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President's Message

Our first Dinner and a Movie for 2017 was a big success. We had a good turnout and, as always, the food was good. Everyone got a chance to catch up on some of the Corvette gossip. Check out your emails, because we sometimes just make a quick decision to have a Dinner Dash. We will probably wait until the weather gets a little better.

Sharon and Terry Pearson are working on a Club Trip to Springfield, IL to go to the Abraham Lincoln's Library and Museum. This club trip is planned for February 18th. Just as soon as the plans are finalized, we will get in touch with everyone. Check out your emails, club website, and the club's Facebook page. THANKS!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday ,March 18th at the Carpenter's Hall on Duncan road. This is the date for our Annual Chili/Soup Dinner. The plans are to eat at 6:00 pm. We will be talking about this fun event at this month's meeting. If you have not attended this event, it is a great way to get some new recipes for chili/soup dishes.

Here is another great event that you need to put on your calendars. The Annual Club Banquet at the Ozark House in Bloomington, IL on Sunday, April 30th. This is always a GREAT event and we will finalize plans in the next few months. Look for the plans and the signup sheet at the upcoming meetings. You know we feel the more, the merrier.

You still have time to sign up for our Motor City Trip (Detroit, Michigan). Check out the information in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Ken Guyette at (217) 954-1411, or email him at kjguyette@aol.com. The date for this event is 17-21 May.

Carol Castellon has also worked on a club trip to Door County, Wisconsin on May 30th to June 2. Check out the brochure that I emailed earlier, and of course these brochures will be available at the next meetings.

Looks like we are going to have a busy year again this year. WE LOVE IT WHEN MEMBERS STEP UP TO PLAN TRIPS, DINNER DASHES, OR ANY OTHER EVENT!!! The next step is to get some of these plans more in the final stages so members can make their plans. Let's be getting our information gathered up for 2017 and even 2018, so that it can be added to the website. As always, if you get some flyers from other shows and events, please bring them to the meeting or email them to Steve Tribble (s.tribble@frontier.com).

Next Meeting 7:00 PM

February 14, 2017

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Minutes of January 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Doug Hanner, 38 members were present.

New Prospective Members

John Simpson – 2017 Grand Sport - Gray

Sickness or distress

Dave Blair is in rehab but Diane gets him out quite a lot.

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

November minutes were accepted.

Treasurer report: Karen Crull

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Governor Report: Dave Crull

We have 194 members in the NCCC.

The NCCC Convention will be at Bowling Green August 21-25, 2017, at the Holiday Inn and nearby Sloan Convention Center. Registration is now open.

The next Governor's meeting will be held on February 27th in St. Louis.

All of our Sanctions were used.

Report of club support groups and standing committees**Communications:**

A few of the members did not get the online newsletter this month. As members signed the attendance sheet they were to make a notation if they did not receive the newsletter.

We replaced a couple of the 2017 calendars that were printed in black and white instead of color.

Trustees:

No trustees were in attendance.

Vice President – Barry Wagner

- Sign up books are available. If you have not signed up for the Detroit trip in May please so do. We need to make sure that everyone that is interested will get the latest information. Also, please check the Club Calendar for dates that are already scheduled.

- Searching for any members with Web page design experience. We need to update and make it more functional.

-Please notify the Club Directors of any changes in your personal information.

-We are looking for photos and memorabilia of Club activities over the years. Larry Warf has volunteered to hand compiling the photos.

Items for sale:

Club Calendars \$10.00

Shirts \$27.00

Parade Flags \$17.00

Decals \$3.00

Pins \$2.00

President: Doug Hanner

-Did everyone see the Golf Outing Newspaper Ad Thank You? We unfortunately missed one name on the thank you list. In the future, there will be forms to fill out for those who contribute. Hickory River, Sullivan-Parkhill and Stone Creek are on board for the 2017 Golf Outing.

-Ken Guyette gave an update on the Detroit Trip.

New Events:

Dinner and a Movie – 5:30 p.m. at Za's on North Neil – 1/21/17

Chicago Auto Show – 2/11/17-2/20/17

Trip to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield – 2/18/17 (weather permitting)

Art Rapp is looking into a Fall Trip to Bowling Green.

New Business:

-We have reserved the Elk's Club for the 2017 Christmas Party.

-The Social Activities Committee members are: Sharon Pearson, Chair; Karen Crull, Delora Hanner, Kathy McKenzie, Jody Retter, and Kristy Smith.

Chili/Soup Cook-off is scheduled for March 18th at 6:00 p.m. Barry will get in touch with Jerry Swisher about getting the Carpenters Hall. Everyone is to bring a soup and dessert.

50/50 - \$77.00 Bernadette Wagner (guest)

Motion to adjourn- Made by Delora Hanner and 2nd by Doris Rich. The meeting adjourned @ 8:02 p.m.



"A Fork on the Road"

SUGGESTED DINING LOCATIONS FROM CCI MEMBERS

THIS MONTH

TIMPONE'S
 710 S. GOODWIN AVE.
 URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801
 1-217-344-7619
<http://timpones-urbana.com>



RESTAURANT HOURS:

Lunch: Monday –Friday 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner: Monday –Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sunday - CLOSED

On February 2nd (Ground Hog Day), I uncovered our Corvette and it didn't see it's shadow. Great news, as tradition says spring will arrive sometime before the vernal equinox (March 20). In the meantime, due to the weather, our culinary pursuits will again keep us closer to home.

February 14 of course is Valentine's Day. This is a great time to take that "someone special" out for a unique and romantic dining experience. However, that is the day of our regularly scheduled club meeting, so plan on coming to the meeting and shifting your date night. Consider Timpone's for that special occasion.

Timpone's offers some of the finest and most creative Italian cuisine outside of Chicago. This is not your typical Italian restaurant. Pizza's are indeed on the menu as well as some of the more common pasta dishes, however their main focus is on truly authentic regional Italian dishes. Timpone's makes all their own pasta. Authentic ingredients are used along with locally sourced items when available. An amazing assortment of desserts are made in house. They offer a full service bar along with one of the most extensive wine lists one could ever find in this area.

Please check their web site for greater details. Reservations for dinner are suggested.

Timpone's is indeed a very special dining destination and is highly recommended.

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

February Birthdays

Feb 5	Mikki Pierce
Feb 10	Ed Carleton
Feb 12	Margaret Brewer
Feb 14	Kathy Link
Feb 15	Freda Warf
Feb 15	Greg Crawford
Feb 16	Richard Larimore
Feb 19	Cathy Stiff
Feb 20	Jerry Swisher
Feb 28	Larry Askew

Club Calendar

Feb 14	Monthly Club Meeting 7:00 PM at Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive 440 West Anthony Drive Champaign, IL 61821
Feb 11-20	Chicago Auto Show
Feb 18	Springfield trip
Feb 27	NCCC Governor's Meeting





NEW 2016 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray Z51 RWD Coupe

Call John Dotson
217-352-4275
ask for special Club pricing
www.sullivan-parkhill.com

TRAVEL ACCESORY SUGGESTION

For those who may travel in states that have toll ways, it might be wise to consider purchasing an Illinois Tollway "I-Pass" Transponder. If you are not familiar with this device, it is a small electronic device that mounts on your vehicles windshield near your rear-view mirror.

The transponder allows you to drive in the "I-Pass only lanes", so that you do not have to stop and pay the toll at the toll booth. Another advantage is that "toll fees" are half price when you use the transponder in Illinois.

The Illinois I-Pass system is part of the E-ZPass group that allows you to use the transponder in 16 other states and 27 toll systems. Those states are mainly to the east and northeast of Illinois. (see tollway web page for more information on E-ZPass states)

You can use one transponder for multiple vehicles, as long as you register the additional vehicles with the tollway authority and remember to move the transponder you will be driving on the tollways.

You can purchase the transponders by mail or e-mail from the Illinois Tollway or stop by a Jewel-Osco store. The closest location is in the Kankakee area.

Basically the cost is \$30, \$10 for deposit and \$20 for prepaid tolls.

Debby and I have had a transponder for over ten years and it really works great for us.

An option that we use is the automatic replenishment feature, where we have our credit card on file, so that if our balance gets too low, it automatically charges our card \$20 for more prepaid tolls. This way we never have to worry about manually replenishing the tolls.

For more information and ordering information, please visit: <https://www.illinoistollway.com/home>

If you have any questions, I will be happy to address them to the best of my ability. Just let me know.

BTW, I hate tolls, however this has made our travels much easier and faster.

Barry



DOUG'S TECH TIP: This month for my Tech Tip I want to reinforce the Tech Tip that had been published in a previous newsletter about battery replacement. I was contacted by one of our former members about a 2010 Grand Sport with a dry sump oil system with less than 15,000 miles on the odometer not starting. They were wanting to know how to jump start the engine with a battery pack. The first thing that I told them was not to use a booster battery charger directly on the engine and just remove the battery and bench charge it to be safe. The battery checked out bad, so they replaced it and they have not had any problems since. The reason that I wanted to republish this Tech Tip was to make you think about checking your batteries, even on low mileage Vettes.



INK CARTRIDGES:

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

Motor City (Detroit) Trip May 18 -21, 2017**CUT OFF DATE TO PARTICIPATE IS APRIL 12, 2017**

Please contact **Ken Guyette** to register or if you have any questions

Ph 217-954-1411 or kjguyette@aol.com

May 18 (Thursday) Drive is 6 hours 19 minutes, 393 miles with no stops (plan on stopping every 1 ½ hours)

- Leave Champaign at 7:00am
- Lunch stop at Redamak's (616 E. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, Michigan) 11:00 - 11:15 arrival
- Leave Redamak's 12:15-12:30 and drive 5 miles to Corvette Central for a tour
- Scott Cowen (269-426-3342) at Corvette Central to take the club for a tour 12:30 to 1:30
- Will make one more rest stop halfway to Detroit, near Jackson
- Hotel Stay at Wyndham Garden Sterling Heights, MI
 - Room \$96.05/ including tax for a king or two queen beds, plus breakfast and a drink coupon for each person, (soda, coffee, beer, wine, or cocktail in the Loon River Café), based on two people per room.
 - **Contact Ken Guyette to reserve a room. (Club will pay master bill, with members paying club)**
 - The hotel has a restaurant on site called the "Loon River Café" and there are numerous restaurants within a mile of the hotel. A list of restaurants will be provided in the trip book.

May 19 (Friday)

- Leave hotel at 8:45am drive 2 miles to GM Heritage Center
 - GM Heritage Center \$10.00 per person entrance fee (prepaid to club)
- Leave GM Heritage Center at 11:30am and drive 16 miles
- Arrive at Detroit's famous Buddy's Pizza 12:00pm
 - \$12 per person to be prepaid to club
- Leave Buddy's Pizza at 1:30pm and drive 5 miles
- Tentatively visit the GM Technical Center in Warren, incl. a visit with Chevrolet and a possible photo-shoot
- Arrive at GM Powertrain Performance and Racing Center at 2:00pm
 - We will tour the engine building area, the engine dyno area, and the machine shop.
- Leave Performance center at 4:00pm and drive 4 miles to hotel
- Drive to Hampton Inn at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills
 - Rooms are \$134.00/plus tax. **Phone: 248-874-4902 to make your reservations starting January 23rd. Ask for the Corvette Club of Illinois booking, using code CCI .**
 - This hotel is located on the site of the Great Lakes Crossing mall, an indoor mall with 185 stores and over 30 that only can be found in Michigan. The mall has 20 restaurants within the mall to have dinner. Great Lakes Crossing will deliver coupon books for the stores and restaurants to the hotel, which you can pick up when you check in.

May 20 (Saturday)

- Leave at 8:30 and drive for 39 miles for a tour of the The Lingenfelter Collection of cars in Brighton, Michigan. Lingenfelter has been contacted and is happy to have the club tour their location.
 - A \$10.00 per head fee, which goes to the Lingenfelter Foundation, will be prepaid to club.
- Saturday afternoon is open to head back to Champaign. Lingenfelter to Champaign 264 miles.
- A list of places for lunch will be included in the trip book.
- On the way back people can stop at the Gilmore Car Museum (108 miles)
 - This is North Americas Largest Auto Museum with 400 vehicles and automobile history on display.
 - \$10 per person group rate for 15 or more
 - Gilmore to Champaign 264 miles.
- Or stay and see any of the following Detroit area landmarks
 - Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Michigan
 - Greenfield Village, which is next door to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.
 - Detroit Casinos
 - Frankenmuth, Michigan
 - Famous for its chicken dinners and year round Christmas stores

Springfield, IL Trip on Feb. 18th, 2017

Please contact Sharon Pearson if you have any questions
[217-433-4694](tel:217-433-4694)



- Meet at planet fitness (if you are starting out in the Champaign area)
- Leave Champaign at 9:00 am
- Stop at rest stop on I-72 west of Monticello at approx. 9:30, to meet up with other members.
- The caravan should pass the Route 51 and I-72 junction between 9:45 and 10:00 for those who wish to join up at that point. Caravan will not stop.
- Lunch at approx. 11:00 at the COZY DOG located on old Route 66 , 2935 S. 6th St.
 - If you are coming from the Bloomington area it would be better for you to meet us at the Cozy Dog, or at I-72 and Rt 51 (Decatur)
- Approximate 12:00 departure to visit Lincoln's Home located at 413 S. 8th St.
 - This is the only home Lincoln ever owned. He lived there from 1844-1861, then moved into the White House.
 - No admission; just walk thru. It will be a short stop that won't take long.
- 1:00 arrival at Lincoln Museum, located at 212 N. 6th St.
 - The museum is open until 5 pm.
 - Admission is \$15.00 per person, \$12 for Seniors 62+, and \$10 for military with ID
- We will plan to leave the museum around 4:45 and head out to dinner.
- Dinner will be at Sgt. Pepper's Cafe, 3141 Baker Dr. in Springfield.
 - It's a casual cafe with a 'BEATLES" theme; not fancy - but different.

