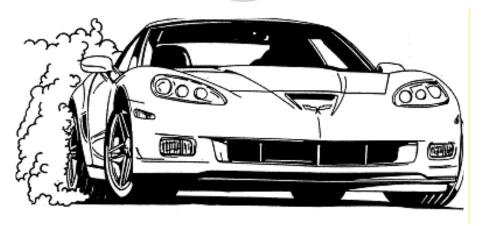
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June 16th

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Calendar of Events

Jun 16th General Meeting – Smokey D's BBQ

Jun 20th Cruise to Albia – See Flyer

Jun 27th & 28th Wheels Down at the Chariton Airport – Canceled

Jul 21st General Meeting – Smokey D's BBQ

Aug 8th & 9th Racing at the Speedway – Pending

Aug 27th General Meeting – Albaugh Headquarters

Officer Reports

From the President...

Here we are, nearing the start of summer and the Coronavirus Pandemic continues to affect our day-to-day lives. Here in Iowa, Governor Reynolds has further extended the slow reopening of the State and we've seen everyone adapting to the "new normal" that will no doubt forever change the way we all look at things that we once took for granted. Face masks and social distancing are now both a part of this new normal. Even something as simple as a handshake has become a thing of the past. And sadly, many traditional events have been altered or eliminated altogether, oftentimes because practicing social distancing isn't practical in some settings. For the first time in NCCC's history, there will be no national convention this summer and who could have imagined no Iowa State Fair in August?

CCI is managing to navigate through these rough times. Despite having canceled our first two

speed events of the season, the CCI Board is still hopeful about holding an event in August. The last time we were able to hold a general membership meeting was way back in February. This month we're going to give it a go with an outdoor meeting at Smokey D's BBQ that will rely on carry-out food instead of dine-in and lawn chairs instead of tables and chairs. It will just be great to get back together once again!

The statement below explains CCI's evolving stance on the COVID issue. I know everyone will continue to be patient with the process as we try to go about club business. We have managed to carry out a couple of social cruises that went well and another of these has been scheduled for later this month. You'll find more details on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Again, please check CCI's website or find us on Facebook to see what else we're up to and as always, continue to play it safe and stay healthy!

Dave Howard, President



COVID-19 Statement

from the CCI Board of Directors

June, 2020

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds continues to ease restrictions included in her Disaster Emergency Proclamation issued in March to combat the Coronavirus Pandemic or COVID-19. Many businesses have reopened but continue with limits on capacity even when those limits have been lifted by the State. On the national level, the NCCC Competition Committee has suspended national points from March 1st through July 1st and issued guidelines for managing certain competition events to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These measures are necessary but many of them will complicate the process of conducting an event to the point where the CCI Board has determined it will cancel competition scheduled during that period of time. Events are affected as follows:

- 1. modification of the general meeting scheduled for June 16th
- 2. cancelation of Wheels Down at the Chariton Airport scheduled for June 27th & 28th

The CCI Board will continue to follow state and federal mandates, CDC recommendations and NCCC guidelines for controlling the spread of COVID-19. A case-by-case determination of the status of future CCI events will be made as much in advance as is practicable. Please continue to keep in mind that we may be required to act on short notice.

Governor's Message...

Hope you all have had some fun just driving your cars during this continuing Covid-19 era. Unfortunately, the pandemic has canceled or altered many of our normal club events but just getting out in our cars has still been available. I don't know about you but the experience behind the wheel of my Corvette gives me a brief break from all the struggles in our culture right now.

I wish I had some good news to share with you regarding our competition events other than what I shared with you last month. We still are in discussion about having an August event but I am waiting to hear if any further decisions have been made at the national level with regard to the suspension of the points system until July 1. There is to be a Zoom meeting of the NCCC RCD committee this week to discuss the points program and other items which may influence our club discussion.

I'm sure you saw the news that the 61st NCCC Convention in Indianapolis has been canceled.

Many of us who enjoy attending the convention each year are disappointed that it had to be canceled. The managing committee waited as long as they could before making the painful decision to cancel. Everyone is getting a full refund but there is no information regarding whether it will be postponed until 2021 or rather it will be put back on the calendar for a later date.

If you haven't checked your email, we are going to have a general June member meeting at Smokey D's but with a twist. Weather permitting, we will bring our lawn chairs and order take out at Smokey's. We will then go to the parking lot south of the restaurant, enjoy our meal followed by our meeting. If Mother Nature throws us a curve, we will hold a Zoom meeting. A link will be sent to all members if we have to have an electronic meeting.

I hope you all stay well and we can all soon socialize together telling Corvette stories!

Denny Luther, Governor

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, May 5, 2020

The CCI Board held the May Board meeting virtually via Zoom with President Dave Howard calling the meeting to order @ 6:37PM. Dave opened the meeting by asking what the Board's thoughts were regarding the May general meeting and after discussion, it was decided that the May meeting should be canceled.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Judi Nikolish noted that the April Board Meeting minutes had been distributed earlier in the week. Dave asked if any Board member had suggested changes to them. There were none and it was motioned by Gary Foster to approve the April Board minutes, seconded by Kris Howard and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Foster stated that he had reimbursed Sheila Wyman, paid State Farm and reimbursed Dave Howard for *Sportsmate*

expenditures. Gary has contacted Joe Risius (website designer) as to updating the CCI financials on the Members Only section. A motion to approve Gary's report was made by Kris, seconded by Steve Howard and the motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Kris spoke to the recent cruise in which our club first went to Bondurant in order to parade through neighborhoods where children were celebrating birthdays. We then cruised through the Orchard Place grounds on Des Moines' southside as they were expecting us and the kids were all outside to observe. From there we cruised to Smitty's Tenderloins where we ordered food and set up our folding chairs to dine (maintaining social distancing, of course!). It was a warm, clear sky day! Our club had 9 cars participating. A similar club social/cruise for May, 2020 will be announced soon.

Governor's Report: Denny Luther stated that Ankeny is on hold and could possibly be postponed. He has been busy communicating with other clubs and obtaining new directives from NCCC as to how COVID-19 has negatively impacted events around the country thus far and events forthcoming in 2020. While certain

autocross venues have stopped any and all racing for 2020, others are still up in the air! Again, due to COVID-19 and related safety precautions (with varying mandates from state to state and by our Federal Government). NCCC has distributed strict compliance rules that must be adhered to through at least July 1, 2020. Gary offered a motion to cancel all three of our 2020 speed events but after discussion, amended the motion to just the Ankeny and Chariton events. Kris seconded the motion and it passed. Competition Director's Report: Nichole Parnell had nothing to report.

Member at Large Report: Steve had no report. Editor's Report: Dave reminded members to review flyers as posted in *Sportsmate*. He also requested that club members continue to feed him with Vette & Vette related news and pictures of interest. Points Director's Report: Wayne Nikolish reported all points have been updated. Membership Director's Report: Mike Golightly had nothing to report. Social Media Director's Report: Pat Whalen stated that our club has over 750 followers at this date. He urged our club members to post pictures of their cars and other Vette news of interest.

Old Business: The majority of this evening's Board Meeting centered around COVID-19 and the diverse amount of evolving State & Federal COVID-19 mandates as well as new

mandates/rules being received from NCCC. The Board recognizes and agrees that the safety of individual club members is at the center of all decision making. That being said, Club President Dave Howard will communicate to all CCI members how we will operate and the many changes we should expect stemming from the impact of COVID-19. Understanding and flexibility will be key, again, with individual club member and visitor safety at the center of all CCI Board decision making. New Business: Discussion centering around web design review at June, 2020 meeting. The next Board meeting is June 2, 2020 (via Zoom probably).

Motion to adjourn by Denny, seconded by Kris and the meeting adjourned @ 7:36PM.

Respectfully,

Judi Nikolish, Secretary

General Meeting, May 19, 2020

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' Disaster Emergency Proclamation remained in effect and this meeting was canceled.

CCI Odds and Ends

General Meeting Details

Please plan to attend CCI's June general meeting at Smokey D's. Here are the details:



Smokey D's BBQ 5055 NW 2nd St Des Moines

Located just north of I-35/80 on the east side of NW 2nd, next to Big Barn Harley-Davidson.

Since Smokey D's is still limiting inside dining to groups of ten or less, we will meet in the parking lot across the street to the south. We ask everyone to order take out and bring it over to the parking lot. We'll eat "picnic style" so please bring your chairs. The meeting will be held at approximately 7PM. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom instead. A link for this will be sent out to all members.

See you on the 16th!

Member News

New Members. Look to this space for the most recent additions to the CCI family. This month we have no new members to report.

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



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 QefaVGe8_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.

West Region Scholarships. We carried a reminder about this in last month's newsletter but its importance bears repeating.

Any CCI member's child or grandchild who has been accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational technical institution is eligible to apply for one of the three \$500 scholarships that the West Region awards each year. The due date for applications is 8/1/20. Full information, rules and the application can be found on the West Region website at westregionnecc.com.

Events

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

Best of Iowa Cruise. Eight cars participated in our cruise to the Adel location of Big Al's BBQ. We ordered our meals and had an outdoors picnic style outing on-site at Big Al's. The weather was fantastic, the drive was great and Big Al's dinners were outstanding. Big Al himself visited with our group as we enjoyed the evening. Do you see Christine's new mid-engine C8 in the photos?







Save the Date!

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

June 20, 2020. CCI's next cruise of the season will take us southeast to Albia for lunch followed by a visit to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument just west of town. This is a public monument built to honor all United States Veterans, living or deceased. 21 marble crosses run through the center of the monument in a grassy area that leads up to a granite wall inscribed with the names of over 1,600 veterans. 100 American flags and all 50 State flags are also on display. You'll find the flyer on Page 10.

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Meet on the SE side of Southridge Mall rain or shine.
We will depart @10:30AM on a cruise to Albia
via Hwy 69 to Hwy 65 to Hwy 34.

Our first stop will be for lunch @ approximately 12noon at The Highway Family Restaurant

200 Hwy 34 E, Albia.

After lunch we will visit the Welcome Home Soldier Monument 6451 Hwy 34 W, Albia.

Our return route home will be via Hwy 5.

Questions? Contact Paul Wyman at 515-277-3303

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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.

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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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