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President's Message

Congratulations to everyone who has won trophies this summer. This has definitely been a pretty busy summer already with all the local car shows, cruise-ins, and parades around the area.

We did it again at Carmel, Indiana. There were a lot of trophies brought back to Illinois from across the border. Even one member brought back a pretty good amount of the 50/50 money. The weather was pretty good (no rain) and not so much heat. As we have done in the past, we stopped at the Beef House for some rolls and supper before we headed home.

There was a good group who attended the Illinois State Fair on Sunday the 15th for Veteran's Day. This is always a good time for all attendees. We even had some of the old standard fair foods.

I want to personally THANK all the members who volunteered for the Hot Rod Power Tour. What can you say but Hot Hot Hot Rod Power Tour on Friday August 27th? As always, our members did a bang-up job and I heard that everyone even had a good time in spite of the HEAT.

THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

There were 6 couples from the Club that went to the 27th Anniversary for the National Corvette Museum this last weekend. The weather was good until we started home in a little rain, but we did not melt. The celebration was fun. Ray Gonzalez and myself even brought home special awards from the weekend. The motel that Art Rapp had found was very nice with a breakfast buffet, not a brown bag special.

There still might be time to get a registration for Fun Fest this year. The dates are September 15th thru 18th in Effingham. We will be talking about the plans for the Club at the September meeting. There is no club parking this year, but the club will be leaving from Planet Fitness off of Mattis Avenue at 8:00 am on Saturday September 18th. If you'd like to see if you can still register, the phone number is (866) 309-3973.

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 or call 217-369-5868.

Next Meeting 7:00 PM
September 14, 2021
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag
and a mask**

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President's Message *continued*

The car show and cruise-in season started with a big bang after being vary sparce last year. If any members hear of a car show/display or cruise-in, you can email me at 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. Steve Tribble does a great job of keeping the website up to date for all members. 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). 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!!!



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.



TECH TIP

We attended a seminar put on by Paul Koerner at the NCM. He was telling everyone that the status of gasoline is poor, that everyone should be adding Techron Concentrate Plus for 20 gallons of fuel every 3,000 to 5,000 miles. This will help keep your fuel injectors and fuel system components clean. Paul even said that you could use Techron in your daily driver to get better mileage and clean your fuel system.



Carl and Linda Smith gave a ride to the Farmer City Dewitt County Fair Queen and her Little Miss in the Mansfield parade on August 21, 2021.

Minutes of August 10, 2021

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 51 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members
None.

Members with a new or different car – color and year
None.

Good and Welfare
Ken Guyette is experiencing foot problems.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner
Ray Gonzalez moved to accept the minutes, seconded by George Dick. Motion approved.

Treasurer report: Doug Hanner
President Hanner gave the report for Ken Guyette. Jody Retter moved to accept the report, seconded by Steve Tribble. Motion approved.

Governor Report: Tom McKinley
There are various car shows coming up. They will be put on the website.
Tom handed out due notices for 2022.

We have 175 members.

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:
Steve Tribble reported that the website was not quite up to date. 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 6 months filled for the 2022 calendar. 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:
Nothing to report.

Vice President: Barry Wagner
Corvette Indy's 9th Annual All Corvette Show "Vettes N Vets" will be held on Saturday, August 14th in Carmel, Indiana. We will caravan from Oakwood McDonald's at I-74 exit leaving promptly at 7:00 a.m. On the return trip, we will stop at the Beef House in Covington.

We are requesting Emergency Contact Information for the Club Member Spreadsheet. We will be sending out an email request. We have approximately 1/3rd 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
Hot Rod Power Tour will be Friday, August 27, 2021. Arrive by 10:00 a.m. in front of the State Farm Center. More information will be coming.

Minutes of August 10, 2021 continued

Funfest will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 17th & 18th 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.

Thanks to all of those who attended the car show at Obie's on August 1st. There were 114 cars for the Cruise-In.

Old Business:

Thank you to all that attended the Steve Brown Memorial Dinner Dash to Dewey's. We had a great turnout.

Thank you to all that attended the Club Picnic and to Dick and Janice Lampe for hosting. We had a great time with a lot of food.

New Business:

We inquired as to whether members were interested in returning to a pre-meeting dinner and if anyone had any suggestions as to where we could go. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Veteran's Day at the State Fair is Sunday, August 15th. Those wishing to caravan will meet at Planet Fitness in Champaign and will leave at 7:00 a.m. You will have to wear a mask indoors and at the grandstand. They will be checking for vaccinations.

The St. Joseph Community Festival will be held on Saturday, August 14th. The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. from the St. Joseph Middle School and will end at the Sports Complex.

The Club Christmas Party is still scheduled for December 4th, barring any surprises from the State of Illinois.

Art Rapp has made arrangements for a trip to Bowling Green for Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd thru the 4th. This is the 27th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. He has a block of 20 rooms at the Comfort Suites for \$79.00 per night. You can make your reservation by calling 270/632-0455. Registration for the weekend is: \$20.00 for Lifetime Members; \$25.00 for Members; and \$30.00 for Non-Members. You must register by 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 13th.

Ron Carney had a suggestion for a Dinner Dash to the Highway 341 Café & Opera House in Wallace, Indiana. They have music on Thursday and Saturday nights. Reservations are highly recommended.

Larry Flessner made a motion that the Club give a donation to the Amber Oberhiem "Peacemaker Project 703". Seconded by Tom McKinley. A discussion was held on the amount to donate. Karl Smith made a motion to donate \$500.00, seconded by Curtis Heck. Motion passed.

Jody Retter asked if any of the members were interested in going to Conklin's Barn III Dinner Theatre. Jody will check on what shows and when they will be performing.

Corvette Chat

Dave Hilliger's C-7 2014 had the original battery. The computer is located on top of the battery and is very difficult to get to. Also, please be sure to check your key fob battery.

50/50 - \$74.00 – Aly Jackson

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner, seconded by Jackie Heck. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.



Welcome to our Club

Bill and Jill Duckett

Crestwood, IL

2000 Blue Convertible

Terry and Terri Pepin

Bourbonnais, IL

2021 Sebring Orange Coupe



Many members came home winners from Corvette Indy's Annual All Corvette Show, "Vettes N Vets" on Saturday, August 14th in Carmel, Indiana.



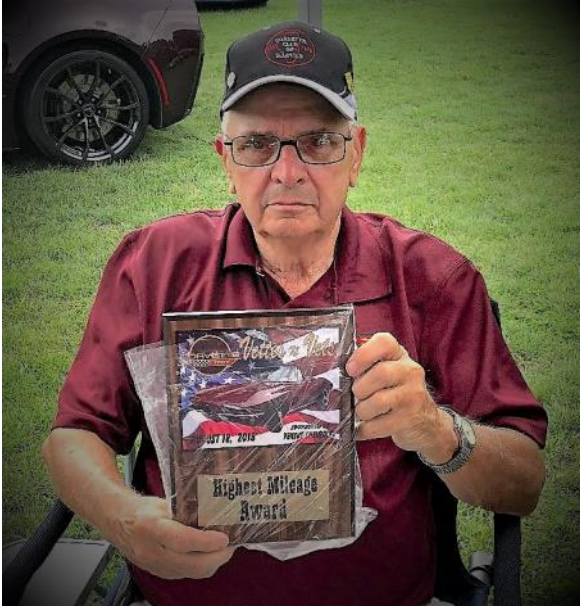


Winners at
Corvette Indy's
Annual All
Corvette car show
"Vettes N Vets"

August 14th
Carmel, IN



In Memoriam



Gilbert L. Quick, 83, of Bement, IL, passed away at 4:40 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL

Private Family Services will be held. Burial will be in the Lake Fork Cemetery, rural Atwood, IL.

Gilbert was born on March 7, 1938 in Tuscola, IL, the son of Homer G. and Mildred E. Brewer Quick. He married Nancy W. Tice on April 7, 1958 in Tuscola. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2012.

Survivors include a son: Robert Lee Quick and wife: Julie of Lexington, KY, daughter: Susan Larimore and husband: Richard of Bement, IL, grandchildren: Kierstin (Michael) Hartley, Andrew (Maria) Quick, Morgan Quick and numerous grand dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Lowell Quick and sister: Lois Byerly.

Memorials are suggested to a local FFA Chapter of the donor's choice, Faith-in-Action or Piatt County Nursing Home Foundation.

Gilbert was a farmer and retired from USI-Quantum Chemical Company in Tuscola. He was a member of the Lake Fork United Church of Christ, where he enjoyed volunteering for many projects. Gilbert was a member of the Corvette Club of Illinois. He enjoyed snowmobiling and he loved to visit with his many friends. He liked to participate with the local chapters of the Future Farmers of America.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of **Gilbert Quick**, please [click here to visit our Sympathy Store](#).



“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 Rick Dawkins and Lori Davis

By Carol Castellon

Rick grew up in Mahomet, graduated from MSHS. He started working on cars at the age of 14, so after he graduated, he went to “every bodyshop in town to ask for a job until someone hired him.” He knew he wanted to work on cars from an early age. He has lived in Sadorus, and now in Champaign.



At age 18, he bought a '66 Corvette Coupe, but his father and brother said he couldn't afford the insurance, so it sat in the driveway for 3 months until he had enough money to pay for the insurance. He traded it for a wrecked '72 and rebuilt it. He got into racing, so he sold it and got a '64 coupe, black with silver interior, and this is the one he wished he'd kept. This was before kids. After he got married and “started having kids, there was a long dry spell with no Corvettes.” Then 4 years ago, he bought a '93 and joined the Club. He found the Club online and just came to a meeting and joined. He was a member of the Club many years ago when it was very small. He said back then, he walked in to his first meeting and everyone was about 30ish. This time he walked into the meeting and everyone had grey hair. He commented that Doug, Barry, and Ken are all good at their jobs.



This past March, he saw a 2006 Coupe, black with red interior, on the internet. He bought it and had it shipped here. Supposedly, everything was factory, but it had an after-market exhaust that drones and drove him crazy. He now has a quieter exhaust system. His dream is to get another C4 and get back into racing, and “not worry about tearing it up.” He commented “I always thought I was good at racing, but probably wasn't as good as I thought I was!”

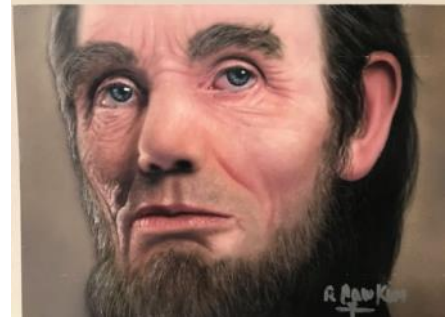
Rick has been a member of the Club for about 4 years. You may recall the life-size sign of Rosie the Riveter displayed at Funfest ... Rick painted it for us. Besides Funfest, he has gone to Vets in Vettes, the Special Olympics parade, Dinner Dashes including the recent one to Dewey's, Bloomington Gold, 3 Christmas Parties, The Annual Banquet, and the recent Gilmore trip. He had gone to original Bloomington Gold and said it has changed a lot. He was on the 50th Anniversary Committee for the Club, and was disappointed that activities that were planned were cancelled because of the pandemic.

Rick has an amazing talent as an air brush artist, which he says is a hobby. He twice went to study under Drew Blair in Blair, SC, who is a world-renowned air brush artist. Rick shared some of the paintings on canvas that he has painted, as well as the art work he painted on the underside of the hood of his 2006. He likes painting animals and people. And, when he was in his early 50's, he went back to studying Tai Kwan Do and eventually earned a black belt in his late 50's.



He works for Country Insurance as a Claims Appraiser, looking at damaged cars. He met Lori 9 years ago. She is an academic advisor in Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois, but Psychologist by trade. She does not share his love of cars, but the Club will win her over with friendships!

An interview with Rick Dawkins and Lori Davis *continued*



I told Rick when members see what he can paint, he might get a few calls to commission him!

September Birthdays

- September 5 Joe Bandy
- September 7 Linda Finger
- September 7 Romaine Wicklund
- September 8 Nancy Burgess
- September 12 Teresa Erwin
- September 14 Robert Lange
- September 15 Lisa Lemenager
- September 20 Jerelyn Green
- September 20 Daniel McKenzie
- September 21 Daniel Cook
- September 21 Lisa Hardesty
- September 21 Mitch Hardesty
- September 26 Michael Stark
- September 28 Steve Mechling
- September 30 Linda Ogle



Club Calendar

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

**October 1-3
Newport Hill Climb & Car Show**
Downtown - Newport, IN

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

**November 12-13
NCCC Governor's Meeting**



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Ask for special Club pricing

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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, beginning at the September 14th club meeting.

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 of nominees to be voted on at the November 9th club meeting.
5. Names of the nominees appearing on the ballot will be published in the November edition of the newsletter.

Our trustees are:

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Sharon Pearson

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Nominations will close at the end of the October club meeting.

The annual election will be held at our November meeting.



State Farm Center
Champaign, IL
August 27, 2021





An Interview with Club member Tom Forrest

By Carol Castellon

If you know where the elevator named Glen Avon is located, then you will have no problem finding Tom & Jill Forrest's home...situated high on a hill in the middle of nowhere, about 10 miles East of Leroy. Don't let this secluded location fool you, when you arrive you are greeted by the friendly "people person" that Tom Forrest is. Sadly, Tom's wife, Jill, passed away in April 2019, but the loss gave Tom a new perspective on the value of life, having fun and enjoying each day.

In October 2010, Tom and Jill were looking into purchasing a Camaro, but started thinking they wouldn't be driving it a lot and it would just sit in the garage most days. The goal was to get a fun car they could drive and enjoy adventures in. Tom said he had always wanted a Corvette and he actually painted his Chevy truck Corvette green when he was younger. He never thought he'd ever own a Corvette. A buddy of theirs had a red Corvette and offered to sell it to Tom & Jill; they test drove it and discovered they loved driving it. That's when they decided a Corvette would definitely be their next car.

Red was not the color for them, but they saw an ad in Auto Trader and drove to Chicago to check out another 'Vette. The owner was a mechanic for United Air and her husband worked for AT&T. Their garage was like walking into a diner, with the cars parked at angles as if they were ready to order food. Tom could tell these cars were babied and he and Jill were smitten with the '95 Admiral Blue Corvette. They bought it that day and had it shipped to their home.



After having the Corvette home for a week, Tom started researching Corvette clubs to join. Bloomington has one, but it was just not the right fit after looking further into their organization. Then he called the number for the Corvette Club of Illinois and Art Rapp answered. Art told him about the club and invited him to a meeting, so Jill & Tom went. Instantly they felt like a part of the group and joined that night in October 2010. Tom gives all the credit to Art for his excellent promotion of the club.



Adventures that Tom & Jill shared with the club include: dinner dashes, two trips to NCM, the Hannibal Car Show where that 95' Vette won an award, Bloomington Gold, Funfest, Hoopston parades, and they try to attend all club meetings. Tom & Jill even took the VIP tour of the Corvette Factory and got to start a new Corvette on the production line. Jill absolutely was thrilled about the experience.

Tom really values the friendships he and Jill have made with members throughout the years and said that is the real asset being part of the Club. After Jill passed, Rich & Sue Larimore called him daily and would take him to dinner to help him get through the rough time. More recently, Rich let Tom drive his C8 and Tom will not stop talking about it. He cannot say enough about the kindness Rich and Sue continue to show him.



An Interview with Club member Tom Forrest *continued*

Tom has had a very successful career in the Ag industry, working with crop research and sales for the past 30 years. He started at Funks Seed, moved on to Golden Harvest, Dairyland and now he's with Pro-Harvest Seeds. He truly enjoys the farmers he works with and he said he likes to watch the corn grow. Jill was a pharmacy tech and the "best wife and mother". Tom and Jill have two daughters, the oldest Rachel and youngest Hannah. The first thing out of Rachel's mouth when they showed her the Corvette was: "it's like a sports car." This is still a running joke to this day. He soon will be a grandfather for the first time, as Hannah is having a little boy.



Throughout the years Jill's interest in genealogy lead to discover that Tom was a descendant of a Civil War General. They started joining others who celebrated the General's life and even visited Selma Alabama for birthday celebrations. Interestingly, the General and his wife's body will be moved from Memphis to Columbia TN and a private funeral will be held this fall. Since Tom bears the family name and is a decedent, he will be allowed to attend the funeral along with Rachel. Naturally he has a passion for Civil War history.

If you haven't spoken to Tom before, just say hello and he will make you feel like you've always known him.

Just for Laughs

This guy gets to the Pearly Gates, and Saint Peter says, "Now wait just a moment, before I let you in, I need to ask you, have you ever done anything to put others first, or defended the weak or innocent, things like that?"

The man answers, "why yes, I saw this man with a Corvette by the side of the road, and he was yelling at his wife, and threatening her, so I walked up to him and screamed at him to leave her alone, and if he didn't I'd kick his head like this.... and I kicked a huge place on his driver's door on that Corvette".

Saint Peter answers, "Wow, that's pretty good, when did you do that?"

The man answers, "Oh, about 4 minutes ago".



**Please join us for Scott's 15th Annual Charity Car Show, Sept. 26, 2021.
Proceeds will benefit Camp Osage at Clinton Community YMCA.**

Camp Osage was a cause important to David Torbert, former employee and Baum family member who passed away in February, 2021. Torbert was committed to helping the young people of DeWitt County through YMCA sports and activities. At the time of his death, he was camp director. The camp helps area kids build confidence, gain new skills, and find untapped talent through summer projects and activities. The YMCA is a non-profit organization.

SCOTT'S 15th Annual CHARITY CAR SHOW

**\$10 Registration Benefiting
Camp Osage at the Clinton Community YMCA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Registration: 9 to 11 a.m. - Judging: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Baum Chevrolet Buick - 810 W. Van Buren St. - Clinton, Illinois

STOCK CLASSES:

1911 - 1954
1955 - 1957
1958 - 1964
1965 - 1968
1969 - 1972
1973 - 1996
1997 - 2009
2010 - 2022

MODIFIED CLASSES:

STREET RODS (PRE-1947)
1948 - 1964
1965 - 1972
1973 - 2022
RAT RODS
RACE CARS
TRUCKS (1911 - 1972)
TRUCKS (1973 - 2022)
MOTORCYCLES

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SCOTT'S CHARITY CAR SHOW

RAFFLE

**PROCEEDS TO CAMP OSAGE AT CLINTON YMCA
PURCHASE TICKETS AT BAUM CHEVY BUICK**

What you need to know:

Registration will open at 9 a.m. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. Show will conclude by 3:30 p.m.

- Enter through the service drive on the east side of the store to register
- Vehicles will be classed by show staff as they enter
- Trailers may be parked near the Quick Lube center
- Lunch will be available for purchase on-site

Visit our Facebook page for more details as the show draws closer.