



# Glass Reflections

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### President's Message

I heard by the grapevine that there were some more members who have won trophies in the last month. Congratulations to everyone who has won trophies. This has definitely been a pretty busy summer, a lot better than last year.

I want to personally say thanks to everyone for all the volunteers for the high school homecoming parades and the Broom Corn Festival Parade. We also helped out this year with the Fisher Fair Parade. Our participation in this parade was very much appreciated by the Fair Board.

THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

Fun Fest was definitely different this year. There was a very small number of Vettes and people in attendance. This worked out great to go to seminars, buy Corvette items, and of course to buy eats. The weather held out. We were lucky that we had 3 canopies for shade. Thanks to Curtis Heck, Rick Dawkins and myself. It was nice to be able to just be there one day with only our "13". I talked with Mike and Laurie Yager and they said that this year worked great for them also.

Art Rapp is still working on a day at the gun range at St. Joe's Sportsman's Club to do a little practicing with our guns. There is also a chance to participate in 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.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Christmas Party/Banquet. The date is December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's Lodge in Savoy. We will be passing out the 2022 Club Calendars during this fun event. Ken Guyette and the committee have made some great plans, so everyone needs to plan on attending. THANKS to the Committee for their hard work.

I got a call from the coordinator for the Douglas County Museum in Tuscola. They are planning a Corvette/Mustang display for Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 pm. As soon as I get more information about this display, I will email everyone with the details. This will definitely be one of the last car displays for 2021.

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 always add events to the Club's website [www.ccofi.org](http://www.ccofi.org). Steve Tribble does a Great Job of keeping the Web-site 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 events can be discussed at any meeting, or just get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. THANKS STEVE!!!

Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
October 12, 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.



## 2022 Corvette Club of Illinois Calendar

Now is the time to order your 2022 Club Calendar filled with great pictures of our members’ Corvettes. We will start taking pre-orders for the 2022 Club Calendars at the October 12th club meeting. Calendars are \$10 per calendar and must be paid for at the time of order. You may also order calendars by sending a check made out to the Corvette Club of Illinois to Ken Guyette at 404 Denton Drive, Savoy IL 61874. It is important to get your orders in as soon as possible so that we can order a sufficient quantity to meet demands. There is no limit on your orders. We will be passing out the calendars at the Club Christmas party on December 4, 2021.

Here are some great examples of the photos of members and their cars featured In previous calendars.



## Minutes of September 14, 2021

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 36 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

Clay Keller – 98 Red Coupe

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

Roger Jackson – 96 White

### Good and Welfare

We held a moment of silence for the passing of Gilbert Quick. Doug read a card from Sue Larimore.

Debbie Lammler had surgery today. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Peacemaker Project 703

Amber Oberheim was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. We will give her the check next month.

### Secretary report: Debby Wagner

George Dick moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Linda Smith. Motion approved.

### Treasurer report: Ken Guyette

Ken gave the report. Dwight Hooker moved to accept the report, seconded by Joyce Cryer. Motion approved.

### Governor 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.

#### Public Information:

Nothing to report.

### Calendars

We currently have 9 months filled for the 2022 calendar. The months that are open are January, February, and April. Please let Barry know if you wish to have your car in the calendar and send him the photo. To have your Corvette featured on a month, the cost is \$30.00 and includes one calendar. Payment is to be sent to Ken as soon as possible. Payment must be received before the calendar is printed in November.

### Social Committee:

Nothing to report.

### Charity Committee:

Special Olympics Family Day will be held virtually on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

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>rd</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

Funfest will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Mid-America Motorworks in Effingham. There will be no club parking. There will be special parking for C-8's. Registration is \$15.75 and dinner on Saturday night is \$12.00 per person. They will be limiting it to 1,500 to 2,000 cars. The phone number is 1-866-309-3973. Those wanting to caravan on Saturday, we will leave from the Planet Fitness parking lot in Champaign at 8:00 a.m.

**Minutes of September 14, 2021 *continued*****Old Business:**

We had about 12 cars at Corvette Indy in Carmel, IN. We brought home a lot of trophies and Tom McKinley won the 50-50 drawing.

Thank you to the 12 members that helped with Registration at the Hot Rod Power Tour. There were approximately 5,000 vehicles. Next year it will begin in Champaign.

Thank you to those who participated in the St. Joseph Parade. We had 6 cars and Joyce Cryer had the Mayor on her car.

Thank you to Barry for handling the Westville Labor Day Parade. We had 12 cars and there were a lot more people along the parade route than we have ever seen.

We had 7 cars in the Broomcorn Fest Parade and then had dinner at Yoder's. Thank you to Curtis Heck for handling this for us.

We had 6 cars attend the Bowling Green Trip for the Museum Anniversary. The motel was great with a hot breakfast. On Friday we went to the track, and Saturday we showed our cars at the Museum. Ray Gonzalez won for "Most Accessories Used Right" and Doug Hanner won for "Most Patriotic".

**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 start signing up at the October meeting and will end at the November meeting.

The Trustees will begin to take nominations for all Board of Directors positions and one Trustee position beginning at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please contact one of our Trustees if

you plan to run for one of the positions. Nominations will be accepted up to the date of the club meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, a Final Call for nominations from the floor will be made. After that, nominations will be closed. Trustees will prepare a ballot of nominees to be voted on at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Names of the nominees appearing on the ballot will be published in the November edition of the newsletter.

The Paxton Homecoming Parade will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let Doug know if you can participate. Those wanting to caravan, we will leave Farm & Fleet in Urbana at 5:00 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the riders on cars in parades. Some places have 300 lb. football players. We can't have large people on our cars, as the weight could damage them. We may have to start asking the weight of the riders. Karl Smith suggested just one rider per car.

Ken Guyette brought up that at the St. Joseph Parade, there was a boy and a girl that were too young to be riding on cars.

There will be a Mega Show at Tatman's on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Janice Lampe brought some lady Corvette shirts. Please help yourself, they are free.

Mike Sims mentioned that veterans can go to any County Recorder of Deeds to have their DD214 recorded, and you can get copies.

**Corvette Chat**

Ken Guyette went to Car Candy in Rantoul to have them upgrade the radio in his C6.

**50/50** - \$62.00 – Mark Williams

**Motion to adjourn-** Made by Jackie Heck, seconded by Karen Krull. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.



# Welcome to our Club

Clay and Gina Keller

Philo, IL

1998 Coupe

Don and Mary Martin

Bourbonnais, IL

2019 White Coupe



## ***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 Bob Lange and Jan Monk

By Carol Castellon

Bob's Corvette obsession began when he was 15. He asked his father if he could buy a car – he had saved up a lot of money since he was 7 years old by raising the piglet runts that his father gave him, then selling them at a profit. So he paid a local dealer \$1200 for a 1957 Corvette. Not being old enough to drive it, he put in the shed and put a cover over it until he got his driver's license. One day his father went out to look at it and came back to the house and said "Bobby, there's only room for 2 people in THAT car!"



He kept his '57 Corvette until he started farming, driving it through his high school years. Once he had a date with a girl from Strawn. He had written many letters to her, and was excited to take her to the Christmas dance in the Vette. Unfortunately, the car sprang and oil leak and squirted oil all over her new dress. She never answered the phone again when he called. But many years later, her daughter showed Bob's daughter all of the letters he'd written!

His second "never was" Corvette was a 1967 red coupe 4-speed. He put \$500 down at Key Chevrolet in Kankakee and told them he'd be back the following weekend. That weekend, he took the remaining \$3000 to the dealer and they had sold the car! The manager told him, "we thought no 18-year-old kid could come up with \$3000."

So that same weekend, he went to Bloomington and bought a 1969 silver 4-speed coupe that was very fast. It was the same color as the school color for ISU when a famous Basketball Star played there, so when he cruised in around the campus, all the girls came around to look at the car, thinking it might belong to that player. Lots of cars came to race him on the quarter-mile dragstrip south of Thawville. He won 98% of the time in that car.

The next Corvette was a 1972 white coupe that was loaded with features. Followed by a 1976 red coupe – he brought his first baby home from the hospital in it in during a snow storm in November. Then there was a 1978 green coupe.

His 1985 red Vette was stolen, then burnt up on the highway with nothing left. The burnt spot is still in the road. A kid who helped him mow the cemetery stole it and was later convicted of arson.

Then he bought a yellow 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coupe from an ad in the paper.

A few years later, he bought a 2008 black coupe from Country Chevrolet in Hersher. He hated that one because he couldn't keep it clean.

In 2014, he went back to Country Chevrolet in Hersher and bought the first C7 in Illinois with the new body style, a yellow one.

Are you keeping count? In 2015 he traded for his 10<sup>th</sup> Corvette, a yellow Z06 from Peterson Chevrolet in Fairbury.

Chevrolet had made improvements in the Z06, so he traded it for a 2017 Z06 from Dralle Chevrolet in Watseka.

He went back to Dralle in April 2020 and traded that car for an order on a new C8. He waited without a Corvette while GM went on strike, then Covid hit, then there was a parts shortage. So the 2020 became a 2021, and his 12<sup>th</sup> Corvette is an accelerant yellow C8 coupe that he waited 14 months to get!



An Interview with Bob Lange and Jan Monk *continued*

In 2013, Bob had gone to Funfest and the Club had cars parked in a field. He went over and talked with Dave and Doris Rich (or might have been Dave and Karen Crull). They told him about the Club and invited him to join, so he came to the next meeting and joined. He went on the Biltmore trip, some Dinner Dashes, the recent Gilmore trip, Bloomington Gold, the Christmas Parties, Banquets, and Yoders. He really liked the Biltmore trip, "just enjoyed getting away." His most memorable times with the Club seem to involve laughing about Vanessa Brewer. (Could that be because he is a bit like her?)



He has made some good friends in the Club, people he didn't know before he joined: Todd and Lisa Lemenager, Tom Forrest, Rich and Sue Larimore and Gilbert Quick, and Terry and Betty Manning. He likes being around everybody in the Club. He appreciates the community service the Club participates in, and the charity work the Club does. He believes in people giving their talents to help others, and sees this quality in the Club. The little airplane to the right is for charity – he is going to paint it pink and for a small donation, people can write their names on it. Proceeds for breast cancer research.



Bob was born in Chicago suburbs, and adopted out when he was 3 days old. He grew up in Roberts/Thawville with wonderful parents. He graduated from Roberts-Thawville HS with 35 in his graduating class. After high school, he attended Heavy Equipment School. He was too young to be a Union operator, so his 1<sup>st</sup> job was in a lumber yard with a Ready Mix plant. It turned out to be the best job he ever had, because he learned about building houses.

Eventually, he started farming, and even went on a wheat harvest out west. Now he has 3 jobs: he raises hogs on his own, about 10,000 head a year; he farms 1000 acres; and he owns a lot of houses that he fixes and rents.



He had known Jan Monk for a long time, and when they were both divorced, they got together. She was a bookkeeper for a packing plant in Ashkum for over 20 years. Bob has 4 children and 6 grandchildren, and Jan had 3 children and 3 granddaughters. Jan's son was killed in Arizona when two kids were drag racing on a street and one lost control of his car and hit her son.

Bob serves as President of the Fire Protection District and is on the Thawville Town Board. Jan is active in Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of DAR. Bob has served as manager of the Thawville Community Sale, which is an auction that brings in as many as 1500 people, with items donated from people in the area. The proceeds go to community organizations such as the American Legion. The auction is during Old Home Week, when people come back to visit where they grew up.

Now the wonderful information that you are wondering about. About 5 years ago, the state of Illinois opened adoption records. Bob learned his mother had died, but he had a half-sister and 3 half-brothers. His first phone call to his half-sister was on New Year's Eve. One of his brothers was an Army Ranger, another was a Chicago Firefighter, and the third is a Professor at Iowa State. Bob is the oldest. He regularly talks with his half-sister and keeps in touch with his half-brothers. He also grew up with an adopted brother and sister, and they too found their biological families. I hope someday that he will have a large family gathering with all of his siblings and take a picture – wouldn't that be a wonderful picture!



## NOMINATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEE POSITION FOR 2022

1. Trustees will begin to take nominations for all Board of Director positions and one Trustee position.  
Please contact one of our trustees if you intend to run for one of the positions.
2. Nominations will be accepted up to the date of the club meeting on October 12th.
3. At that meeting, a final call for nominations from the floor will be made.  
After that, nominations will be closed.
4. The trustees will prepare a ballot with the names of the nominees to be voted on.
5. Names of the nominees appearing on the ballot will be published in the November edition of the newsletter.
6. **The election will be conducted at the November 9th club meeting.**

Our trustees are:

**Dwight Hooker**  
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**Dan McKenzie**  
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**Sharon Pearson**  
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### October Birthdays

October 1	Dee Gonzalez
October 1	Brian Knox
October 2	Tom Finger
October 2	Mickey Haton
October 5	Gary Haton
October 9	Pat Tribble
October 9	Nancy Von Lanken
October 13	Jayne Egolf
October 14	Kelly Wolken
October 18	Larry Retter
October 20	Mike Vecchio
October 22	John Simpson
October 23	Angela Serd
October 24	Kim Longsdorf
October 25	Richard Golliday
October 25	Susan Larimore
October 27	Peggy Swisher
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### Club Calendar

**October 12**  
**Monthly Club Meeting**  
7:00 pm Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive  
440 West Anthony Dr, Champaign, IL

**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 20-21**  
**Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals**  
Donald E Stevens Convention Center  
5555 N. River Road  
Rosemont, IL 60018

**December 4**  
**Club Christmas Party**  
6.00 pm Elks Lodge  
903 N Dunlap Savoy, IL



An interview with Club members Linda and Karl Smith

By Carol Castellon

In the Fall of 1990, Karl and Linda got their first Corvette – a 1978 Silver Anniversary Edition. Charlie Mornout and Ray Quinlan talked to Karl and got him interested in joining the Club, so he and Linda joined that fall. Linda served as secretary from 1993 - 2001 and then again from 2002-2006.

In 1995, when their youngest daughter graduated from high school, they drove to St. Louis and bought a new red coupe with a black top. Then in 2004, they bought the LeMans Commemorative Edition coupe, with the special LeMans blue paint. This is the car they have now.



Both Karl and Linda graduated from Urbana HS, and dated all through high school. After they graduated, they had an argument at Crystal Lake Park, and Karl abruptly joined the Navy. He was gone for 3 ½ years, although they corresponded. He returned briefly and gave Linda 60 days to get the wedding planned. They got married in Nov 1963, and then she and the children followed Karl all over the world for 18 years, living in FL, WA, CA, PA and finally Hawaii for the last five years before he retired from the Navy. They returned to Urbana in 1980 for what they thought would be a couple of years and stayed. Karl was employed at Flo Con, now Vesuvius, until he retired as plant manager in 2006. Linda worked at Urbana Schools Administrative Office for 20 years and retired in 2003. They had 5 daughters, and have 19 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.



Karl and Linda's first trip with another couple in the Club (Dee and Bill Brunko) was to Colorado. They had such a good experience that they talked the whole Club into taking a trip to Colorado the next year. Thirty-five cars went and everyone had a great time. Dee Brunko and Linda planned the trip that included Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak where members rode bicycles down the Peak, white water rafting, Frisco, Copper Mountain, Rocky Mountain National Park, and more. A Colorado Club even held a big car show while they were there.

After the success of that trip, Linda helped plan a 2-week trip to Maine. She said they love going on trips with the Club because everyone is so easy to get along with, and the itinerary is flexible for members who want to do something else. Linda commented that "the 2 things the Club members never pass up are go-cart tracks and fudge/ice cream shops."

Linda and Karl attended Bloomington Gold including when it was in Bloomington and then Springfield. They helped with the autocross, and were big supporters of the Golf Outings. They loved going on trips to the NCM. Karl went on Honor Flight with another Club member, Mark Williams, and had a wonderful experience.



Linda is an avid quilter. She has made quilts for all of the family, and during this interview, received special fabric for a quilt she was going to make for a grandson. Linda was involved with Girl Scouts for years (do you think 5 daughters may have something to do with that?) and said their freezer was always full of Girl Scout cookies.



Linda commented that Covid has put a damper on Club activities and looks forward to the Club doing trips, dinners, outings, that were enjoyed before Covid. She particularly likes the Club trips when they use secondary roads and 2-lane highways to see something unusual. She's not picky about what the Club plans, because she knows we always have fun!

## Corvette Club of Illinois

### 2022 Dues Collection

We are now collecting membership dues for 2022. Dues notices were handed out at the August 10<sup>th</sup> club meeting. If you were unable to attend the August meeting, your dues notice was mailed to your home.

Dues for 2022 are the same as 2021.

Corvette Club Dues	\$20.00
NCCC Primary Membership	\$25.00
NCCC Spouse/Companion Dues	\$10.00

Dues can be paid at the October Club Meeting, or mailed to the Governor.

**Tom McKinley**  
**5505 N High Cross RD**  
**Urbana, IL 61802-7815**

**Dues need to paid By October 20, 2021**

#### TECH TIP:

I know everyone is getting ready for the long winter months by getting your Vette ready for hibernation. Here are a few things that might help you out this winter. Make sure to have good batteries in your Vette and key fobs, check air pressure in your tires, check the antifreeze level, have a full tank of gas to keep from getting moisture in your tank, and battery tenders are also a good idea. These are just a few of the things that will make your Corvette feel better in the Spring.

#### We have everything!

Two schoolboys are talking to each other. One of them says that after school ends, he'll have to go shopping with his parents, because they need to buy some things.

The other boy says: "And I don't, because now we have everything we need".

The first one asks him: "How do you know"?

He answers: "Because yesterday Dad came home in a Corvette convertible, and Mom said "....., that's the last thing we needed!"





## 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.