of where to take it. Two suggestions were: Scott's Trim Shop in Danville and Twin City Upholstery in Bloomington.

**50/50** - \$112.00 – Carol Castellon

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

The meeting was adjourned.

**Registration is Open for Funfest 2022**

Friday Sept. 16, 2022

Saturday Sept. 17, 2022

8:00 AM (Doors open 7:00 AM)

Clubs and members should select our "Club Registration" to be a part of all the club centric fun! Show off your club pride in our special Funfest Clubhouse area and enjoy all the special club themed activities all weekend long!!  
<https://www.facebook.com/mamotorworks/posts/10160065986147996>

**May Birthdays**

- May 1 Charlie Mornout
- May 5 Sandy Green
- May 7 Jim Brewer
- May 10 Debby Wagner
- May 11 Clay Keller
- May 13 Barb Cook
- May 17 Sharon Adams
- May 25 Rhonda Walter
- May 31 Pauline Murray



2022 Corvette Stingray 3LT



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[www.sullivanparkhill.com](http://www.sullivanparkhill.com)

**Club Calendar**

**May 10**  
**Monthly Club Meeting**  
 7:00 pm  
 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
 440 West Anthony Dr  
 Champaign, IL

**June 5**  
**Classic Car Cruise-In**  
 Obie's Arctic Chill  
 Oakwood, IL

**June 9-11**  
**Corvette Adventures (Spring)**  
 Chula Vista Resort  
 Wisconsin Dells, WI

**June 10-11**  
**Bloomington Gold**  
 Illinois State University  
 702 W College Dr, Normal IL

**June 12-17**  
**NCCC Convention**  
 Atlantic City, NJ

**June 14**  
**Monthly Club Meeting**  
 7:00 pm  
 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
 440 West Anthony Dr,  
 Champaign, IL



A visit from the Easter Pig  
 Club Meeting  
 April 12, 2022





# “A FORK ON THE ROAD”

## SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

**OASIS DINER**  
**405 WEST MAIN STREET (US 40)**  
**PLAINFIELD, INDIANA 46168**  
 217-679-7323  
 M – TH 7 am -9pm  
 FRI – SAT 7 am – 10 pm  
 SU 7 am – 3 pm  
 (INDIANA TIME)  
<https://www.oasisdiner.com>



The Oasis Diner in Plainfield is just the place for those seeking to re-live memories of the roadside diners of the past. Originally established in 1954, the Oasis has gone through many changes and owners. The Oasis was totally shut down in 2008.

Indiana Landmarks, a private historical preservation group, purchased the building and eventually sold it to the current owners Doug Huff and Don Rector. After moving the structure to its current location and with extensive interior and exterior restoration, brought the Oasis back to its original appearance. The Oasis was re-opened in all its glory in November of 2014.

The Oasis menu offers many breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Many traditional “diner foods” are to be found on their menu. As there are far too many choices to list here, please visit their website to view the menu, and read more about the Oasis’ history. One item of note is their “breaded pork tenderloin sandwich” which has been rated as one of the top ten tenderloin sandwiches in Indiana.

So if you are looking to once again experience “diner food”, head over to the Oasis.

NOTE: All information is believed to be accurate at the time of publication. Because of the effects of COVID, businesses may have to alter their normal operation dealing with staffing issues as well as any imposed restrictions. It is advised to contact the business prior to making a special trip.

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



## In Memoriam

**Rebecca D. Garland**

June 14, 1952—February 13, 2022

Rebecca D. Garland, 69, special friend of Bob Smith, was called home on Saturday, February 13, 2022 at 3:25 a.m. She left this earth surrounded by family and love.

### An interview with Club members Brenda and Chuck Croxton

By Carol Castellon

In September, 2016 Chuck and Brenda attended the Corvette Funfest for the first time with friends from their home area who owned 2 Corvettes (a C-3 and a C-5). It gave Chuck a great opportunity to see the various models and colors that were available and he came away liking the look of the C-6 Grand Sport. In doing some research the next week, he found a 2013 Night Race Blue Metallic Grand Sport at a dealership in Paris, Kentucky. They drove to Paris the following Sunday to complete the purchase on Monday. It was a very large dealership for such a small town. They had at least 50 new Corvettes in inventory and about 100 new Camaros.



Coming back from Bloomington Gold in 2017, Chuck and Brenda stopped at the Culvers in Champaign where they noticed a gentleman with a Funfest t-shirt. Chuck started talking to him and it was Oak Chandler. Oak told them about the Corvette Club of Illinois and invited them to accompany Oak and his wife, Pat, to a meeting. They enjoyed the first meeting and found the members to be very warm and welcoming, especially Doug and Barry.

Since joining the club, the Croxtons have enjoyed getting to know other members and making new friends. They have been on club trips to Corvette Adventures, the LeClaire show, the Hannibal show, going to Brown County in Indiana and have been to NCM but not with the Club. They attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan in 2019, and helped park cars at the Lemay Chevy dealership in Bloomington.

When Ken expressed interest in turning over the Treasurer job, Brenda decided to try it. She has always liked working with numbers and thought it would be a good fit. She is still learning the ropes, but so far so good. Ken was very helpful in transitioning the job and the work was made easier when the membership responsibilities were transferred to the Governor's role. Brenda appreciates Tom being willing to take that on.

Brenda went to HS in Mt. Olive, and attended EIU, graduating in 1980 with a degree in finance. She worked various jobs in accounting and finished her career with 18 years at Farm Credit. She retired in 2019. Brenda met Chuck through his dad, who was the rural mail carrier. She lived on a farm, and he told Chuck about Brenda. They were married in 1982. They have 2 children, Michael and Matthew, and 3 grandchildren, Andrew, Natalie and Delaney. Brenda likes bicycling, playing Bridge and other card games, playing the piano, hanging out with family and is learning to play pickle ball.



An interview with Club members Brenda and Chuck Croxton *continued*

By Carol Castellon



Chuck attended HS in Greenville, and graduated from SIU Edwardsville in civil engineering. He worked his whole 40-year career for Farm Credit in the legal compliance area and he recently retired in December. He loves to play golf, ride bikes and motorcycles, and enjoys volunteering for the Parkland Foundation as a land steward.

Both Chuck and Brenda like to travel. They have been to Europe and Alaska, and are now wanting to go to Hawaii. They are avid St. Louis Cardinals fans and go to several games each year. They helped form a bicycle group in Bloomington that calls themselves the "Cyclepaths". The group likes to travel to various locations with quality bike trails and the rides are usually limited to 30 or 40 miles per day. Chuck and Brenda also like to take their bikes on vacation and just recently rode them

on trails near Little Rock, Arkansas and San Antonio, Texas. They rode bikes in the Colorado Rockies in 2020. The mountain slopes and thin air made for difficult biking, but Brenda has an e-bike and had no problem keeping up with Chuck.



Consider thanking Brenda for taking on the Club Treasurer position – not an easy job!

## DOUG'S TECH TIP:

This must be a good month. I have not gotten any kind of questions about problems with any of our members' Corvettes. Remember if you have a problem with your Vette and I can help out, please email [dug.hanner@gmail.com](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call me at 217-369-5868.



Join us at the Barn III on Sunday, October 30th  
for the performance of "Run For Your Wife".

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$43.20 per person and include dinner,  
show, and tax.

Contact Jody Retter at 309-824-6648 or [jodyretter@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyretter@yahoo.com)  
to reserve your seats.



**← RUN  
for your  
WIFE →**



**Run For Your Wife**  
By Ray Cooney

The hilarious tale of John Smith, a London taxicab driver, who literally has two lives...complete with two different wives! Somehow, he manages to juggle them both without arousing suspicion until one fateful night when he wakes up in a hospital which is where his unscrupulous world starts to implode and hilarity ensues. This fast, furious and funny farce will leave you reeling as John Smith does his best to unravel his mess!





Club visit to Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury, IL on April 19, 2022.



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2022

## Calendar of Events

| DATE   | EVENT                   | WHERE  |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>                          | Car Show                | Ta Carbon, Tuscola, IL   |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup>                         | Car Show                | DACC, Danville, IL   |
| June 5 <sup>th</sup>                         | Cruise-In               | Oakwood, IL  |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>       | Corvette Adventure      | Wisconsin, Dells, WI<br><a href="http://www.corvetteadventures.com">www.corvetteadventures.com</a> |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>      | Bloomington Gold        | Bloomington, IL<br><a href="http://www.bloomingtongold.com">www.bloomingtongold.com</a>            |
| June 11 <sup>th</sup>                        | Car Show                | Fairbanks Pk, Terre Haute, IN  |
| June 11 <sup>th</sup>                        | Show & Shine            | Culvers, Danville, IL  |
| June 18 <sup>th</sup>                        | Milford Fun Days        | Downtown, Milford, IL  |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Car Show                | Lil Nugget, Danville, IL   |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | Car Show                | Lincoln Park, Danville, IL   |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | VFW Car Show            | City Park, Oakland, IL   |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>                         | Car Show                | Pells Park, Paxton   |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>                        | Mahomet Auto Fest       | Downtown, Mahomet, IL  |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>                        | Cruise-In               | Oakwood, IL  |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | Car Show                | Downtown, Hume, IL   |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Car Show                | Fairgrounds, Champaign, IL   |
| July 28 <sup>th</sup>                        | Dinner Dash             | Dewey's, Farmer City, IL   |
| July 30 <sup>th</sup>                        | Car Show                | Downtown, Sidney, IL   |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | Cruise-In               | Oakwood, IL  |
| August 13 <sup>th</sup>                      | Corvette Show           | Carmel, IN   |
| August 20 <sup>th</sup>                      | Cruise-In               | Georgetown, IL   |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | Car Show                | City Park, Hoopeston, IL   |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | Car Show                | Ellsworth, IL  |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | Cruise-In               | Oakwood, IL  |
| September 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | Mega Car Show           | Former Tatman's, Champaign, IL   |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> | Fun Fest                | Effingham, IL  |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> | Rt 66, Car Show         | Downtown, Springfield, IL  |
| October 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | Barn III Dinner Theater | Goodfield, IL  |



Christie Clinic Illinois Half Marathon—April 30, 2022





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# Classic Car CRUISE-IN

**MAY 1, 2022**  
**JUNE 5, 2022**

**JULY 10, 2022**  
**AUGUST 7, 2022**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

Please practice social distancing. Thank you.

**5 P.M.**



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**Oakwood, IL 61858**  
**(217) 354-4412**



## “Our Navy’s First Flag”

An Essay for the Observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Navy

By Carol Castellon, Alliance Chapter

In April, 1775, British troops were occupying Boston. Militias from the local communities were stationed around Boston. George Washington felt it was vital to be able to attack the British troops by sea as well as on land, but we had no Navy. Congress was reluctant to form a Navy, trying not to provoke the British, and they had no money or legal authority to create one. Unafraid, Washington commissioned seven ships and outfitted them at his own expense.

The first ship commissioned was the Hannah, now considered the founding vessel of our Navy. Washington then commissioned six more ships: Hancock, Washington, Lee, Harrison, and schooners Lynch and Franklin. These were referred to as Washington Cruisers. Their first mission was to prevent the British from resupplying the British troops inside Boston. These six cruisers continued to wreak havoc on British shipping for the next year.

Washington also commissioned floating batteries with holes in the sides for muskets, to be floated down the Charles River and fire on Boston. The flag that flew on these batteries was described by Col Joseph Reed in a letter dated October 20, 1775: “What do you think of a flag with a white ground, a tree in the middle, the motto ‘An Appeal to Heaven?’ This is the flag of our floating batteries.” After this letter, the flag was also flown on the six cruisers.

### AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



In New England colonies, the white pine tree was a symbol of independence. Washington chose the pine tree image as a gesture of solidarity between northern and southern colonies.

The phrase “Appeal to Heaven” appeared in a letter written by Dr. Joseph Warren shortly after the Battles of Lexington and Concord on behalf of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress to Great Britain. The letter states in part: “... to the persecution and tyranny of his cruel ministry, we will not tamely submit; appealing to Heaven for the justice of our cause, we determine to die, or be free.”

On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized construction and administration of the first American naval force, which became the United States Navy.