FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a "Baby Boomer" you probably will be shocked to know that I have an opinion on almost everything! Baby Boomer is a much nicer term than "Old Fart" don't you think? Even though they pretty much mean the same thing. Anyway, back to my opinion. I generally, well sometimes, O.K., seldom keep my opinion to myself unless asked. Most of the time, nobody cares about my opinion anyway.

I have decided to throw caution to the wind to freely give you my opinion on what makes the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club tick. Specifically, why is CRCC an active and growing club as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary year? Why are we thriving while so many other quality car clubs and organizations have failed? Is it because we like fiberglass more than tin? Or perhaps it is our affiliation with General Motors, McGrath Chevrolet, Cedar Rapids, autocross, Hawkeye Downs, car shows, charities or other fiberglass car clubs throughout the country? They are all nice, but they don't make the club.

On April 28th, I attended the Camp Courageous Omelet Breakfast with a good-sized group of club members. We caravanned to the breakfast, ate together, and stood in the parking lot laughing and talking for a long time not wanting the morning to end. As I got into my car to go home, I had the answer to the success of our club. It's the PEOPLE! I have fun and enjoy being around the many extraordinary members of our club and I think that the vast majority of members would agree with me.

When I joined the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club it was just to check it out for a year. I decided before I joined that I would get out of my comfort zone and participate in every event available, and then decide if I wanted to continue. Obviously, you know what I decided. Because I took the first step to say that I would get involved, I was welcomed into so many things that I would have never experienced.

As President, I have been pleasantly surprised frequently by the response of the membership when a need arises. I can think of no better example than our current 50th Anniversary recognition year. I asked for a few volunteers to make some suggestions and suddenly we have a well-organized summer full of fun that will be celebrated from Des Moines to the Mississippi! It will certainly be a year to remember! As they say, jump in and hang on because this is going to be fun!

If you are new, I challenge you to do what I did, get involved; if you are a "seasoned club member" THANK YOU for a great 50 years!

May brings us many important events, so check the website several times a week to keep current. Mike

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Honoring our Veterans this Memorial Day and Every Day! Thank You!
The meeting was called by President Mike Williams at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at Pat McGrath Chevyland with 68 members present. President Mike Williams welcomed members to the April meeting of CRCC’s 50th year.

Guests present were Ryan Deerberg, Al Deerberg and Kirk Hoeppner. Ryan owns a 2008 Black Corvette Coupe, Al owns a 2010 Grand Sport Corvette and Kirk owns a 2001 Black Corvette Coupe. Ryan was voted in as a new member. Al and Kirk are former CRCC members that decided to rejoin.

President Mike Williams read the list of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of April.

The minutes of the March 2013 meeting will be voted on at the May 2013 meeting.

President Mike Williams reported the Practice Autocross has been rescheduled from April 20, 2013 to May 11, 2013. April 23rd is the first Honor Flight of 2013. On April 26th at 6:30 PM, there will be a movie night at Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. On April 28th Camp Courageous will host its famous Omelet Breakfast. On May 3rd there will be a Vintage Torque Fest in Dubuque Iowa. May 4th is the event at the Newton Speedway, also a cruise to Karls Chevrolet. On May 19th there will be the Crusing for Camp Courageous event in Monticello Iowa. There will not be a cruise at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School this spring. There may be one in the fall.

Vice President Mike Benge was in charge of the 50/50 drawing.

Secretary Madeline Watertor reported no Get Well cards or Sympathy Donations were sent out during the month of April. Everyone was healthy.

Treasurer Larry Bushaw presented the club’s financial report. President Mike Williams asked for a motion to approve the financial report as presented. A motion was made by Garland Groom and was seconded by Lyle Knutson to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was passed.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin reported those going to Camp Courageous on May 19 will be leaving the Marion Wal-Mart at 8:30 AM. The May Tuesday Dinner will be at the Rainbow Supper Club on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Governor Larry Beebe reported the governor’s meeting would be held on April 20, 2013 at St. Louis. The 2013 Convention will be from June 23rd through June 27th at Bowling Green, Kentucky. CRCC has the second most sponsored FCOA children in the nation. West Region Scholarships are available. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2013. The West Region gave out four scholarships in 2012. NCCC scholarships are available also. The deadline for applying is August 1, 2013. NCCC gave out twelve scholarships in 2012. The West Region is getting on its racing season. There will not be a car show at Chariton Iowa Memorial Day Weekend. There will be Low Speed Events.

Competition Director Chris Beebe reported the Practice Autocross has been cancelled for April 20th. It has been rescheduled for May 11th. There are new racing shirts this year. There was a low tire on the club trailer. Chris thanked Roger Thompson and Dennis Primrose for working on the trailer doors. Roger created a log book to list all repairs done to the trailer.

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Editor Karla McMurrin reported all information to be printed in the newsletter should be received by May 1, 2013.

Web Master Larry Bushaw reported Pat Blake is working on a new club web site. All important information can be found on the current CRCC web site.

E-Mail Messenger Bob Bowen reported members should give him their e-mail address.
Historian Dianna Knutson takes pictures of events. Send her your pictures of events. Dianna needs pictures sent to her for the Christmas Program. Dianna takes pictures of new members.

Chris Thompson from the 50th Anniversary Committee reported on the Iowa Speedway event. Chris will be e-mailing documents about the event to those members that are going. After the tour of the Iowa Speedway there will be a cruise to Karl’s Kustom Corvettes. After visiting Karl’s Kustom Corvettes there will be a cruise to Polk City to meet members of other clubs. Artist Keith Nelson is setting up a studio in Polk City.

Homecoming Director Brian Richardson reported two schools have asked for Corvettes for their homecoming events.

Trustee John Dolphin reported there were 68 members present at the meeting.

Car Show Co-Chairman Wayne Martin reported the CRCC car show will be on June 8, 2013 at Lindale Mall. Wayne had car show registration forms.

Car Show Co-Chairman Dick Butschi reported the Car Show sponsors are about the same as last year. Duffy’s Collectible Cars will not be a major sponsor this year. City Revealed Magazine will be a major sponsor. Scott Morgan mentioned maybe the Titan Dolls may be at the show. Klein Tools has donated tools for the show.

Dan Hampton was a guest speaker at the meeting. Dan talked about the early history of CRCC. Dan graduated Washington High School in Cedar Rapids in 1967. Dan lives in Wisconsin and works with the History Museum in Cedar Rapids. Dan reported racing was the thing in the 1960’s. Dan showed pictures of his 1954 Corvette.

Jack Gilmore was the winner of the fifty-fifty drawing.

President Mike Williams called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and was seconded by Brian Richardson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be on May 16, 2013 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.

MAY CRCC MEETING NOTICE

The May meeting of the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club will be held Thursday, May 16 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.

Membership meeting at 7:00 PM . . . come earlier to meet and greet friends.

It is important for you to attend! Our meetings wouldn’t be the same without your attendance and ideas!

AGENDA

MAY MEETING

1) Welcome & vote in potential new members
2) Good & wellness
3) Review & approve the previous meeting’s minutes
4) Review & approve the financial reports
5) Officers Reports
6) Committee Reports
7) Old Business
8) New Business
9) Adjourn

MAY@ A GLANCE . . .

✓5th – Cruise to Iowa Speedway in Newton
✓11th – Practice Autocross-Hawkeye Downs
✓12th – Mother’s Day!
✓14th – CRCC dinner cruise to Rainbow Restaurant in Anamosa
✓16th – CRCC Monthly Meeting @ Pat McGrath Chevyland
✓18th – Houby Days – 16th Avenue
✓18th – Shabbers Car & Bike Show-Center Point
✓19th – Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous Car Show
✓21st – Eastern Iowa Honor Flight
✓22nd – Mike Williams, Mike Benge & Larry Bushaw will be interviewed @ 7:30 AM on KGAN-TV about the 50th Anniversary events
✓25th – 27th All Iowa Corvette Weekend in Chariton, Iowa
✓27th – Memorial Day!

There’s a lot going on during our 50th year. Be sure to check the CRCC website for details of these and all other events @

www.cedarrapidscorvetteclub.com
Our first CRCC dinner cruise will be to the Rainbow Restaurant, 22962 County Road, E34, Anamosa on Tuesday, May 14th leaving from the Marion Walmart at 5:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Jim McLaughlin @ bread1112@gmail.com if you will be joining us.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY**

- Paul Pate 05/01
- Sharon Groom 05/02
- Kevin Wagner 05/02
- Lowell Phelps 05/05
- Mike Benge 05/06
- Nyla McCall 05/09
- Sharon Goldsmith 05/11
- Jim Schrier 05/11
- Fawn Shatek 05/15
- Jan Gilmour 05/16
- Tom Bowen 05/22
- Cookie Phelps 05/22
- Todd Davis 05/30

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY**

- Dennis & Terry Primrose 05/02
- Dan & Barb Colby 05/06
- Jack & Jan Gilmour 05/06
- Don & Sandy Johnson 05/06
- Todd & Kayla Davis 05/10
- Jerry & Kathie Adams 05/13
- Jim & Laura McLaughlin 05/13
- Jeff & Elizabeth Kurth 05/14
- Scott & Nancy Morgan 05/25
- Dan & Karla McMurrin 05/27
- Lyle & Dianna Knutson 05/29
- Stephen & Carol Rohr 05/30

**EDITOR'S NOTE . . .**

Effective with this newsletter, I have taken over as Editor for 2013. I want to remind you that this is YOUR newsletter, so please contact me at kathbernie@aol.com with articles or pictures for the newsletter.

Also, please continue to collect your toiletries as you travel this summer and bring them to any meeting and I will take them to the Catherine McAuley Center. As you know, they truly do appreciate all the items we have given them over the years. Thank you for your continued support in collecting these items.

Kathy Willenborg
Autocross time is getting near. CRCC will have two practice autocrosses and one weekend of sanctioned racing at Hawkeye Downs.

- May 11, 2013 is our first Autocross practice, to be held at Hawkeye Downs with set-up at 8:00 AM, registration and tech at 10 AM and the track opens at 12:00 noon. You may drive your car on the track in a controlled environment, with the track set up as an autocross would be. You will gain valuable experience in learning to handle your car, and expand your driving experience.

- August 17, 2013 will be our second practice Autocross with the same time schedule.

These activities do not take all day for everyone, and you’re giving two to three hours to learn the requirements which will assure that our club will have a successful event in August. You will be able to drive from Noon to 4 PM. For more information about any of these requirements, please feel free to contact me.

- August 24, 2013 is our weekend sanctioned event, also at Hawkeye Downs.

Come, join and enjoy,

Chris Beebe
CRCC Competition Director
“Cruisin’ the Ave” Charity Car Show

Wayne Martin and I are trying hard to keep up the excitement of the 50th Anniversary year, and to make this an extra-special car show. We will have the usual activities – the Poker Walk, Silent Auction, Kids Voting Ballot, special trophies, the DQ Coloring Contest, the 50/50 drawing, the Make-An-Offer Table, the Golden Oldies music and the usual door prizes, goodie bags and t-shirts. We also thought that this year we were going to get a bit more room (at least half of the adjacent parking lot, next to the upper parkade level), but it wasn’t in the cards. Lindale is starting an expansion project on the 1st Avenue side, so parking on the Collins Road side is at a premium, so maybe next year. If we get the big turnout that we hope for, we may suggest that our members, as show hosts, leave their Vettes at home, to make room for other entrants. We will let you know about that.

Extra attractions this year will include a couple extra-special cars. One belongs to David Staab, of Vinton, who has a beautiful 1930 Model “A” hot rod – dark red with “true fire” flames done by the guys at Scott Takes’ Underground Art Studios. It was an eye-catcher at the Vinton Cruise, this past summer, and was chosen for the Monticello Car & Bike Show, in February. The other is Dan Hampton’s ’54 Corvette “Pizza Man” racer. If you were at the April meeting, you heard Dan tell the story of this very rare car. We’re deeply appreciative of his offer to let us display it at the car show. I’m sure it will attract a lot of attention.

I also was fortunate to find out about a very talented automotive artist, in the area, while doing a photo shoot and interview on a ’57 Olds, in Center Point, recently. After contacting this artist from North Liberty, he has agreed to show and sell his work at our show. He is Eric Aurand. Although he doesn’t have his website fully set up, yet, you can see a photo of he and his wife, Monica on this website, http://www.wolfpub.com/blog/fifties. I’ve seen a couple of his originals, in person, and as an artist, can attest to his talent. He does commissioned work and has very reasonable prices, so take a close look at his work on the day of the show.

We may also be able to enjoy a dance routine by the local Cedar Rapids Titan Dolls cheerleaders. They may be coming to visit us, late morning, at the show. We, at least, hope to get some of them to grace our show for some photo ops. The Titans have a home game at the Ice Arena that evening, so it will be a busy time for them. We’ll appreciate their appearance.

Also on the list of attractions, will be “The Cars of City Revealed”. City Revealed Magazine has joined CRCC’s efforts, offering a 2-page spread on the Club’s history and philanthropic efforts that will appear in the June issue. It will hit the newsstands at area Casey’s stores, Dairy Queens, Hy-Vees, Cranky Hank’s and various other businesses in the area. All the cars from the past 3-4 years will be invited and be recognized by a windshield placard. They will be entered in the appropriate classes by the owners. Personnel from the magazine will be on hand to award a “City Revealed Pick” trophy, and to meet and greet entrants and their cars, during the day.

This is an even bigger undertaking by the co-chairs, and the hard-working prize committee, headed by Terry Primrose and Pam Parrish, than the usual annual charity car show. And since it is your show, not ours, what can you do to help out?

- **First, enter your vehicle**, whether you’ll be in attendance, or not. $15 will get you a loaded goodie bag, a free show t-shirt, and possibly a door prize worth $10-20. We will collect your bag for you, or you can pick it up on the night of the “stuffing”, which will the Thursday before the show, June 6th. That’s a pretty good deal, if you ask me.

- **Come help with the goodie bag “stuffing”** on the 6th, probably at Pat McGrath Chevyland, but we’ll let you know for sure. It doesn’t take long with many hands helping, and it’s kind of fun!

- **Sign up to help** with the day-of-the-show duties. Contact Wayne Martin at waynermartin@gmail.com.

- **Volunteer for the prize solicitation committee**. This is a major job, and we can use some major help. This is our club offering advertisement opportunities to area businesses in exchange for items that we can use to raise funds for our four selected charities. They could be ad items for the goodie bags, door prizes and/or silent auction items.

- **Solicit prizes on your own** by visiting your local shops, such as your beauty parlor, hardware store, local mechanic, favorite restaurant, etc. Perhaps you, or someone you know, has a hobby like woodworking, knitting/crocheting, or quilting, that would donate a nice item for our Silent Auction...
table. Check around the house to see if there’s a new, or slightly used item that has been gathering dust that could be sold at the Make-An-Offer table. These tables are very valuable in raising funds, and have done very well in the past years.

- **Make yourself available when setting up** on the day of the show, around 7:30, or when it’s time to tear down, which some start at 3:00 when the awards ceremony begins.

- **Most importantly, keep in mind why we’re doing this.** Sure we have fun, but those four charities and the less fortunate that they help (in most cases, kids or young adults), need our help. If you had been in attendance at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa’s awards ceremony, (held in late March at Mercy Hospital) you would have seen, first-hand, what your fundraising efforts are doing for these folks. Much of our last $3,000 donation went for transporting these patients to clinics and helping with their daily activities. We are needed. You would have heard of Kay Graber, who saw the need for starting this organization and was given a Lifetime Achievement Award for 35+ years of service, and did it all with a smile on her face. She’s a blessing that really appreciates our annual efforts. We all know someone who is unable to do the things that we take for granted in our daily life. We all need to think of someone close to us like that, and do a little soul-searching. Step up and answer this call for help. If every member does a little bit more than they have in the past, this will be a heckuva successful show! Dick

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**2013 NCCC Convention in Bowling Green, KY**

June 24th to 28th will have many tours and NCCC Competition events all week long. Evening activities are also planned. Information: [http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2013.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2013.html)

Day Passes are now available if you don’t want to attend for the full week.

**April Governor’s Meeting**

Since the meeting was April 27th, I will have a complete report in the next newsletter.

*Larry Beebe, CRCC Governor*
The racing season is almost here. Listed below, are a couple of good opportunities to go out and have fun.

May 18 – 19th The Cornhusker Corvette Club is having a 12 event Low Speed weekend in Lincoln, NE with 7 events on Saturday and 5 events on Sunday

May 25 – 27th The All Iowa Corvette Weekend in Chariton, IA. Different this year is that all three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will hold low speed autocrosses

June 8 – 9th Kansas City is the site for 12 Low Speed Autocrosses at the Fairfax GM Assembly Plant with 7 events on Saturday and 5 events on Sunday

June 24 – 28th NCCC National Convention will be held in Bowling Green, KY. Daily events include Car Shows, Rallyes, Funkhana, drag racing, low speed and high speed autocrosses. Each day has other activities including tours to Nashville, Mammoth Cave and much more. If you don’t want to do the whole week, you can get day passes that will let you take part in the activities for the day. Check out the schedule at: http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2013.html

July 6 – 7th ALL HIGH SPEED WEEKEND! Corvette Club of Iowa’s racing at the Iowa Speedway in Newton, IA with 7 High Speed events on Saturday and 5 High Speed Events on Sunday. You must have a special high speed license for the high speed event

Aug 17 – 18th Corvette Club of Iowa is hosting a 12 Low Speed event in Ankeny, IA airport, 7 Low Speed events on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. This is a great place to run

Aug 24 – 25th CRCC’s “Run the Downs” Weekend event with 7 events on Saturday and 5 events on Sunday

Aug 31 – Sept 2nd Cornhuskers Summer Festival with car show, rallyes and funkhana on Saturday, 7 Low Speed events on Saturday and 3 High Speeds on Sunday at Mid America Motorplex in Glenwood, IA

Check cedarrapidscorvetteclub.com for competition information

All West Region Event Flyers are located at: http://westregionnccc.com/flyers.htm

WELCOME NEW CRCC MEMBERS!

Kirk Hoeppner owns a Black 2001 Coupe

Al Deerberg owns a Red 2010 Grand Sport Coupe

Ryan Deerberg owns a Black 2008 Coupe
The meeting was called to order by President Mike Williams at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at Pat McGrath Chevyland with 46 members present.

President Mike Williams welcomed all members and thanked Pat McGrath for supplying food for the meeting. Also President Mike Williams thanked John Baker for ordering the food.

Guest speaker was Jim Nachman, owner of Iowa Garages. Iowa Garages is a new Major Sponsor for the CRCC “Cruisin’ the Ave” Car Show. Jim Nachman does floor covering for garages.

Guests present were Bill and Von Cary and Orlyn and Kathy Brunssen. Bill and Von own a 2003 Black Corvette Coupe, and Orlyn and Kathy own a 1992 White Corvette Convertible. Bill and Von were voted in as new CRCC members. Orlyn and Kathy were former CRCC members. Orlyn and Kathy rejoined CRCC.

President Mike Williams read the lengthy list of CRCC members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March.

President Mike Williams asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting. President Mike Williams called for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. A motion was made by Terry Kocher and was seconded by Chris Thompson to approve the February meeting minutes as written. The motion was passed.

President Mike Williams reported ideas are needed for the year-long 50th Anniversary celebration. We only get to do this once so speak up now. Ideas are still needed from all members.

President Mike Williams reported a nice sized group of CRCC members attended the Honor Flight movie which was a fund raiser for the program. Larry Bushaw and Dick Butschi have purchased a DVD of the movie. The DVD is available for showing to CRCC members. CRCC has presented a plaque to each participant of the Honor Flight.

President Mike Williams reported Camp Courageous will be having an omelet breakfast on April 28, 2013.

Vice President Mike Benge was in charge of the fifty-fifty drawing.

Treasurer Larry Bushaw was absent from the meeting. The club’s financial report was given by President Mike Williams. There will be an Honor Flight on April 23rd, and also an Honor Flight on May 21st. President Mike Williams called for a motion to approve the club’s financial report. A motion was made by Bob Bitterman and was seconded by John Dolphin to approve the financial report. The motion was passed.

Secretary Madeline reported no Get Well cards or sympathy donations had been sent since the last meeting.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin reported the April Tuesday Dinner will be at Dublin Inn and Pub. The dinner will be on Tuesday April 9th at 5:30 PM.

Governor Beebe was absent from the meeting. There was no governor’s report.

Competition Director Chris Beebe was absent from the meeting. Garland Groom reported there would be a Practice Autocross at Hawkeye Downs on April 20th.

Editor Karla McMurrin reported all information to be printed in the newsletter should be received by March 28, 2013. Please send her information.
Trustee John Dolphin reported there were 46 CRCC members present at the meeting.

Web Master Larry Buslaw was absent from the meeting. President Mike Williams reported members should check the club website weekly.

E-Mail Messenger Bob Bowen said members should keep him up to date with their e-mail address.

Historian Dianna Knutson was absent from the meeting.

Chris Thompson, 50th Committee reported there would be an event on May 4th at the Iowa Speedway in Newton Iowa. Forty two cars have signed up already. There will be a cruise to the Speedway, photos of cars and members will be taken. There will be a boom truck for the pictures. There will be group shots and individual shots. After pictures there will be a tour of the speedway facilities. After touring the facilities at the track, there will be a cruise to Karl’s Kustom Corvettes for a tour. Other club members will be meeting CRCC members in Polk City.

Car show co-chairmen Dick Butski and Wayne Martin were absent from the meeting. Pam Parrish reported all trophy sponsors have been obtained. Pam and Terry Primrose will be going out to get silent auction items for the car show.

President Mike Williams reported Dick Butski and Wayne Martin have done the car show for many years. Volunteers are needed to take over the show in 2014.

Jim McLaughlin reported the 50th anniversary banquet will be on August 3, 2013. Jim had flyers for the event.

Marvin Peters was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Marvin donated his winnings back to the Honor Flight Program.

President Mike Williams called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Dave Ster and was seconded by Paul Hildebrand to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on April 18, 2013 at McGrath Chevyland.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

- Jerry Adams 04/01
- Dave Marsden 04/02
- Jim Maccani 04/03
- Kathie Adams 04/08
- Dennis Primrose 04/12
- John Dolphin 04/13
- Jan Hildebrand 04/15
- Kurt Crispin 04/19
- Gary Toomsen 04/19
- Gary Schwandt 04/20
- Bob Bitterman 04/24
- Brian Richardson 04/28
- Tom Oakley 04/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

- Bill & Jane Stepanek 04/05
- Larry & Deb Armbrecht 04/13
- Dan & Andrea Callan 04/24
- Brian & Felicia Richardson 04/24
- Jim & Marti Maccani 04/26
The Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Celebrates 50 Years!

The year 2013 is promising to be a very exciting and fun-filled year for CRCC.

Who knew 50 years ago when a few Corvette enthusiasts decided to start a club in a garage that we would have the opportunity to spend 2013 celebrating this milestone!

The 50th Anniversary committee has been trying to plan activities that will interest all of us.

Remember, this is YOUR club. Please help us celebrate by taking part throughout the year.

Some dates to remember and join in, include:

- May 5 – Driving laps at Iowa Speedway & touring Karl’s Kustom Corvettes
- June 4 – CRCC members group photo at Pat McGrath Chevyland @ 6:30 PM
- June 8 – “Cruisin’ the Ave” Charity Car Show at Lindale Mall
- June 23 – Iowa Corn 250 race at Iowa Speedway
- August 3 – CRCC 50th Anniversary Banquet at Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel
- October 12 – Dubuque Riverboat lunch & cruise followed by “leaf run” car cruise on Sunday

If you have questions, please contact:
Jim McLaughlin @ bread1112@gmail.com
Larry Bushaw @ lebushaw@msn.com

Also, we have found that in our efforts to send invitations to former members we have a lot of old addresses. If you know of someone that didn’t receive an invitation, or if you just have a question if someone did receive an invitation, please contact me and I will check the mailing list that was sent. We certainly don’t want to miss anyone. Contact me at kathbernie@aol.com.

Thanks for your help.

Kathy Willenborg
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SHOWING THAT CORVETTE PRIDE!

CAMP COURAGEOUS CAR SHOW
SATURDAY, MAY 18 – SET-UP – 9 AM
SUNDAY, MAY 19 - SHOW
The Cedar Valley Street Rod club will be setting up for the car show on SATURDAY, MAY 18 starting at 9:00 AM and could use help setting up tables, chairs, etc. Also, SUNDAY immediately after the show, help is always appreciated to tear down after a long day. Help if you can. Thanks
Where is Spring? The calendar says its time but Mother Nature certainly doesn't appear ready to comply as I write these notes. Apparently, she doesn't care that Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring for this year? O well, so much for "expert" predictions!

As much as I look forward to sliding behind the wheel to enjoy some quality time with curved roads, and friends, I've found it a little bit difficult to get motivated with my annual spring cleaning ritual of "waking up" my Corvette for the year. I've actually started, but could certainly use a little more enthusiasm!

The first item that I try to eliminate early in the process is cleaning the engine and engine compartment. Every time that I lift that big clam shell hood, I sigh and then marvel at the amount of effort the General Motors engineers must have used to make that area almost untouchable by human hands! You can usually tell just by looking at my hands if I have been cleaning the engine area. If they are covered with broken finger nails, scabs, cuts, and bandages, it's either engine cleaning or I got a new job as a tester for a meat grinder company!

My next step is to remove the tires/wheels, inspect/clean the whole area around each wheel. I then apply a special brake dust resistant spray to the chrome rims. I can't see that the spray does anything at all, but it was expensive, so you know it must be good.

After the wheels are taken care of, I turn my attention to the exterior by using a clay bar to remove any "contamination" that the paint may have gotten mostly sitting under a car cover in my garage for the majority of the spring, summer and fall. After that step, I apply a coat of cleaner wax then two coats of a carnauba wax. I use carnauba because it is hard to apply and remove, so it must be good.

Last but not least, I turn my attention to the interior by thoroughly cleaning it from top to bottom, apply leather cleaner, and a special streak free glass cleaner. (Windex is only good enough for my daily driver and my home.)

If you are interested in sharing your Corvette beautification tips or anything else, write it down and send your thoughts to Editor Kathy Willenborg so she can share them with the rest of the class. She is always looking for interesting articles for our monthly newsletter.

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