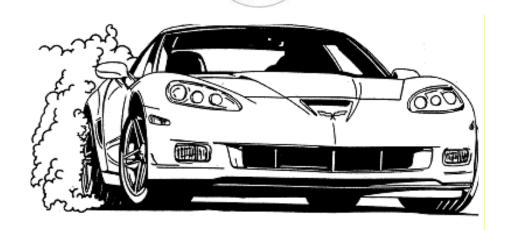
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## Calendar of Events

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Toys for Tots Cruise
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting *and*...

CCI Christmas Party – Chicago Speakeasy – See Flyer

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting – Smokey D's BBQ

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – Smokey D's BBQ

## Officer Reports

#### From the President...

It's time for Santa! I know everyone says it, but where has the year gone! Thinking back, it seems like I did a lot, but then again it seems like no time has passed at all and I've got nothing accomplished.

Since this is my last article as President, YEAH, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of CCI for making my job a pleasant one. No big crisis, nothing that interfered with the operation of the club — thank you all for that. And, above all, thank you for choosing to be a member of CCI. There are plenty of other organizations that would love your time, talent and money, but you made a choice and CCI was a winner! Thank you.

I would be remiss without thanking the other officers in CCI for the past year that made my job very easy – Kris Howard, Judi Nikolish, Nan Brittain, Sheila Wyman, Steve Howard, Dave Howard, Wayne Nikolish, Wayne Weidmann, Nichole Parnell and Jay Hommer. Having a reliable and hard-working group of officers made my job easy and it was a real pleasure - thank you guys and gals!

Since this is my last article, I'm keeping it short and simple. Have a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we'll see you in 2020!

And now, my last piece of humor...

#### 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Corvette Style by Keith Cornett

'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage, There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge. The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit, So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood, When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good." Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick, And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say, Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?" "No way, Santa" I said with a grin,

"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow, Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!" So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat, We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill, I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill. The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise, But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow, We headed on out to where the hotrodders go. And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears, With every shift up as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.
Ol Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound! And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground! Power shift into second, again into third! I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight, "Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"

## Linda Hommer, President

#### Governor's Message...

The year is winding down and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was a great year for the club with several events including racing, cruising, car shows, rallyes and of course visiting some excellent restaurants.

Since Denny Luther has been elected Governor for 2020, this will be my last Governor's message. I would like to thank all those who helped me out the past two years. Our events would not be possible without the members coming out and working. A special thanks to Nichole for being the best Competition Director, making sure the events ran smoothly and arranging the fun day event at her house in the fall. I would also like to thank Jay for being a great Membership Director seeing that all new members were informed and added to our roster in a very timely manner.

I will leave the post of Governor in very capable hands!! Next year promises to be just as exciting and busy.

Sheila Wyman, Governor

## Meeting Minutes

#### Board Meeting, November 5, 2019

The November Board meeting at Old Chicago in Ankeny was called to order by President Linda Hommer @ 7:00PM. Linda began by asking for Officer Reports.

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish reported that minutes for the October Board meeting were taken by Dave Howard in her absence. No additions or corrections were noted and a motion for approval as written was made by Sheila Wyman, seconded by Nan Brittain and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nan Brittain had emailed the October Treasurer's report to the Board for review and there were no questions or adjustments. Additional items discussed were: need for sponsorship info to be posted on our website, CCI property inventory to be reviewed and posted on website, review of competition events.

Vice President's Report: Kris Howard said the CCI Christmas Party is set for December 17<sup>th</sup> at Chicago Speakeasy – must have RSVP's no later than December 10<sup>th</sup> communicated directly to her. Lottery Tickets for Christmas gifts/prizes. Toys for Tots December 7<sup>th</sup> at Bob Brown's and dine at the Cozy Café on 86<sup>th</sup> afterwards.

Governor's Report: Sheila Wyman led discussion on sanctions and how they will be distributed during the 2020 competition season. Smokey D's booked for 2020 monthly general club meetings. KSH Apparel to be listed on-line and in CCI website for review and ordering.

Competition & Social Media Director's Report: Nichole Parnell was absent, no report. Member at Large Report: Steve Howard had nothing to report. Editor's Report: Dave Howard had no official report other than send him any pictures or items of interest pertaining to Corvettes, etc. for his review and potential use in *Sportsmate*. Webmaster's Report: Wayne Weidmann was absent, no report. Point Director Report: Wayne Nikolish relayed that all points were recently updated via NCCC website database. He will work on establishing rules/tracking methodology for CCI members to earn instant rewards for working at various CCI Club functions/racing, etc.

Membership Director's Report: Jay Hommer was absent, no report. It was relayed that CCI had 79 renewals and 5 new members.

President's Report: Linda Hommer asked for discussion as to a review of how CCI can improve and/or increase ALL club information & club functions seamlessly to all members. Old Business: none. New Business: none. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Nan, seconded by Kris and the meeting adjourned @ 8:51PM.

Respectfully,

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

#### General Meeting, November 19, 2019

The November general meeting at Smokey D's was called to order @ 6:50PM by VP Kris Howard (in Linda's absence). Guests & new member introductions: former member Darrell Cochran was in attendance and has rejoined the club. Welcome back Darrell!

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish stated that her minutes from October's meeting are printed in Sportsmate. Denny Luther made a motion for approval of the minutes as written and Jim Lucas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nan Brittain stated her report is posted on the club website and said our fund was significantly ahead of the prior year. She also stated that our Sponsorship Letter for 2020 will be mailed within the next week or two. There was no further discussion and Jim Lucas made a motion to approve Nan's report as posted. Wayne Nikolish seconded and the motion passed.

Vice-President/Social Director's Report: Kris reminded our members of the December 7<sup>th</sup> Toys for Tots Cruise which starts at the Bob Brown dealership in Urbandale with lunch to follow at the Cozy Café on 86<sup>th</sup> Street. December 17<sup>th</sup> is the CCI Christmas Party at Chicago Speakeasy starting with social time at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:30PM. Members will have the option to choose from several preselected dinners like in prior years. If you plan to attend, you MUST notify Kris by December 10<sup>th</sup>. A very brief

general meeting will be held prior to dinner. Annual Points Audit is set for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Treasury Audit will be done on a date TBD, prior to close of calendar year 2019.

Governor's Report: Sheila Wyman was absent see Sportsmate for her update. Competition Director's Report: Nichole Parnell was also absent and there was no report. Editor's Report: Dave Howard had nothing to report. Director's Report: Wayne Nikolish passed around handouts that listed the top points award winners to date. All data was taken directly from the NCCC website report. Wayne 2 also included a spreadsheet which showed the top points award winners from the "WORKERS" category. Event workers are critical and a key part of our autocross event successes! Workers ensure the safety of all participants, efficiencies of data input/recording & posting of times, efficiencies of car staging, efficiencies of traffic off the track and permits racers to focus on their racing, demonstrating to CCI racing visitors & onlookers the professionalism of our club. And again, "safety!" Thank you, workers! Membership Director's Report: Jay Hommer reported that CCI has received 88 renewals & 7 new members for a total membership of 95 at this date. Webmaster's Report: Wayne Weidmann had nothing to report. Social Media Director's Report: Nichole Parnell was absent, no report. Member at Large Report: Steve Howard said the 50/50 pot collected \$130 and the winner's share went to Ken Wilson & the McCrackens.

President's Report: Linda Hommer was absent, no report. Old Business: none. New Business: none. Buy & Sell: Mike Murray – car cover full size. Contact him if interested. Tom Treska – car memorabilia collection. Contact him if interested. Next meeting and CCI Christmas Party on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Chicago Speakeasy, 1520 Euclid Ave, Des Moines.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Lucas, seconded by Wayne Nikolish and meeting adjourned @ 7:15PM.

Respectfully,

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

## CCI Odds and Ends

#### **General Meeting Details**

Please plan to attend CCI's Christmas Party and December general meeting at Chicago Speakeasy. Here are the details:

### Chicago Speakeasy

1520 Euclid Ave Des Moines



Located just east of the Des Moines River on the south side of Euclid Ave.

We'll follow a modified schedule for the evening:

Social Hour 5:45PM Short Meeting before Dinner Dinner 6:30PM

See you on the 17th!

#### Member News

**New Members.** Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. We have two new members to report for November. First, we welcome back Darrell Cochran of Des Moines who rejoined CCI after a brief absence. Darrell attended the November club meeting and we're hoping to see him out on the track again next season. Please also welcome Jeff Gray of West Des Moines who has a 2002 Coupe and joined CCI for the opportunity to meet other Corvette enthusiasts. We're sure you'll find plenty to do!

**Birthdays.** Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members with December birthdates:



Ed Loeb	12/1
Jennifer Brown	12/5
Peter Vance	12/12
Dave Ohmstede	12/13
Elizabeth Mitchell	12/15
Carrol McCracken	12/17
Sharon Heogen	12/31

Steve Garland 12/24 Sharon Heggen 12/

**CCI Apparel.** CCI apparel is available from Kris & Steve Howard's KSH Design Studio. Choose from long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies. If you're new to CCI or just want to sport some of the latest designs, you can print the order form on Page 9 or use this link to the form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10z ro0eP0a5-53oDLtYALP6J1owotKnPh OefaVGe8 HU/edit?usp=sharing

Custom embroidery services are now available from KSH also! Check with Kris or Steve if you want a piece of CCI apparel embroidered.

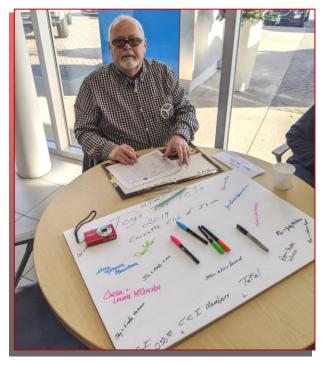




#### **Events**

Here's a wrap-up of recently held events along with a description of events on the horizon:

**Toys for Tots Cruise.** This year's cruise on December 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 31 CCI members donating. Members donated a total of \$1,595 in cash plus some great toys and CCI donated \$250 for a total of \$1,845! Add the cash match from Bob Brown and it's a total of \$3,690 plus the toys. 18 members also joined in on brunch at Cozy Café afterwards. A big thank you for coordinating this event goes to Paul Wyman who says thanks to all who donated and helped put a smile on a lot of little faces.









**CCI Christmas Party.** We hope you made your reservation for CCI's annual Christmas Party on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Chicago Speakeasy. See you there if you did. In case you need to take another look at the event details, the flyer is on Page 10.

#### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and look for more details in upcoming issues of *Sportsmate*:

At press time we don't have any events to make you aware of out in the distance. Stay tuned!

#### **Buy & Sell**

**FOR SALE: Misc.** The following items from the club trailer have been deemed surplus and are offered for sale on a "best offer" basis:

- 1 Logitech Keyboard SCC50201784
- 1 Smart Label Printer 100E043956631
- 1 HP Deskjet Printer 3745V CN45L3Y23Y
- 6 Bell South 2-way Radios
- 4 Cobra 2-way Radios

Contact Nan Brittain @ 253-0196 if interested.



#### FOR SALE: Chrome Wheels and

**Tires.** Wheels: Front 18"x8.5", Rear 19"x10". Speedline not Repos. Fit 2005-2013 Corvette w/Std. & Z 51 Susp. Also 2014-2018 w/Std. Susp. Tires: Yokohama Avan Neoa Ado8r. Front 255"x35"x18", Rear 295"x30"x19", 6/32" Tread. \$1,800 for all. Contact: Larry Steffen 515-975-3885.

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# CCI's

# Christmas Social

5:45PM

Tuesday,

December 17, 2019

## Chicago Speakeasy, 1520 Euclid Ave

We'll gather in the south dining area and order dinner at 6:30PM.

The menu includes 80z Prime Rib, Fried Chicken, Salmon and

Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken or Shrimp. All entrees include

the salad bar. Drínks are additional. Cash bar is available.

PARTY

You MUST make a reservation with Kris Howard by Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 975-6696 or fourhowies@amail.com.

A short general meeting will also be held.

Hope to see you there!

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Judi & Wayne Nikolish **Bob Brown Chevrolet** Sandy & Jim Lucas Smokey D's BBQ **Dave Howard** 

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The Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum is pleased to have you as our guests; we want all the drivers, crew and staff to have a safe and outstanding weekend.

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- · Preserve history of Iowa's military and flying past,
- present and future.

   Provide services to veterans, military flyovers, use of exhibits for parades and other occasions.

#### · Promote Aviation and Safety.

Sign up and become a member, you will receive a monthly newsletter, free admission to the museum and invitations to special member only events.

Tax Deductable Donations, funds are needed to: Maintain and build new and existing exhibits. Pay rent, utilities and other operating expenses. Work on vintage aircraft, these planes are restored to flying condition and used in military flyovers on

special holidays, military services and other occasions

#### **Donate Time:**

Even if you are not a mechanic there are things that we can do to teach you some new skills. Many items in racing cars came for aviation. Working on a plane or learning more about it can give you some speed tricks for your cars. Many famous race car drivers were pilots including Smokey Yunick and Carroll Shelby.

An incredible amount of Military Aviation History involves Iowa and we need to keep history from being lost. We are asking people who have interesting artifacts to donate or display to please contact us, or better yet get involved!

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