



# Glass Reflections

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### President's Message

It has been a summer of big changes and definitely better than 2020 for events for all to attend. Delora and I attended some great shows with of members of this great club. I think that we can even have a better Corvette Summer in 2022. Let's all plan on attending some of these great events and outings in 2022.

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!!!

Art has graciously taken lead to get the Gun Range at St. Joe's Sportsman's Club Range to do a little practicing with our guns. There is also a chance to shoot a little Skeet and trap shooting if there is enough interest. If you would like to do some Skeet or trap shooting, please email me at [dug.hanner@gmail.com](mailto:dug.hanner@gmail.com) or call 217-369-5868.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Christmas Party/Banquet for this year. The date is December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's Lodge. We will be distributing the 2022 Club Calendars during this fun event. Ken Guyette and the committee have made some great plans, so everyone needs to make plans on attending. THANKS to the Committee for their hard work. Please take a moment to check out the flyer in this newsletter for all the details of this FUN, FUN, FUN event.

THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

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 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!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
November 9, 2021  
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag  
and a mask**

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to continue to have our meetings at Sullivan’s, we will need to **again wear face masks** for the foreseeable future.



Sullivan’s is following the current State of Illinois mandated mask requirement.



Amber Oberheim and two of her daughters, Aubree and Addison, were guests at our October meeting. Amber spoke to the club concerning the way her and her family’s lives have changed since the killing of her husband, Chris. She told us how Peacemaker Project 703 came to be formed and the work that they do. Following her talk, President Doug Hanner presented her with a check from the club in the amount of \$500.00.



**Minutes of October 12, 2021**

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 56 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members**

Gordon & Sandy Green – 2015 Night Race Blue Coupe  
Tom Collins – 1999 Silver Convertible

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

None

**Good and Welfare**

A thank you letter was read from Faith in Action of Piatt County for the donation made in memory of Gilbert Quick.

**Peacemaker Project 703**

Our guests were Amber Oberheim and two of her daughters, Aubree and Addison. Amber spoke to the club concerning the way her and her family's lives have changed since the killing of her husband, Chris. She told us how Peacemaker Project 703 came to be formed and the work that they do. The daughters handed out "703" window stickers to be placed on any vehicle we wanted. Following her talk, President Doug Hanner presented her with a check from the club in the amount of \$500.00.

**Officer Nominations**

The Trustees asked three times "Are there any nominations for officers?". There were no nominations from the floor and a motion was made that the nominations be closed. Motion was made that nominations be closed by Rich Larrimor, seconded by Jim Gill.

The nominees are:

President – Doug Hanner
Vice President – Barry Wagner
Treasurer – Brenda Croxton
Secretary – Debby Wagner
Governor – Tom McKinley
Trustee (3 Years) – Ken Guyette

Since there were no contested positions, a motion was needed to approve a Unanimous Ballot. Motion was made by Ray Gonzalez, seconded by Karl Smith. Motion passed.

**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. Dwight Hooker moved to accept the report, seconded by Jim Gill. Motion approved.

**Governor Report:** Tom McKinley

Tom attended the Governors meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The NCCC has 17,892 members with 235 clubs.

This is an increase of 948 from May's numbers of 16,944. This was attributed to MAL's taking deliveries at the Museum. The top five clubs are: #1 – East Tennessee at 367; #2 – Tulsa at 332; #3 – Cornhuskers at 297; #4 – Corvettes of Naples at 257; and #5 – Colorado Springs at 256.

The Midwest Region has 28 clubs with a total of 2,423 members including MAL's and 26 Lifetime. Corvette Club of Illinois is the largest with 182 members.

Scholarships will increase to \$1,500.00, with eight being awarded for 2022.

George Kimble read a Memorial Poem and President Samuelson read the names of members that have passed since the last meeting which included Gilbert Quick.

The 2022 Convention will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Tom will start doing renewals on October 17<sup>th</sup>, with them being sent via computer on October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you do not renew by this date your dues renewal will be at the new member rate. As of to date, we have 24 members that had not renewed.

**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.

**Minutes of October 12, 2021 *continued*****Vice President:** Barry Wagner

There will be no Annual Planning meeting in October. Due to the current uncertainty with the pandemic restrictions, it becomes nearly impossible to do any yearly or long-range planning. We will deal with activities on a case-by-case basis. It was suggested that we have a Weenie Roast this fall. Tom McKinley offered his place but would have to check on it. Since it is so late, we may have to try next year.

We are requesting Emergency Contact Information for the Club Member Spreadsheet. We will be sending out an email request. We have approximately 1/3<sup>d</sup> of the membership reporting.

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

A few of our members attended Fun Fest on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. We caravanned down on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was special parking for our club and the Charleston club. The event was a lot smaller, and they provided food trucks. Everything was centered around the Museum. Neimerg's was unable to cater this year, but the caterer they had was very good. Thank you to Rick Dawkins and Curtis Heck for bringing their canopies. There is a possibility that Fun Fest will be held again next year.

**Old Business:**

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

**New Business:**

The Club Christmas Party is still scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>, barring any surprises from the State of Illinois. There is no charge to members, and the caterer is Applewood Farms. We will be taking reservations thru the end of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There will be a Corvette and Mustang show at the Douglas County Museum in Tuscola on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Sons of the American Legion will hold a car display at Hoopeston on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Guyette announced that Wagner Signs is having a 15% off Sale thru November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dwight Hooker announced that the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman will be holding their Soup Supper on November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ray Gonzalez has a set of Corvette Door Sill Covers for the years from 2014 – 2019 for sale. They are \$30.00 for the set. Please contact Ray if interested.

It was confirmed that Steve and Teresa Ervin had received the condolence card from the club. They lost their son to Covid.

**Corvette Chat**

Ray Gonzalez had a dead cell in his battery and reported that it is very difficult to take out the battery. It was noted that a battery tender will not keep a battery charged if it has a bad cell.

Someone inquired if the Corvette Museum monitors the mileage on your car if you have their insurance. The answer was No.

Concerning participation in parades, Karl Smith suggested that from now on we only allow one person per vehicle. If there are 20 riders, we will need 20 cars.

**50/50** - \$97.00 – Clay Keller

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

The meeting adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.



## ***Wagner Signs – CC of I Christmas Sale***

***15% off ending November 30th, 2021***

***You must order by November 30th for Christmas Delivery***

CHRISTMAS SALE – Wagner Signs is having a Christmas sale special with 15% off your order through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Besides all of the great club shirts, hats and jackets, they also now have license plate frames and aprons with our club logo on them. Now is the time to get CC of I club wear from WAGNER SIGNS for Christmas.

**PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE TO ORDER: [corvetteclubil.itemorder.com](http://corvetteclubil.itemorder.com)**



## **“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.

## An Interview with Club members Art & Chona Rapp

By Carol Castellon



Arthur was 8-years-old when he saw his first Corvette. He was riding with his father and they passed a 1958 red Corvette Convertible. When he asked his father was kind of car that was, he heard "one of those damn kids in a hotrod." But Arthur always remembered that red Corvette and determined he would have one someday. He wanted to buy a 1961 red Vette in 1973, but didn't have the \$1500 and couldn't afford the insurance. Then his first wife talked him out of buying a new 1978, then another one in 1980, and 1981. After his daughter was born, the Corvette dream went to the curb.

After waiting years to get one, he finally bought his first Corvette in March 2003, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition purchased new from Sullivan-Parkhill. He had ordered it from Rasmussen in Mattoon, but when it arrived, they raised the quoted price on him, so he didn't buy it, and went to Sullivan-Parkhill. He still owns this Corvette.



Tom McKinley told him about the Club, so he joined in May 2003. He was elected VP in 2004, and served in that position until 2015, when he was appointed to the City Council in St. Joseph and Council meetings prevented him from going to Club meetings on the same night.

The "Poo-Poo Paddle" tradition began when the Club presented Arthur with the Paddle after a blunder that he can't remember. That started a tradition of giving the Paddle to a club member who made the biggest blunder during a year, and has continued for more than 15 years now.

When Art & Chona went on the Club trip to Yellowstone, Doug and Delora weren't able to go, so Art gathered up a buffalo turd and sent it to Doug by US Mail. After that, the turd was framed and passed around for years in the white elephant gift exchange. Art shared this: Mike Brian and I were looking at some Buffalo's grazing and he said we were lucky to see them eating standing up. I was puzzled and asked him why, which he said Charlie "Bud" Strode (now deceased) told him the Buffalo had to eat on their knees because their neck was too large. I can't look at a Buffalo today and not think about Charlie's prank on Mike. Just one of many fond memories with the club.

Art organized several trips to the NCM in Bowling Green, started the first Mystery Cruise, organized trips to the Volo Museum, Moonshine runs, Palestine Wine & Arts Festival, Branson, trips to Car Show, and organized the Mount Rushmore/Yellowstone trip. He got the Club into the GM



Heritage Collection the first time during the Michigan trip that Bob Weeks planned. He was the one who got the food truck and took it to Chanute whenever the Club served food at the NCCC Autocross. He planned the first trips to the Indy 500 fan appreciation day, to make the lap around the track and check things out prior to the 500. He also organized a few Super Saturday events at Mid America Motorworks for the Club. He organized a car show at Sullivan's with various games. He has been to Funfest nearly every year, even going in 2005 after a car accident that put his foot in a cast so had to be driven there in

a minivan. When he arrived at MAMW, Club members had arranged for a golf cart for his use. He will always be grateful for how the Club members helped him at Funfest when his foot was in a cast, making a trying situation into a good memory.

**An Interview with Art & Chone Rapp *continued***

He said "All Club members have been an asset to the Club" and he considers them all his friends. He enjoyed working with Karen Crull as treasurer, and thinks Doug has been a good president. He appreciated the contributions from Steve Brown including his help to get Ray Quinlan into the Corvette Hall of Fame at the NCM, which his induction was a memorable experience. He thinks the website updated by Steve Tribble is a great resource for the Club. He thought Dan McKenzie was a good reporter, and said Carol Castellon improved the newsletter and made the Club calendar popular.



Art likes the Mystery Cruises, Dinner Dashes, and Club Trips, all of which allow members to get to know each other. His most memorable trip with the Club was to the GM Heritage Collection in Sterling Heights, MI. He recalls the Club members had to pry him out the Museum doors.

Art worked for the Illinois Central Railroad as an engineer for 31 years, before an auto accident put him on disability. He was also a Union Rep for 20 years. He now is a field rep for Kujawski & Associates Law Firm in O'Fallon, IL. He started dating Chona in 1989, then finally married her in August 2005 (the whole family was glad). Chona was a nurse at Cole Hospital for 5 years, then worked in Dr. Shepherdson's office for 11 years, then at Swann Special Care Center for 23 years.

He has a daughter and she has a son, and they have 5 grandchildren altogether.



Art is a member of BLE&T Div. 602, BLE&T Auxiliary, Life member of NRA, a member of Saint Joseph Sportsman Club, serves on the St. Joseph City Council, and will soon be a member of SAR (thanks to Carol). He and Chona like traveling and just returned from a trip to the SEMA Show in Vegas. His favorite trip was to Ron Fellows Driving School in Spring Mountain.



Art hasn't been to meetings for a few years, but does attend Club events. His term on City Council will end in a couple of years, and he says he isn't running for re-election, so maybe we'll see him at meetings again, and Chona will come with him.





## Welcome to our Club

Gordon & Sandy Green

Homer, IL

Night Race Blue 2015 Coupe

Peter Stump

Champaign, IL

2021 Coupe

### November Birthdays

November 1	Erwin Mannchen
November 1	Jody Retter
November 3	Ralph Brewer
November 5	David Unrein
November 10	Linda Higgins
November 11	Linda Wicklund
November 14	David Crull
November 15	Dwight Hooker
November 17	Pam Sims
November 23	Karl Smith
November 26	Aaron Burke
November 27	Bob Utterback
November 28	Charles Barham
November 28	Sharon Pearson
November 29	Mark Camp



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### Club Calendar

**November 9**

**Monthly Club Meeting**

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

**November 13**

**NCCC Governor's Meeting**

Sheraton Westport Plaza  
St. Louis, MO

**November 15**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Osman Soup Supper**

4:40 to 7:00 p.m.  
100 N McLean County Rd.  
Osman, IL

**November 20-21**

**Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals**

Donald E Stevens Convention Center  
5555 N. River Road  
Rosemont, IL

**December 4**

**Club Christmas Party**

6.00 pm Elks Lodge  
903 N Dunlap Savoy, IL

## 2022 Corvette Club of Illinois Calendar

Now is the time to order your 2022 Club Calendar filled with great pictures of our members' Corvettes. Orders will be taken at the October and November Club meetings, or by contacting Ken Guyette (cell phone 248-880-4952). The calendars are \$10.00 each and need to be prepaid. They would make great Christmas gifts for your friends and family. We will be passing out the calendars at the Club Christmas party on December 4, 2021.



## An interview with Club members Barry & Deborah Wagner

By Carol Castellon

In 2013, Barry saw the Club website – Barry was looking for advice from members before buying a Corvette. He applied for associate membership until they got a Corvette, but bought their '81 red Coupe in Troy, IL before the Board acted on the associate application. Debby recalled attending the first meeting without Barry, who couldn't go. She came home and told Barry, "These people are crazy, but in a good way – they have fun!" In Spring of 2014, they won the "Rookie of the Year" award from the Club.

Their current car is a 2008 red coupe purchased in 2016 from Uftring in Peoria. They purchased a black 2002 at Bloomington Gold when it was held in Champaign in 2014, but it was hit and totaled. They still own the '81, one of the last cars built in the St. Louis plant.



Barry was elected VP in 2015 and Debby was elected Secretary in 2017. Barry and Debby put together the trip to New Orleans in 2016, called "Tail of the Alligator." He said they really enjoyed the Heritage Museum in Detroit, the NCM trips, Funfest, Bloomington Gold, and the Dinner Dashes because you get to know other members better. Barry started the Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash to Dewey's in Farmer City, which had record attendance this past August. Barry and Debby helped in the food truck at the Auto-cross in Rantoul. They have attended 2 NCCC National Conventions. One of his favorite memories was helping at Special Olympics Family Fest. One of her favorite memories was taking her car to Circle of Friends in Champaign. They both commented about the bartender challenges at Funfest being fun.

Barry commented that everyone in the Club is helpful. He looks forward to more trips in the future that would last a week or more, but knows it takes a motivated member to organize a trip. Barry said his favorite trip was driving the entire route 66, from downtown Chicago to Santa Monica Pier, taking old roads when possible, in 2015, in their Corvette.

They met in 1974, Debby was working for Klaus Radio and Barry came in for a part and according to Debby, "got more than he bargained for." They were married in October 1975. They have one daughter, Bernadette, who is an organist and music director in a large Catholic Parish in Surprise, AZ. She was married last year.



Barry graduated from Danville HS, served in the Army Band, and has been playing professionally since age 15. He plays with groups around the state, and plays in a dance band he inherited that has been to 23 states and Canada. He worked for the Illinois Fire Service Institute and retired in 2009. He is a past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of Knights of Columbus, belongs to the American Legion, and Elks. His passion is music, and he researches traditional Jazz, and has an extensive music collection.



Debby is from Philo, graduated from Unity HS, and retired in May 2015 as auditor of Champaign County Highway Department after 37 years. She is serving her 6<sup>th</sup> year as Regent of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Champaign County 1070. She

likes to cross stitch, garden and read. They moved to Scottswood subdivision in Urbana in 1978, then to their current home in Champaign in 1998.

Barry commented, "the best thing we ever did was join the Club. The relationships we've developed, you can't buy."



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September 23, 2021

Corvette Club of Illinois

Dear Corvette Club,

Thank you for your donation of \$75.00 to Faith in Action in memory of Gilbert Quick.  
 "Not what we give, but what we share --- For the gift without the giver is bare."

James Russell Lowell.

Faith in Action volunteers touch many lives as they endeavor to reach out and serve the senior citizens of Piatt County. Through their work we have built ramps for easier access to homes, provided transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping trips and other services.

Your gift given in honor of Gilbert will touch many lives as Faith in Action continues to provide services for the elderly of our community

In compliance with the Omnibus Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, please note: no goods or services were provided by Faith in Action of Piatt County. Please keep this letter for your 2021 taxes.

Thank you again for your support of Faith in Action's mission.

Thank you.

Blessings,

Leanne Griffin  
 Director  
 Faith in Action

### TECH TIP:

I do not have any words of wisdom for the Tech Tip this month. I have pretty much given all the good tips for winter storage for your Corvette this winter. Just one thing, be sure not to store your Corvette with the key fobs in it, or you might have a problem in the spring.

### Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Soup Supper

Oyster Stew, Chili, Potato Soup and Dessert

November 15<sup>th</sup>

4:40 to 7:00 p.m.



Drive-thru only

Donations are a free-will offering to help a gentleman who is recovering from a heart attack and stroke.





## Corvette Club of Illinois Annual Christmas Party

**December 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm**  
**Elks Lodge in Savoy Illinois**

The Christmas Party is going to be a great event and all of the Club Members are invited to attend this Club sponsored party.

Our party will be catered by Applewood Foods Catering, featuring a Premium Buffet with two entrees, three sides and two desserts.

The party will be at the Elks Lodge located at 903 N. Dunlap, Savoy IL 61874.

The Elk's has a cash bar featuring all of your favorite drinks.

We will have a montage of the club's history on the big screen.

Some great door prizes.

Will also be handing out the 2022 CC of I Calendar

You must sign up or contact Ken Guyette (ph 217-954-1411 or [kjguyette@aol.com](mailto:kjguyette@aol.com)) by November 14, 2021, if you are planning to attend.