

President's Message

We are about done with the homecoming season. We have been busy again this year. The faculty and students from all the schools were very appreciative for the help to make their homecoming celebrations very SPECIAL. THANKS for everyone's help.

What can you say but AWESOME!!! Great job to everyone who helped to make this Bartender Challenge a HUGE SUCCESS. We made \$933 in an hour, WOW!!! This makes us the first winner of the annual Fun Fest Bartending Challenge Traveling Trophy - GREAT!!! All this money will to be going to our charities; the Special Olympics and the Honor Flight. THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!

It looks like we pretty much have all the bases covered for the food wagon at the autocross in Rantoul on the weekend of October 6th and 7th. If you have not ever seen an autocross, this would be a good chance to see how Corvettes handle under pressure. This is always a good time and we can use the help with the food wagon. We will have everything set up by 8:00 a.m. on both days. If you can help, it would be great. Thanks in advance for everyone's help.

The next event will be the club trip to Starved Rock on Sunday, October 14th. The plans are to leave from Planet Fitness promptly at 8:00 a.m. We will travel west on I-74, then take exit 164 north of Bloomington toward US-51 N/Rockford onto I-39 North to Minonk. We will then take exit 27 to meet up with Dick & Janice Lampe and other members to further travel to Starved Rock State Park. Dick has told me to make sure that everyone is aware that there is a new park ranger in the park that is known to give out tickets for not having a front license plate. If you are one of many who do not have a front license plate, you just put your plate on the passenger side of your dash. This is legal. This is only for the time that we are in the park.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party on December $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ at the Elks' Lodge, 903 N. Dunlap Avenue in Savoy. There will be more information available at the next couple of meetings and in future newsletters. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Please be sure to take a minute to check out the club's website at www.ccofi.org for any updates on club events. Steve Tribble does a great job of keeping the website up- to-date so all members can stay in the know. There will be more information in the upcoming newsletters on all events for 2019. Remember to bring the flyers from other shows and events to the meeting or email them to Steve Tribble (s.tribble@frontier.com). New ideas or 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.

Next Meeting 7:00 PM October 9, 2018 Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

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Minutes of September 11, 2018

President, Doug Hanner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 65 members were present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to commemorate 9-11. We took a minute to say hello to fellow club members and guests.

Guests or prospective members

Kent Usher has a 2001 Z0-6. Matt and Noah Usher were with Kent.

Members with new or different cars

John & Karen Grove – 2019 Grand Sport Gray Convertible Steve & Chris Mechling – 1967 Maroon

Sickness or distress

Dan Cook is out of the hospital and is doing well

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

Delora Hanner moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Ray Gonzalez. Motion approved.

Treasurer report: Karen Crull

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

Governor Report: Dave Crull,

He announced that we have 207 members. We are #1 in the Midwest Region and #9 National, but we are tied with club in Minnesota.

Membership cards will be printable after dues have been paid. A hard copy will be sent out after the first of the year. Dave handed out dues notices for the next year to those members that were present.

At the Governors' meeting, it was discussed about making websites secure through Google. The cost is \$129.00 for two years. We are waiting to check our website security with Seve Tribble.

The 2019 NCCC Convention will be held in Denver, and the 2020 convention will be in Indianapolis.

Dave announced that he will not run for Governor and Karen will not run for Treasurer this next year.

Trustees:

The Trustees handed out nominating ballots for all of the Board of Directors positions and for 1 Trustee position. They collected the papers from the group. The nominees will be printed in the newsletter prior to the voting in November. We will also vote on our charity for next year.

Report of club support groups and standing committees Communications:

Keep sending articles and pictures of trips for the newsletter. Jody reminded the club that articles need to be to her by the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ Monday of the month so that she can send out the newsletter the Thursday before the meeting.

Website:

Everything is up-to-date at this time, except for the newsletter because Steve has been out of town. Keep sending car show, etc. information.

Public Information:

Kristie Smith said that we have more than 250 friends on the open Facebook page.

Calendars

Nothing new.

Social Committee:

The Club Weiner Roast will be held on Saturday, October 20th at Greg and Lynn Crawford's place south of Arthur.

Jody Retter announced that The Barn Theatre in Goodfield should be opened in February. She is looking into what shows are coming and their dates.

Charity Committee:

The Special Olympics Family Fest will be held on Saturday, September 15th at Lakeland College in Mattoon. Ken Guyette brought up the possibility of selling advertisements in the newsletter.

FunFest Bartender Challenge:

Linda Ogle had made bandanas and headbands for those who will definitely be working the challenge at a cost of \$3.00 each. Women are to wear bib overalls or jeans and red lipstick. The men are asked to wear military green t-shirts. Everything is set to go with some members making Jell-o Shots for donations. Kristie Smith has volunteered to dress up like Marilyn Monroe.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

The 2019 Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Urbana Gardens. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be setting up the club calendar for the coming year.

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, dinners and we will publish them in the newsletter and mass emails.

Keep sending in your suggestions for "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 the activities.

Minutes of September 11, 2018 (continued)

Items for sale

Shirts \$27.00 Hats \$15.00 Decals \$3.00 Pins \$2.00

Parade Flags \$17.00 (flag caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)

President: Doug Hanner

Doug gave a report on the Carmel, Indiana Car Show. We brought home a lot of trophies with some cars coming home with more than one. Gilbert Quick got the award for Highest Mileage and the club received The Out-of-State Club Participation Award.

Doug gave a re-cap on the Carlisle Car Show. We had 13 cars attend and there were approximately 6,000 cars there. Four club members participated in the car flag display. Steve and Chris Mechling drove their '61 out to the show. Dana Forrester awarded a Celebrity Pick Award to Doug and Delora Hanner for their '64. The group took a bus trip to Gettysburg. Terry and Sharon Pearson did the Saturday night parade. Thank you to Linda Ogle for making goodie bags for the Club. Some of the members stopped at the Shanksville Flight 93 Memorial on their way home.

The Westville Parade was hot but was a good parade. We had 16 cars.

The Arcola Broom Corn Parade was still held. The rain let up in time for the parade. We left it up to members to participate, if they wanted.

It is possible that Hoopeston will get the Miss America contestants again.

Kristie Smith gave a re-cap of the Vettes on the River. We had 13 cars and we were in the Top 10 in Club Participation. They took pictures in front of the American Picker's store, "Antique Archaeology". They have a block of rooms set-up for next year. Doug thanked Greg and Kristie for all of their hard work on planning the trip and taking care of everything.

Old Business:

Thank you to Greg and Kristie for leading the Black Hills Trip. Greg thanked Rich Lampo for all of his work planning and contacting hotels for the trip.

The trip to Starved Rock being planned by Dick and Janice Lampe will be on October 7th. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Minonk Truck Stop. We will leave the park about 3:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. (The NCCC Autocross in Rantoul is on the same day.)

New Business:

Baum Chevrolet in Clinton will host a car show on September 30th. The fee is \$10.00.

Newport Hill Climb will be held on October 6th and 7th. The cost is \$20.00 for 2 days.

Rockville, Indiana Homecoming Parade is Friday, September 14th. We need 7 cars.

Fisher Homecoming Parade is Wednesday, September 19th with line-up at 5:45 p.m. We need 7 cars.

FunFest will be September 20th thru 23rd.

Urbana High School Homecoming Parade will be held on September 28th. We will need 12 – 15 cars.

Monticellobration will be held on Saturday, September 29th downtown on the square. We will be the only group around the square. The Corvettes will be in front of the East End Tavern (Washington, between State and Independence). Set-up will be at 2:30 p.m. Plenty of restaurants to visit.

The Chicago Jewelry Show will be held on October 26th.

We have had a request for a Corvette to drive Little Miss Illinois in the following parades:

September 19th – Fisher Homecoming Parade

September 26th – Mahomet Homecoming Parade

September 27th – Paxton Homecoming Parade

October 12th – U of I Homecoming Parade

(These are in addition to the scheduled club parades.)

Contact: Amy Huskisson at 217/766-3497

So far, we have 30 special club shirts ordered with the cost of \$35 -\$36.

Carol Castellon gave a brief talk on the Philadelphia Light Company flag.

Corvette Chat:

Sharon Pearson brought up the fact that those that have C5's, when you put the door key in the driver's door you can turn the key to the left twice and unlock the passenger door and three turns to the left will unlock the trunk.

50/50 - \$105.00 - Mark Williams

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner, seconded by Linda Smith. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:30 p.m.



(Above) Special Olympics Family Fest—Saturday, September 15th (Below) Urbana Homecoming Parade—September 21st



Nominations of Officers & Charities for 2019

The trustees are in the process of accepting "Nominations of Officers & Charity for 2019". If you want to nominate yourself or someone else for a designated position, and/or submit a charity to be considered, **final nominations for board of director and trustee positions**, as well as club charities will be taken from the floor at our next scheduled club meeting on October 9, 2018. All nominations will be closed at the conclusion of the meeting.

All candidates and any ballot questions will be published in the November newsletter, prior to the November meeting.

We will be voting for all Board of Directors positions, one 3- year trustee position, and charities at the November club meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13th. You must attend the meeting to vote.

Dave & Karen Crull will not be running for their respective offices of Governor & Treasurer.

Nominations and charity considerations can be submitted by calling, texting, or emailing any of the trustees listed below. Nomination forms will also be available at the October meeting.

Dwight Hooker - 217-649-2927 hook56@mchsi.com Kathy McKenzie -217-621-5951 kamckenzie20@gmail.com Sharon Pearson - 217-433-4694 terry.pearson@comcast.net

October Birthdays

October I Dee Gonzalez

October I Brian Knox

October 2 Tom Finger

October 2 Mickey Haton

October 5 Gary Haton

October 5 Tim Totheroh

October 7 Brad Young

October 9 Karen Grove

October 9 Pat Tribble

October 9 Nancy Von Lanken

October II Carolyn Brown

October 14 Kelly Wolken

October 18 Larry Retter

October 20 Tami Fruhling-Voges

October 20 Mike Vecchio

October 22 John Simpson

October 23 Angela Serd

October 24 Mary Timmins

October 24 Kim Longsdorf

October 25 Richard Golliday

October 25 Susan Larimore

October 27 Peggy Swisher

October 28 Gail Miholic

October 31 Kathy Havey



2018 Chevrolet Corvette Z06
V8 Supercharged
Black inside and out
\$105,840
\$96,212



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

INK CARTRIDGES:

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



Club Calendar

October 6-7 NCCC Autocross

Rantoul, IL

October 9 Monthly Club Meeting

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

October 14 Starved Rock Club Trip

Starved Rock Park - Utica, IL

October 16 2019 Planning Meeting

6:00 pm

Urbana Gardens Family Restaurant 810 W Killarney St, - Urbana,, IL

October 20 Club Wiener Roast

Gather between 4:30-5:00 pm Eat at 6:00 pm Greg & Lynn Crawford's Farm

October 26 Chicago Jewelry Show

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

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

November 13 Monthly Club Meeting

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









Ed Carleton



John Simpson





Blake Burton



Rich & Janet Halford



TECH TIP:

This is that time of the year that you might be thinking about getting your Corvette ready for the winter naptime. I know that I have published this in earlier club newsletters, but we have a lot of new members, and I hope that this tech tip helps a little. The first thing to do is to check the air pressure in your tires, check all the fluid levels, and use a battery maintainer, if possible. If the roads are free of salt and ice, get your Vette out for a little drive. This helps get the battery charged and fluids moving in the engine/transmission/rear axle. Remember that if you store your Corvette, make sure it is free of mice. Mice tend to chew wiring because the coating is made of soybean material.



Janice Lampe sang the national anthem at this year's Funfest at Mid America Motorworks in Effingham, IL.



Terry Pearson surprised his wife, Sharon, with this nice gift for their 40th wedding anniversary.



Doug Hanner and Barry Wagner provided insight into the success of our club during the "Clubbing Around—Corvette Club Basics" seminars held at Funfest.





We did it!

We all had a great time raising funds for our charities during this year's Bartenders' Challenge at Funfest. We raised \$933 and became the first winner of the Funfest Bartenders' Challenge Traveling Trophy. Special thanks to Linda Ogle, Rick Dawkins, Dan & Kathy McKenzie, Terry & Sharon Pearson, Nancy Burgess, Linda McKinley, Tom McKinley (the General), Greg Anderson (Uncle Sam), and Kristie Smith (Marilyn Monroe) for making it a huge success.







"A Fork on the Road"

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

BEAST CRAFT BBQ CO.
20 SOUTH BELT WEST
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62220
618257-9000
http://www.beastcraftbbq.com
OPEN EVERYDAY 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
(Or until they sell out)



Submitted by Barry Wagner.

A dear musician friend of mine from Belleville, recently brought the **Beast Craft BBQ Co.** to my attention. His comment to me, was to forget all thoughts of any other BBQ restaurants. His rave review of this establishment got my attention.

The **BEAST** is gourmet BBQ at its best. Establish ed in 2014. Chef and Pit Master David Sandusky left the "fine dining" world for the world of BBQ. Chef Sandusky has elevated BBQ to a level like no other. He serves only the finest of meats and poultry. Duroc pork and Wagyu beef selections are on the menu. If you have never tried these meats, you are in for a real treat.

In addition to the many meat choices are numerous and unique side dishes, including candied bacon as well as daily specials. Adult beverages are available.

Please check out BEAST's web site for the complete menu as well as information regarding Chef Sandusky.

My friend suggested arriving early in the day, as some items sell out quickly.

The **BEAST**. A good reason to take a Corvette excursion to Belleville.

Please make your suggestions and recommendations for submission to "A Fork on the Road", to Barry Wagner (bkwagner@illinois.edu) 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 fries, 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

Ham and Beans Dinner Sat. October 27 from 4-7

at

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 3778 N. Water Street Decatur, IL

Ham and beans, corn bread dessert and soft drink for a donation

All proceeds stay in central Illinois to help those in need.





Jewelry Show – Friday October 26th

Here is the information for the club bus trip to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL to attend the annual "Jewelry, Fashions, and Accessories" Show.

Date Friday, October 26th

Time 8:00 a.m. sharp

Leave from Farm & Fleet, Urbana

Price \$70.00 (includes bus trip, show pass,

and Avanti's sandwich for lunch)

Supper Fuddruckers Restaurant

Return to F & F Around 8:00 p.m.

There is still room for 6 more members to go on this FUN TRIP. If you would like to go on this bus trip, you will need to contact one of the following members by October 16th.

Delora Hanner 217-369-5868 Karen Crull 309-826-9794 Carol Castellon 217-649-2410

