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Northern Illinois Corvette Club

*Hello fellow members:*

What a GREAT month for NICC! The month started with our annual car show at Lou Bachrodt's and ended with NICC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I want to give a special thank you to the committee that worked on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was a GREAT party for all of the NICC members, new and old. There was a large turnout and many old friends came to celebrate with the club for our 50<sup>th</sup> year in operation.

I am looking forward to all the July activities. We start out with a car show in Rockford called Cars & Coffee that NICC is hosting at 9:00 am on July 2, 2022. I hope to see a lot of CORVETTES at the show. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we have the Cherry Valley parade. We are meeting at CherryVale Mall parking lot directly across from Menards at 11:00 am. We will caravan over to Cherry Valley for the parade line-up at noon.

Unfortunately our Midwest Region (MWR) autocross fundraiser scheduled for July 9-10 has been canceled. There was an issue with the venue at Wilmot, WI so an alternate site was being sought. However, the event was eventually eliminated altogether.

The Progressive Dinner is on July 23 and starts at 4:00 pm. I hope we have a lot of members sign up for this activity. It is always a great time and a lot of fun and food for all.

This month's meeting is on July 31 with the social hour at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7:00



President's  
Corner

pm. Let's have a big turnout of members so we can plan events for August.

Remember, this is your club so get involved and enjoy your time with club members.

Our club meetings are held at Sam's Ristorante, 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford on the last Sunday of the month. The newsletter and website publish the schedule for meetings. I would love to see more members attend the membership meetings to add your voice to our decision making and to bring forth new ideas. Members are also welcomed to attend the Board meetings. Guests are welcome to attend the social hour and membership meetings. Bring a Corvette enthusiast friend and have a good time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns for the club.

**John M. Stupac**  
NICC President



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*Love Vettes. Have Fun. Give Back!*

July 2022

2022 - Membership and Board Meetings				
<b>Jul</b>	31	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
<b>Aug</b>	28	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
<b>Sep</b>	25	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
<b>Oct</b>	23	5:00 PM - Board Meeting		
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
<b>Nov</b>	27	5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting	
<b>Dec</b>	18	3:30 PM - Board Meeting		
		5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting	
2023 - Membership and Board Meetings				
<b>Jan</b>	29	4:00 PM - Board Meeting		
		5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting	

*Unless otherwise posted, all Membership and Board meetings are held on Sundays at:*

**Sam's Ristorante**  
**6075 E. Riverside Blvd.**  
**Rockford, IL 61114**

*Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.  
Guests are welcome to attend the Social Hour and Membership Meetings.*

If you have other appropriate events of interest that you'd like to see publicized please send the details to the email address below. They will be included as space allows.

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#### 2022 - NICC Events - [See website for updates & flyers](#)

<b>Jul</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Cars &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>Rockford, IL</b>
	Sa-Mon	2-4	8:00 AM	<b>MWR Autocross</b>	Madison, WI
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Cherry Valley Parade</b>	<b>Cherry Valley, IL</b>
	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>9-10</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>MWR Autocross NICC Fundraiser</b>	<b>Canceled</b>
	Sa-Su	16-17	7:30 AM	<b>MWR Autocross</b>	Columbus, WI
	<b>Sat</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Progressive Dinner</b>	<b>Multiple Hosts</b>
	Sa-Su	23-24	7:00 AM	<b>MWR Autocross</b>	Quincy, IL
<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>MWR Autocross NICC Fundraiser</b>	<b>Crystal Lake, IL Volunteers Needed</b>
	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Road America</b>	<b>Plymouth, WI</b>
	<b>Sat</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Club Picnic</b>	<b>TBD</b>

#### 2022 - Other Events of Interest

July 13-16	<b>Black Hills Corvette Classic, South Dakota</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
August 27	<b>Vettes on the River, Le Claire, IA</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
August 25-27	<b>Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
September 17	<b>Corvette Funfest, Effingham, IL</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
September 23-25	<b>International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, Springfield, IL</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
November 19-20	<b>Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, Rosemont, IL</b>	<a href="#">website</a>

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## Important Club Member Dates

### ***Birthdays***

**Birthdays are good for your health; the more you have, the longer you live.**

A FarmersAlmanac.com Philosofact

#### July

Barb	Johnson
Chuck	Kruse
Micki	Stern
Dale	Samuelson
Maxine	Byrne
Gene	Stimart
Lee	Vik
Rod	Bennett
Susan	Chamberlain
Paul	Zeien

#### August

Helen	Millikin
Shelley	Shrum
Fen	Hicks
Mary Ann	Akey
Caroline	Mikels
John	Stupec
Christine	Osen

### **VETTE QUOTES**

A man walks in to a bar with a piece of asphalt. The man says to the bartender "1 for me, and 1 for the road"

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

*H Jackson Brown, Jr.*

"Never say never, because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion."

*Michael Jordan*

Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir"?

Sir: "Like winning an argument with my wife".

Waiter "Rare it is!".

What dresses for summer & sheds in winter?  
A tree.

Life does not come with instructions on how to live, but it does come with trees, sunsets, smiles and laughter, so enjoy your day.

*Debbie Shapiro*

### ***Wedding Anniversaries***



#### July

Dale & Carolyn Samuelson

#### August

Max & Kaitlin	Garibaldi
Roger & Donna	DeVries
Barry & Caroline	Mikels
Gene & Linda	Stimart
Richard & Dolores	Woessner
Dan & Kris	Bomgarden



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ALL MEMBERS!***

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ACTIVE MEMBER!**

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missing? Please let us know!  
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### **NICC Sunshine Club**

#### **Club Members:**

If you know of someone who needs to be remembered by our club, via a card or a note, please notify:

**Doris Hicks, Sunshine Club Chair, at**  
[dorishicks78@gmail.com](mailto:dorishicks78@gmail.com)  
**815-885-2426**

## NICC Minutes

May 2022 Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

### **1. Opening and Call to Order:**

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupiec at 7:04 p.m. with 32 members present in the meeting room and two on Zoom for a total of 34.

### **2. List of Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs:**

President: John Stupiec	Sergeant-at-Arms: Gene Stimart
Governor: Dale Samuelson	Editor: Preston Morgan
Secretary: Cindy Starzyk	Social Director: Debbie Schaefer
Treasurer: Susan Chamberlain	Quartermaster: Barb Johnson
Membership: Leon Gorsch	Advertising: Ken Starzyk
Parliamentarian: Doris Hicks	Public Relations: Ken Starzyk
Historian: Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson	Webmaster: Linda Stimart
NCM Ambassador: Louise Gorsch	Parade Director: Bill Morr
Sunshine Chair: Doris Hicks	Media Director: Open

### **3. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests or new members in attendance.

**4. Minutes:** A motion was made by Ken Starzyk to approve the April, 2022 minutes and was seconded by Cindy Starzyk. The motion was approved.

### **5. Monthly Reports:**

**President** – John Stupiec: No report at this time.

**Governor** – Dale Samuelson: See Dale's report in the newsletter. Please check the NICC or NCCC website for the MWR schedule. Volunteers from NICC are needed to work the Autocross NICC Fundraisers on July 9-10 and August 6-7. The July Autocross will not, however, be at Wilmot. The location will be determined at a later date.

**Secretary** – Cindy Starzyk: Cindy reported that there are a few slight updates in the calendar on the NICC website.

**Treasurer** – Susan Chamberlain: Cindy Starzyk distributed copies of the financial report.

**Membership** – Leon Gorsch: We have 73 members.

**Parliamentarian** – Doris Hicks: No report.

**Historian** - Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee continues to work on the June 26<sup>th</sup> event.

**NCM Ambassador** - Louise Gorsch: No report at this time.

**Sunshine Club Chair** - Doris Hicks: No report.

**Sergeant-at-arms** - Gene Stimart: \$3 was collected.

**Editor** - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Preston thanked all the members for going on the Tail of the Dragon trip. He was able to meet some new members and greatly appreciates all the work Leon & Louise did on the organization and execution of the trip. Due to the May meeting being early this month, articles for the June newsletter are due the usual last week which makes the due date by June 1<sup>st</sup> or at the latest, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Social Director** – Debbie Schaefer: Thanks goes to Jeanette Hansen for acquiring many gifts at the National Corvette Museum to offer members during our raffles at each meeting.

**Quartermaster** - Barb Johnson: Men's club shirts are blue and ladies' are black. They are \$45.

**Advertising** – Ken Starzyk: Ken will update our advertisers' list to indicate those who have paid.

**Public Relations** - Ken Starzyk: Thanks to everyone who turned out for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Shoot at Bachrodt Auto Mall. We had 23 Corvettes for the shoot. The drone pilot will send the photos to our website.

The car show is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer for the show! The Road America Run is August 6-7. Remember that our Autocross Fundraiser is also taking place on those dates. There is one slot left for the Road America trip.

**Webmaster** - Linda Stimart: If you ever have a change to your email address, please let Linda know.

**Parade Director** – Bill Morr: Our first parade will be in Pecatonica on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 1:00 at Diamond Motors on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 20 and South Conger Road. Rod Bennett will lead us to the location for lining up and the parade will begin at 2:00. The Old Settlers' Day Parade in Rockton will be on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00 and start at 12:00. The Cherry Valley Parade will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 12:30 and start at 1:00. Please also check the website's calendars and flyers for updated information.

## **6. Old Business:**

**Club 50-Year Anniversary** – The committee's work continues.

**Tail of the Dragon Trip 2022** – Louise offered her paperwork from the planning of the trip to anyone who would like to have it. The weather on the trip was excellent. She thanked Ken & Cindy and Barb & Don for their help in leading groups during the first part of the journey. It was a six-day trip with no tickets or accidents.

**Progressive Dinner** – Will be on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and begins at 4:30.

**Spring Run Volo** – Leon thanked Russ & Debbie for this very enjoyable event.

## **7. New Business:**

**Pecatonica Parade** – May 30<sup>th</sup> – See above information under Parade Director. There are no sign-ups for the attending the parades. Just show up.

**Car Show at Lou Bachrodt (June 4<sup>th</sup>)** – The pre-registration deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Bloomington Gold** - June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. NICC will not be sanctioning this event. Individuals are on their own.

**Autocross MWR (July 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>)** – See above information under Governor.

**Cruise Night at Smokin' Coops (June 20<sup>th</sup>)** – More details are on the website. You do not have to sign up for this ahead of time.

**Autocross MWR (July 9-10)** - This is an NICC Fundraiser. Please consider volunteering.

**Route 66 Possible Trip (Rally)** – John Stupec has sent out information to the membership from Austin Coop of Tulane America who sets up these trips for a fee. NICC will hold off on this for 2022 due to our full club calendar and revisit it next year.

**New Cars**: Roger & Donna DeVries have acquired a Long Beach Red Metallic 2017 Grand Sport 2LT Coupe. Congratulations!!

## **8. Collection of Fines: \$3**

**9. Raffles**: 1<sup>st</sup> winner – Bob Rogers. 2<sup>nd</sup> winner – Jeanette Hansen.

**10. Attendance Drawing**: \$10.00 William Crull, absent. Next month - \$20.00.

**11. Adjournment**: - 7:39 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Putnam and seconded by Cindy Starzyk. The motion was approved.

**Next Club Monthly Meeting**:

**There will be no meeting on June 26, 2022 due to the NICC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Cindy Starzyk



## NICC Governor's Report

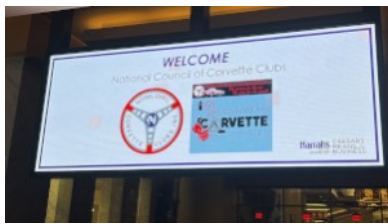
Submitted by Dale Samuelson Image Credit: NCCC/Jon

Carolyn and I attended the annual NCCC Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. We've been to every NCCC Convention since 1981 as well as most of the "big" Corvette events around the country including Bloomington Gold, Black Hills Classic, Corvettes at Carlisle, FunFest, Corvette Expo, etc, etc. At least to me, the NCCC Convention beats them all and is the best bang for the buck. So here are some highlights:



Wanting to get to Atlantic City by Saturday and with a 1000 plus mile trip ahead of us, we left Stillman Valley early Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. We tried to avoid most of the \$250 toll costs and took a southern route through Bloomington, Champaign, Indianapolis, and ended the day in Cambridge, OH with about 550 miles for the day.

Saturday we were fed and gassed and on the road by 8 AM. Again trying to avoid the toll roads, we made our way to Philadelphia and then finally jumped on the New Jersey turnpike for the final few miles into Atlantic City. We got to the hotel by 4 PM, just as registration for the convention was closing. We did get checked into our room and then time to find a good place for dinner and a cold beverage or two. Our room was on the 40<sup>th</sup> floor and overlooked the bay and the Atlantic Ocean. We had a beautiful sunrise every morning.



Sunday we were up early, had breakfast in the casino/hotel, got registered (a very easy process), got the car off the trailer and ran through tech inspection. There was a wash station for the Corvettes so I decided to give the Corvette a quick wash and remove some of the road dirt. Of course an hour later it rained – go figure! Sunday night was a welcome party with a 3 piece group providing entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, a drawing for a free set of tires, and of course free pop, beer, and wine. We stayed until the party ended and they locked the doors.

Monday I got up early and walked through the parking lot where the People's Choice Car Show as well as the Judged Concourse was taking place. There was a nice variety of cars representing every generation and many cars from the east coast that I had never seen before. At 10 AM I wandered inside and attended a seminar sponsored by Michelin Tire. There was lots of good information concerning tires and Corvettes. They also gave away a set of tires to those in attendance – I didn't win. I spent some time in the hospitality room (did I mention free pop, beer, and wine). That evening we headed to a formal banquet and then presentation of the 2021 NCCC competition awards as well as a few other awards. Once again we stayed till the very end.



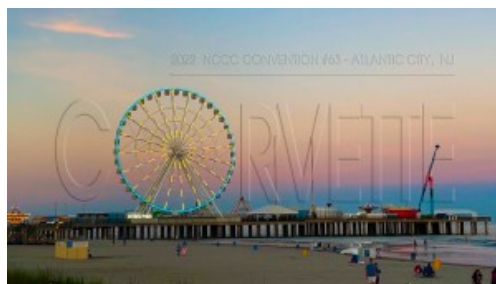
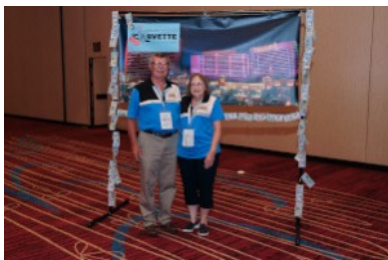
Tuesday was race day and we were on the road before 6 AM. It was an easy one hour drive to the New Jersey Motorsports Park. It rained on and off most of the morning – thankfully we were doing the autocross in the morning and by the time we got our runs in it was a least drying out a little. In the afternoon it was our turn to do the high speed road course. We got a 15 minute session first to establish a base time. Cars were then grouped by time and sent out for a second session. The format worked well and I don't think anyone did any passing or was held up during their timed runs. The track is challenging with several blind turns. I know I saw 145 mph on the main straight. Tuesday night was a free night with no planned party so we took the opportunity to go out for a nice dinner.

Wednesday was a free day for us, so we took the opportunity to drive down the coast to Cape May. We saw the beautiful sea shore, the board walk, and all the gorgeous homes between Atlantic City and Cape May. Wednesday night was a pool party at the hotel. The pool was closed to the public so NCCC was the only one there. A juke box/DJ provided music all night and the hors d'oeuvres were more like a meal. Once again – we stayed till the end.

Thursday many of the folks were off on tours to Philadelphia, Cape May, Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum and more. We elected to take the day off and just relax. We had entered the valve cover race later that evening and I had some last minute maintenance to do. That evening included a buffet dinner, entertainment, and of course, valve cover racing. Valve cover racing is the grown up version of the cub scouts pinewood derby. Our racer was pretty quick and Carolyn made it to the final round of the women's race and took second place. I red lighted on my first run, so it was time to drink beer!

Friday morning included a breakfast buffet followed by convention awards. What a great way to end the week. We were packed up and on the road by noon.

We thoroughly enjoyed the entire week, took time to reunite with old friends, and made some new friends. The 2023 NCCC Convention is in Bowling Green, KY June 25<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. This just happens to be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corvette and we will celebrate with a birthday party. I hope you'll make plans to be there.



### NICC MEMBER CORVETTES BY GENERATION

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8
1	2	6	5	7	12	22	6
TOTAL — 61							

NOTE: UPDATED 6/10/2022

Source: NICC Membership Roster



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## **2022 Memorial Day Parade – Pecatonica, IL**

Submitted by Bill and Kathleen Morr Photos by Cindy Starzyk

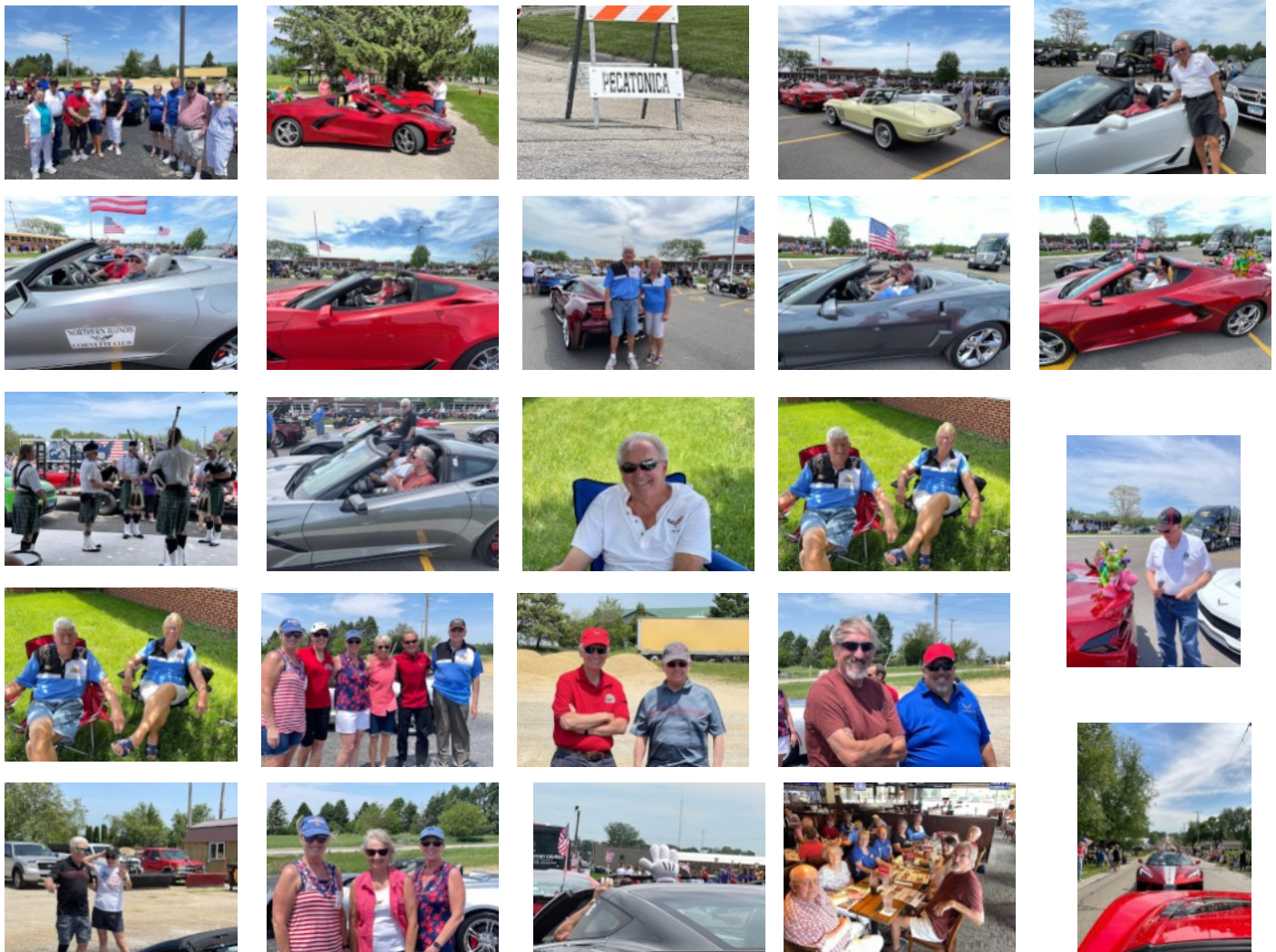
NICC participated in the annual Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2022. The day was clear, sunny and very windy with temps in the 80's. 17 club member cars and 2 guest cars participated.

Club members met at 12:30 p.m. at Diamond Motors on U.S. 20. Once everyone had arrived, Ron Bennett led the caravan into Pecatonica to our staging area at the Pecatonica Middle School for the 1:00 p.m. lineup. The parade kicked-off promptly at 2:00 p.m. down Main Street.

The parade route was lined with enthusiastic parade watchers; toddlers to seniors, including many veterans. Everyone enjoyed seeing our Corvettes with many thumbs-ups to their favorites.

After the parade, we lunched at one of our sponsors, Old Chicago Pizza + Taproom in Rockford with 22 people attending. We all enjoyed our meals and spending time with fellow members.

Many thanks and appreciation to the following club members for their participation in the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade: Bennett, Bowers, Weaver, Starzyk, Putnam, Gorsch, Stimart, Stupac, DeVires, Rogers, Johnson, DeVires, Akey, Osen, and Morr.



## **NICC 2022 Let the Good Times Roll Car Show**

Reported by Cindy and Ken Starzyk Photos by Cindy Starzyk

NICC's second year hosting its car show in unison with our major sponsor, Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall in Cherry Valley brought in 37 registered vehicles plus a number of spectators despite the cold weather with on-and-off showers. It was held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am– 2:00 pm. Feedback regarding the car show was very positive. Participants and volunteers confirmed that they had a fun time.

Winners of the beautiful plaques and trophies were as follows:

First Place – Dan Bomgarden - 1979 Excalibur Phantom

Second Place – Jeff & Onie Drewelow - 1970 El Camino

Third Place – Dan Herr - 1975 Ford Bronco

Fourth Place – Roger DeVries – 2017 Corvette

Fifth Place – Al Tominaro – 1982 Corvette

Sixth Place – George Mazurek – 1967 Pontiac GTO

Seventh Place – Jack Scuperi – 1969 Camaro

Eighth Place – Max Garibaldi = 2004 Corvette

Ninth Place – Dan Bomgarden = 2017 Corvette

Tenth Place – Bob Rogers – 2021 Corvette

Spectator Prize – George Mazurek – 1967 Pontiac GTO

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bob Rogers.

Twenty-one outstanding volunteers arrived very early and deserve all the thanks and compliments in the world for their hard work and support! Following are the names of the volunteers:

Dale Samuelson, Greg Osen, Gene & Linda Stimart, Don & Barb Johnson, George & Susan Chamberlain, Dan & Kris Bomgarden, Craig Gleason, Roger DeVries, Bill & Kathleen Morr, Joe & Jeanette Hansen, Debbie Schaefer, Nancy Bailey, Bob Rogers, Janet Gruhn, Sherry Putnam and John Stupec.

Everyone enjoyed the great tunes of DJ Roger “Wolfman” Peters. Tracy Beyer, the Marketing Director from Bachrodt, along with Joe Luy, Commercial Manager and Charlie Hansmeyer, General Manager were enormously helpful with the execution of the show and presentation of the trophies. They arranged for us to award the trophies inside which worked out so well! A special thanks goes out to them and their staff for making it so enjoyable.

All proceeds from this car show, plus the 50/50 raffle club winnings will be donated to the Veterans Network Committee of Northern Illinois, Rock River Valley Food Pantry, GiGi's Playhouse, Empower Boone Food Pantry and Carpenters Place. Thanks again to all the volunteers who made this endeavor a great one for our veterans and charities!

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Our thanks to Ken and Cindy Starzyk for all of their planning and organizing to make this car show a success. They invested enormous time and effort into this highly popular event.**







## **2022 Old Settlers Day Parade – Rockton, IL**

Submitted by Bill and Kathleen Morr

NICC participated in the annual Old Settlers Day Parade on June 18, 2022. The weather for the day was ideal; clear and sunny with comfortable temperatures. Five club member cars were in attendance.

The club members met at 11:00 a.m. We lined up on Salem Street on the west side of Hononegah High School in Rockton, IL and the parade stepped off promptly at noon.

The parade goers were lined on both sides of the downtown street. This year, the parade organizers did not allow candy to be thrown from any moving vehicles. Vehicle passengers who wanted to walk along with their vehicles were permitted to throw candy. This was a safety measure instituted by the parade organizers to keep the children from running into the streets.

After the parade, we had lunch at our sponsor, Fire House Pub in Roscoe. Four participants from the parade attended along with Louise Gorsch joining the group.

Thanks and appreciation to the following club members for their participation in the Old Settlers Day Parade: DeVires, Osen, Gorsch, DeVires and Morr.

## **Crickets change the speed of their chirping according to the temperature.**

Staff for Interesting Facts at [https://www.interestingfacts.com/fact/62a73f98e67dfd00074583c0?utm\\_source=daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=1535075985#62a7374941e401000890a3ac](https://www.interestingfacts.com/fact/62a73f98e67dfd00074583c0?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1535075985#62a7374941e401000890a3ac)

Physicist Amos E. Dolbear is known for his work on early telephones and other inventions, but an 1897 issue of *The American Naturalist* contained a different type of scientific contribution: the hypothesis that cricket chirps are linked to air temperature. Dolbear's observations (likely of snowy tree crickets, or *Oecanthus fultoni*) led him to theorize that the frequency of their chirps increased with warmer weather, and slowed as the thermometer fell. Surely, the phenomenon could be used to "easily compute the temperature when the number of chirps per minute is known," Dolbear wrote. Most entomologists



Image credit: Encyclopedia Britannica

now agree that his theory — called Dolbear's Law — is pretty spot-on, thanks to how insects respond to environmental changes. As cold-blooded creatures, crickets are unable to regulate their body temperatures internally, relying on the sun's heat to fuel their metabolisms and provide the energy they need. Warmer temperatures allow the six-legged critters to use more energy, allowing more of the chemical reactions in their bodies that produce muscle contractions (and thus chirps) to occur — which we hear in the form of faster-paced songs.

You can easily test Dolbear's Law on the next warm, buzzing night. Tune in to one cricket's song, count the number of chirps you hear in 15 seconds, and add 37 for an approximate forecast in degrees Fahrenheit. (If math isn't your strong suit, the U.S. National Weather Service has a handy cricket chirp converter that also provides a Celsius conversion). There are some limitations to using a cricket temperature gauge, however: Most crickets won't sing when temps dip below 55 degrees or when heat pushes the thermometer past 100. And while many crickets respond to temperature shifts this way, not all chirp at the same rate. Fortunately, the snowy tree cricket is widespread throughout the United States — where, perhaps unsurprisingly, it's also known as the thermometer cricket.



## Smokin' Coop Cruise Night

Report and photos by Cindy Starzyk

NICC's 2022 Cruise Night was held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Smokin' Coop BBQ on Rt. 20 in Belvidere. It was very well attended with 15 beautiful Vettes. The group of Corvette enthusiasts was comprised 28 members.

The food was tasty, the service was excellent, and the weather was perfect. Very few members left early. Most of us stayed to relax, mingle, laugh and catch up. We enjoyed meeting a new member, Chris Howard. He has a blue 2015 Coupe. Everyone enjoyed the venue, cuisine, weather and camaraderie.





## **Presentation of NICC Portrait to Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall**

Report and photos by Cindy Starzyk

On June 4<sup>th</sup> this year NICC ran their second car show in conjunction with the Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall. In the club's desire to express gratitude for the support and financial sponsorship received by Bachrodt, we decided to present their business with a token of our appreciation and did so on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The major players there were: Joe Luy the Commercial Manager, Tracy Beyer the Marketing Director and Charlie Hansmeyer the General Manager of Bachrodt. NICC's president, John Stupiec, along with the Public Relations Director, Ken Starzyk presented them with a framed portrait of NICC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photo which was taken in front of Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall. It surprised them and they were thrilled with it. Their intent is to hang it up in a prominent and visible area of the dealership. We're very happy with our partnership with Lou Bachrodt! It is beneficial to NICC and facilitates our support to local charities and veteran groups.



## **Slaying the Dragon**

Members who have photos of their Corvette driving on the Tail of the Dragon are encouraged to submit them for inclusion in future issues of *Vette Visions*. You can email me a jpeg file of the picture; email files to: [editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com). Please be sure to include who deserves credit for the photo.

If you need assistance in preparing your picture to be emailed, please call me at 941.875.4576.

Preston Morgan  
NICC Editor



Nina and Preston Morgan driving the Tail of the Dragon.  
Image credit: Killboy.com.

## **NICC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Report and photos by Cindy Starzyk

The Northern Illinois Corvette Club (NICC) members had a great time at their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! As you can see in the NICC newsletter and website photos there were countless smiles and laughs. The event was held at the Forest Hills Country Club in Rockford, IL. Cocktail hour began at 5:30. The venue was stunning and beautifully decorated thanks to the staff at Forest Hills and the NICC Anniversary Committee. The committee was made up of Historians Nancy Bailey and Carolyn Samuelson, Quartermaster Barb Johnson, Governor Dale Samuelson, Webmaster Linda Stimart, Public Relations Director Ken Starzyk and Secretary Cindy Starzyk. Credit must also be given to the supplementary assistance, talents and support behind the scenes which comprised of NCM Ambassador Louise Gorsch, Sergeant-at-Arms Gene Stimart, Don Johnson, Russ Moore and Sherry Putnam.



Throughout the evening there was a slide show presentation that Linda Stimart spent numerous hours preparing. Photos from long-ago and recent events delighted everyone.

NICC President John Stupiec welcomed guests, introduced the officers, directors and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee members. He outlined the program for the evening and made a toast to this special Corvette club anniversary.

At 6:20 the meal was served. Attendees chose steak, chicken, salmon or vegetable stir-fry. Comments regarding the cuisine were very positive as were those about the staff and service. The cake was specially prepared and decorated by a good friend of Nancy Bailey's, and it was outstanding!

After dining, Dale Samuelson gave a terrific overview of NICC's history. SWANI (Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois) Club was another club in the Rockford area. One member wanted to join the National Council of Corvette Clubs, so some members broke off from SWANI and named it NICC. This happened in 1972. The first meetings were in a member's trailer! It is a non-profit club dedicated to promoting a membership that is devoted to enjoying the Corvette experience while having fun, making friendships, and learning about Corvettes. NICC is committed to making a positive contribution to the community.

Activities have included drive and dines, spring and fall runs, bowling parties, volleyball matches, picnics, progressive dinners, wine tastings, Christmas holiday parties, bingo games as fundraisers, and car shows indoors at Cherryvale Mall with almost 100 cars from late Friday night to Sunday! NICC hosted autocross weekends over Labor Day weekend near Utica, IL. Over the past 50 years, NICC has held its meetings in at least 20 different locations including The Branding Iron, the Steam Plant, Thunder Bay Grill, and our current location, Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria.

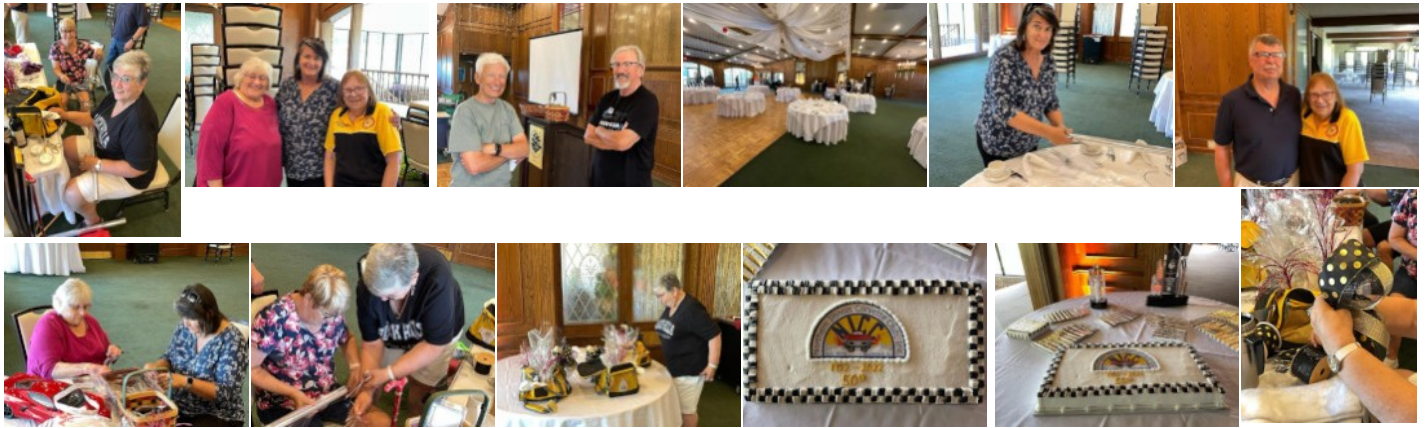
Dale cited long-standing members, officers, directors and competition champions and workers. There were too many names to mention here, but some of the key players were Arnie & Nancy Bailey, Jack & Janet Wilson, Jim & Joan Thomas, Jamie Boone, Sue & Bruce Larsen, Jim McGowan, and of course Dale & Carolyn Samuelson.



Our current logo was updated at our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are always well represented at both the regional and national levels. Since 1976 or earlier, NICC members have attended every National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) convention and participated in the events and workings of the conventions. Several NICC members have held leadership positions in NCCC such as Dale Samuelson, current President and VP of Competition, Jack Wilson, VP of Competition and Business Manager, Nancy Bailey, Secretary, and Joan Thomas, Webmaster. Our club members have been winners in convention competitions such as wet t-shirt contests, beer-chugging contests and dance contests, always winning the "Last Man Standing Award"! "We join for the car; we stay for the people".

Love Vettes, Have Fun, Give Back!

### The Preparation



### Recognition and Fellowship







### Reflection and WINNERS!



**NICC 50 YEARS**  
**SERVING CORVETTE ENTHUSIASTS AND THE COMMUNITY**



**NICC's hosting Cars & Coffee!!**  
**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 9 am**  
**~Just show up~**

Located in the Rockford Public Schools Admin Building parking lots. Directly across the street from Katie's Cup coffee bar at: 502 7th Street Rockford, IL 61104





# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

## Cherry Valley, Illinois

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB

**DATE:** Monday, July 4, 2022

**MEETING TIME:** 11:00 A.M

**MEET AT:** Cherry Vale Mall (Perryville  
Parking Lot directly across the street  
from Mendards)

**LINE UP By:** NOON in Cherry Valley

**PARADE STARTS:** 1:00 P.M.

**LUNCH AFTER PARADE:**

Old Chicago, 6280 E. State Street,  
Rockford, Ill 815-227-4040



## Firecracker 21 in Madison, WI

Midwest Region Fundraiser Autocross

**21 Low Speed Events**



**Saturday, July 2, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-005, 006 ~ MW-278-005, -006, -007, -008, -009  
**Sunday, July 3, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-007 ~ 278-010 ~ MW-464-001, -002, -003, -004, -005  
**Monday, July 4, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-008 ~ MW-464-006, -007, -008, -009, -010 ~ MW-315-008

**Location:** Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713  
**NCCC & Non-NCCC Pre-Registered Entry Fees:** \$60/day ~ \$165 for all 3 days  
**MAIL IN Pre-Registration Form attached. [Click here for ON LINE Registration](#)**

**Payment must be received by June 27, 2022 to receive discounted fees**

**NCCC Day of Event Entry Fees:** \$70 per day or \$190 for all 3 days.  
**Non-NCCC Day of Event Entry Fees:** \$80 per day or \$200 for all 3 days.  
**Passengers OK:** Will be announced at the Drivers' Meeting.

**Overall Chairpersons:** Jeff Craig, Midwest Region RCD

Cell: 314-941-0974

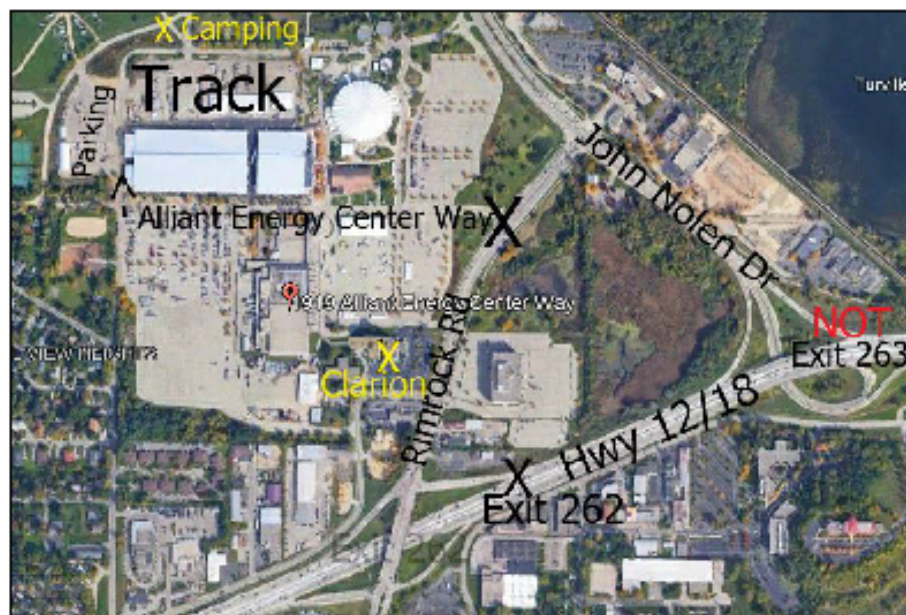
**Schedule (All Times are Central Daylight Saving Time):**

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<b>Registration:</b>	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	8:00 AM to 8:30 AM	8:00 AM to 8:30 AM
<b>Tech:</b>	7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
<b>Drivers Meeting:</b>	9:15 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
<b>First Car Out:</b>	After drivers meeting	After drivers meeting	After drivers meeting

**All Drivers must attend the Drivers' Meeting**

**Event Info:** This event is voluntary. All participants come at their own risk. All current COVID 19 guidelines must be followed. All Attendees must sign the Insurance Waiver. No alcohol on premises. Pets must be on leash. All Drivers must show a valid Driver's License. NCCC Drivers must also show their NCCC Card. Car Numbers will be assigned by Registration. MWR Drivers requesting numbers will be charged per MWR Rules. Overnight Vette and Trailer Parking is permitted. People staying in an RV/Camper will be required to pay \$35.00 Camping Fee. MWR Members will be asked to work. Non-NCCC Drivers will run in the Guest Class. **Closed Exhaust:** 103db limit

**You may also  
Scan QR Code below  
to Register On Line**



**Alliant Energy Center of Dane County (used to be the Dane County Coliseum)**

**Exit 142A off I-90/I-94/I-39 onto the Beltline Highway (Hwys 12/18) West**

**Take Exit 262 (not Exit 263) at Rimrock Road North and then turn left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of lights onto Alliant Energy Center Way**

**Turn Right onto Coliseum North Road to the Event Parking Lot**

**Room Block at Clarion Suites  
Mad City Vettes ~ \$109  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/XX89KQ>**

**2110 Rimrock Road**

**Willow Island Camping across the road from track ~ \$35**



# Autocross MADness Weekend 2022



**MADISON COLLEGE**  
**Public Safety Training Facility**  
 W2140 Krause Rd  
 Columbus, WI 53925  
**July 16-17, 2022**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Low Speed Events**  
**Autocross Weekend**



**Closed Exhaust ~ Quiet Time til 8:00 am each day. Equipment & vehicle (no people or animals) may stay at the track overnight. Early drop off at the track Friday from 5 to 7 PM. Neither Madison College nor the PSTF are responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.**

## Mad City Vettes

Saturday MW-465-001

Sunday MW-465-002

Joan Thomas, Governor ~ Overall Chairman  
 815-494-5985 (Cell)

[teamthomas525@gmail.com](mailto:teamthomas525@gmail.com)

## Northern Rays, Ltd

Saturday MW-135-001

Sunday MW-135-002

Dan Wagner, Governor

## Kettle Moraine Corvette Club

Saturday MW-084-001, -002, -003, -004, -005

Sunday MW-084-006, -007, -008, -009, -010

Dick Huibregtse, Governor



Track is off US Hwy 151 about 13 miles NE of Madison, WI

From I-90/94/39 take Exit 135 to Sun Prairie

For all take Exit 111 (County V) West

Krause Rd is the VERY 1<sup>st</sup> right off V west of the 151/V Interchange

**Saturday – July 16, 2022**

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM CDT

Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM CDT

First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

**Sunday – July 17, 2022**

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 8:00AM CDT

Drivers Meeting: 8:15AM CDT

First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

**Entry Fees per Driver: (Fees have been reduced in lieu of Awards)**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers**

All 14 Events - \$120.00 Pre-Registered

Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered

Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by July 11, 2022**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers Day of Event**

All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$75.00

**You may also scan this QR Code to Pre Register On Line**



[CLICK HERE for On-Line Pre-Registration](#)

No Alcohol, Smoking or Vaping on premises at any time.  
 Participation is at one's own risk.  
 All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.  
 All Attendees must sign the Insurance waiver.  
 All Drivers must show their Drivers License.  
 NCCC Members must show their NCCC Membership Card  
 Car Numbers will be assigned by Registration. MWR Members requesting numbers will be charged per MWR Rules.

Non-NCCC Drivers will run in the Guest Class  
 Passengers OK? Will be announced at the Drivers Meetings  
 No parking on non-paved areas  
 All non-competing vehicles park at Building "A" (see map)  
 Overnight Vehicle & Trailer Parking is allowed  
 Overnight People & Pets ARE NOT allowed  
 Gate is locked overnight  
 Pets must be on leash and cleaned up after.



## 14 LOW SPEED EVENTS

July 23 & 24, 2022

Great River Corvette Club  
Quincy, IL

**Location:** John Wood Community College, 1301 S 48<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL 62305

**Event Fee:** NCCC MEMBERS: Pre-registration – All 14 events \$100.00  
(Payment must be received by 7/18/22)

Day of the Event: NCCC Members \$60 per day – All 14 events \$120  
Non-NCCC Members \$10.00 per event.

Must comply with NCCC Rules-Open Exhaust Allowed  
Non-NCCC member participants are not eligible for awards

Friday Night-Tech & Registration at the Host Hotel from 5pm-7pm

**Saturday-Registration & Tech:** Opens at 7:00 until 8:30 AM

**Drivers Meeting:** Saturday / 8:45 AM  
(Chairpersons will be Announced at Drivers Meeting)

7 Low Speed Events – MW-155-001 thru MW-155-005 – Start time: 9:00 AM  
MW-278-001 & MW380-002 (Central Illinois Corvettes, Inc.)

**Sunday-Registration & Tech:** Opens at 7:30 until 8:00 AM

**Drivers Meeting:** Sunday / 8:15 AM  
(Chairpersons will be Announced at Drivers Meeting)

7 Low Speed Events – MW-155-006 thru MW-155-010 – Start time: 8:30 AM  
MW-278-003 & MW-278-004 (Central Illinois Corvettes, Inc.)  
Entrants may be asked to work

**NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS**  
Bottled Water will be available - No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed

All current COVID 19 Guidelines must be followed. (Phase 5 – Restore Illinois Plan) Masks are required while indoors. Failure to Comply with Covid 19 Guidelines could result in disqualification and ejection.

**Host Hotel** Town & Country Inn and Suites, 110 N. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy, IL (217) 214-0400  
Rate is \$119 per night/King - \$124 per night/two Queens (Cut off date: 7/1/21)  
Mention "Great River Corvette Club"  
MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY-Ample parking for trailers at Host Hotel

**Note:** Numbers will be assigned by Registration per assigned number list and available numbers. MWR members requesting numbers other than those assigned by registration will be charged per MWR rules

**Day of Event Phone Number** Bill Esicar 573-248-4464

**Governor**  
Great River Corvette Club Bill Esicar 573-248-4464 strmy1947@gmail.com



# 39<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Show Sunday - August 14, 2022

Host Club: Badger State Vettes  
Location: Heiser Chevrolet  
10200 West Arthur Ave - West Allis WI 53227  
MW-246-007 People's Choice MW-246-008 Judged Concours  
MW-246-009 Entrants' Choice Show  
NCCC REGION: MIDWEST

**PRE-REGISTRATION: NOW THRU August 7, 2022**

REGISTRATION/TECH: 8:00 to 9:30 A.M. (CDT)

ENTRANTS MEETING: 10:15 A.M. (CDT)

JUDGING: 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (CDT)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE & ENTRANTS' CHOICE VOTING: 10:30 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. (CDT)

DOOR PRIZES & AWARDS: APPROXIMATELY 2:15 P.M. (CDT)

Questions on day of Craig Wiendl: 414-530-4819

Each entrant must comply with local and Heiser face mask and safety requirements.

Attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. For lodging, map and show flyer see [badgerstatevettes.com](http://badgerstatevettes.com)



Jim Heiser 1944 - 2022

Judged Concours, People's Choice & Entrants' Choice Show ~ \$35 if pre-registered by August 7th or \$40 Day of Show. One entry fee covers all 3 events and includes one (1) show T shirt (while supply lasts) & class award. Judged cars are also eligible for the Dealer's Choice Award or Best of Show Award.

People's Choice & Entrants' Choice Show ~ \$25 if pre-registered by August 7th or \$30 Day of Show. One entry fee covers both events. These entrants are eligible for People's Choice class awards, an Entrants' Choice award & receive a FREE (1) show T shirt (while supply lasts). These cars may be outdoors.

Partial proceeds donated to Wisconsin Hero Outdoors spirit began in 2016 with Veterans, and First Responders gathered together using camaraderie of outdoor activities to address both the physical and mental health challenges brought on by the stresses of service and ultimately aide in the prevention of suicide. Wisconsin Hero Outdoors offers a variety of outdoor complementary therapies to our participants and their families. Our core values are "Honor. Courage. Conservation."



**Trophies** **Dash plaques** **Goodie bags** **Door prizes** **Food & non-alcohol drinks may be available for sale all day** **Silent Auctions** **50/50 drawings**  
**And all the extras that make it a fun day!**

Questions? E-mail Cat Riordan at [cat\\_in\\_milw@yahoo.com](mailto:cat_in_milw@yahoo.com) or call 262-385-0144

MW246-007 Event Chairperson: Joan Beck  
MW246-007 Co-Chairperson: TJ Tang  
MW246-008 Chairpersons: Cat Riordan & Don Morris  
MW246-009 Chairpersons: TJ Tang & Joan Beck  
GOVERNOR: Craig Wiendl: 414-530-4819  
P O Box 61, Muskego WI 53150-0061



COVID-19

Mask & Social Distancing May be Required





# Crazy Daze Autocross MADness 2022



**August 20-21 2022**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Autocross Events**  
**Closed Exhaust: 103db**



This event is voluntary. Participants come at their own risk. All current COVID 19 guidelines will be followed.

**Alliant Energy Center of Dane County**  
**1919 Alliant Energy Center Way**  
**Madison, WI 53713**

## Mad City Vettes

**Saturday: MW-465-007, -008**  
**Sunday: MW-465-009, -010**  
**Joan Thomas, Governor**  
**Overall Chairman**  
[teamthomas525@gmail.com](mailto:teamthomas525@gmail.com)  
**815-494-5985 (Cell)**

## Wisconsin Corvette Club

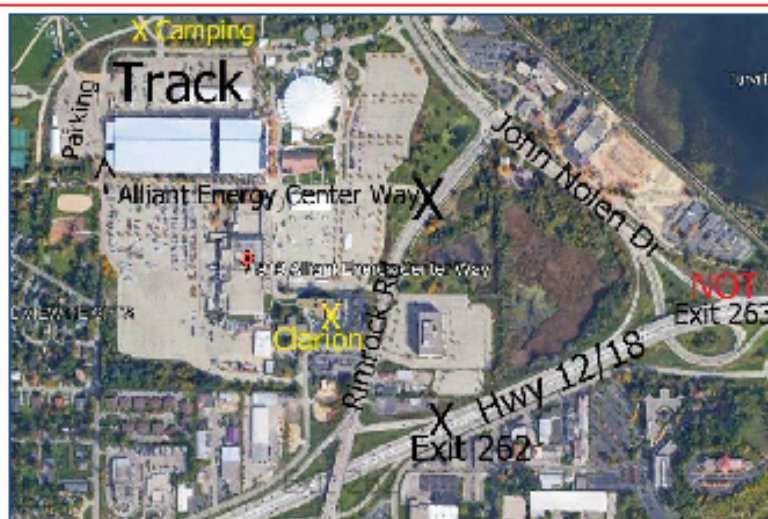
**Saturday MW-075-001, -002**  
**Sunday MW-075-003, -004, -005**  
**Ed Cassel, Governor**

## River City Corvettes

**Saturday: MW-122-008, -009, -010**  
**Tom Stibbe, Governor**

## Glass Favorites

**Sunday: MW-077-009, -010**  
**Mike Link, Governor**



Take Exit 142A off I-90/I-94/I-39 onto the Beltline Highway (Hwys 12/18) West. Take Exit 262 (not 263) onto Rimrock Road North. Turn left at 2<sup>nd</sup> set of traffic lights onto Alliant Energy Center Way. Turn Right onto Coliseum North Road to the Event Parking Lot

**Room Block at Clarion Suites ~ Group Name: Mad City Vettes**  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/TY3122>  
**2110 Rimrock Road ~ \$109**

**Willow Island Camping across the road from the Track ~ \$35**

**Registration Fees per Driver: (Fees have been reduced in lieu of Awards)**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers ~ All 14 Events - \$120.00 Pre-Registered**

**Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered**

**Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached. [CLICK HERE for On-Line Pre-Registration](#)**

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by August 15, 2022**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Day of Event ~ All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$75.00**

**All times are CDT**

**Saturday - August 20, 2022**

**Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM**

**Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM**

**First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting**

**Sunday - August 21, 2022**

**Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 8:00AM**

**Drivers Meeting: 8:15AM**

**First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting**

**You may also scan this QR Code to Pre Register On Line**



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 Car Numbers will be assigned by Registration.  
 MWR Members requesting a number will be charged

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 Passengers OK? Will be announced at the Drivers Meetings  
 Overnight Vette & Trailer Parking is allowed  
 Overnight People & Pets in RV/Camper must camp on Willow Island  
 Pets must be on leash.

# CORVETTES FOR CHARITY

## NCCC Veterans Choice Corvette Concours

### Date: Sunday, August 21, 2022



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**WINDY CITY CORVETTES**

NCCC Sanction # MW-351-006



**LOCATION** →



**Thomas E. Hartung  
American Legion  
Post 1977**

14414 W Ford Drive

New Lenox, IL 60451

[www.americanlegionnewlenox.com](http://www.americanlegionnewlenox.com)

Veterans from the American Legion will be Judging  
There is no food available, but soft drinks/water can be purchased at the facility. No alcohol during the show.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN  
ILLINOIS SPINA BIFIDA ASSOC. (ISBA) AND  
THOMAS E HARTUNG AMERICAN LEGION POST 1977

Money collected from Split the Pot, raffles and swap tables will also go to charity

See reverse side of flyer for items that will be collected for the Manteno Veterans Home

Event Fees: Pre-registration (prior to 8/15/2022) - \$20  
From 8/15/2022 until Day-of-show registration - \$30

Registration: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CT  
Driver's Meeting 10:00 a.m. CT  
Awards at 2:00 p.m. CT

NCCC Members must present current Membership Cards the day of the event  
(All entrants must sign the insurance waiver form) Each entrant must comply with Illinois health and safety requirements in place on the date of the event. Attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. No alcohol during the show.

Mail Pre-Registration payment to Windy City Corvettes, P.O. Box 353, Orland Park, IL 60462-0353

Governor	Chairperson	Chairperson
Dave Heinemann	Bill Kocanda	Teresa Kocanda
708-638-0199	708-927-9736	708-269-3273
WindyZ06@aol.com	wlk6811.2@gmail.com	t.kocanda3@gmail.com

*Pre-Show Registration Form is attached*



## 2021 Corvette Wins eNVy Award As Best Premium Sports Car

By Jonathan Lopez for GM Authority at <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2022/05/2021-corvette-wins-envy-award-as-best-premium-sports-car/>

The 2021 Chevy Corvette C8 Stingray follows up on the initial 2020 model year with a few small changes and updates, once again offering impressive mid-engine performance with a crossed-flag badge on the nose. Now, the 2021 Corvette has been recognized as the Best Premium Sports Car in the recent InMoment eNVy Awards.



The latest InMoment eNVy Awards are focused exclusively on 2021 model-year vehicles, with winning vehicles delivering on buyer expectations with regard to five key metrics, including comfort, quality, performance, safety, and ownership cost. The award winners are determined thanks to new vehicle buyers' independent feedback collected in the InMoment New Vehicle Customer Study (NVCS), with 290,000 domestic and 50,000 Canadian responses collected from buyers and lessees of approximately 325 different vehicle types.



Based on these criteria, the 2021 Corvette took the win as the Best Premium Sport Car in the Premium Vehicle Segment. Notably, the accolade designates the 2021 Corvette as a “Repeat Winner” of the InMoment eNVy Award.

The 2021 Corvette wasn't the only General Motors vehicle recognized in the recent awards. Other winners include the 2021 GMC Yukon, which was recognized as the Best Large SUV in the Mass Market Vehicle Segment, as well as the Chevy Silverado 3500HD as the Best Full-Size Heavy Duty Pickup in the Mass Market Vehicle Segment. Chevrolet was also among the top-two vehicle brands, securing three wins total.

The overall winner in the recent eNVy awards was the Genesis G90.



## Ford Thunderbird To Return As Corvette-Fighting Sportscar

By Jarryd Neves Rumor for CarBuzz at <https://carbuzz.com/news/the-ford-thunderbird-may-return-as-a-corvette-fighting-sportscar>

### Chevrolet should be worried.

At the 1954 Detroit Auto Show, Ford lifted the lid on a two-seater convertible that, to this day, is much loved by enthusiasts and collectors alike. Introduced as the Thunderbird, the gorgeous styling and V8 powertrains brought many into Dearborn's fold and, interestingly, the Blue Oval's offering outsold the Corvette of the day by thousands.



Cut to 2022 and things couldn't be more different. The new Corvette Stingray is in high demand (even the drop-top is posting remarkable sales figures) and it's only set to skyrocket with the arrival of the high-performance Z06. Over at Ford, the Thunderbird is all but forgotten. Last seen in 2005 when the brand tried (halfheartedly) to revive the iconic nameplate, many thought we'd seen the last of it.



However, that may change soon. According to new reports, a return is in the cards, with Ford considering a new Thunderbird as a Corvette rival of sorts. While it wouldn't boast a mid-engined layout, it would indirectly rival the Corvette as a halo grand tourer.

Last year, we unearthed something to suggest this. Ford filed the name with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in January 2021, piquing our interest and sending our imagination into overdrive. At the time, we suggested the nomenclature may return as an all-electric sports car. That's still a strong possibility, especially as GM has said the Corvette will be offered as a fully-electric variant too.

We wouldn't be surprised if the Thunderbird name does make a comeback. After all, Ford has a rich history of bringing back iconic badges, such as the Bronco and Maverick nameplates. Currently, Ford has not got a vehicle to rival the Corvette (the Mustang is as good as it gets) but the introduction of another passenger car will go against the company's current direction - SUVs, crossovers, and trucks are the way forward (for the Blue Oval, at least).



Certainly, if the Thunderbird does return in the future, it's highly unlikely that it will sport a roaring V6 or V8 engine. An electric Thunderbird could do well, especially if it's positioned as a luxurious personal luxury coupe. Then again, Ford could do what it did with the Mustang and create a spin-off electric car, in the style of the Mustang Mach-E.

A potential Thunderbird Mach-E could be positioned above the aforementioned electric crossover and take on the likes of the Tesla Model X and Cadillac Lyriq. Hopefully, it will retain the retro styling cues that made past models so aesthetically appealing.

If Ford is serious about this, we'll likely see the arrival of an exciting concept car soon. The company's design guru said he wants to see the return of radical concept cars, especially as we head into the electrified era. We sincerely hope the Thunderbird returns and, if so, makes a splash as a sleekly-styled riposte to the all-dominating Corvette.



## Stolen 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Returned To Owner After 40 Years

By Suzana Mijatovic for HotCars at [www.hotcars.com/stolen-1964-chevrolet-corvette-stingray-returned-after-40-years/](http://www.hotcars.com/stolen-1964-chevrolet-corvette-stingray-returned-after-40-years/)

### A woman unexpectedly regained possession of her stolen 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, after 40 long years.

In the past two decades, fewer vehicles got stolen from their owners, relieving at least a bit of the fear we all have about our rides getting snatched. This is especially true for people (like us) who don't have the extra money to get a new ride immediately without looking back.



Image Credit: Monterey Touring Vehicles

But the decrease in vehicle thefts doesn't mean they are completely out of fashion. If you look at the numbers provided by the FBI, the \$7 billion lost to thefts in the USA during 2020 is still a devastating number. What's more, the Triple-I insurance company warns about thieves developing new stealing strategies.

So, what can you do on top of keeping your ride as secure as possible? Not much, except believing in police work. But you can buy a used car from dealerships with more caution because there's a whole another threat lurking around that can bring you plenty of trouble.

Thieves tend to switch vehicle identification numbers and sell them at shops without any issue. As a buyer, you may acquire a stolen vehicle and run into all kinds of problems even after years of use. Just remember that famous Chevrolet case from 2016. The stolen 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray got returned to its owner after 40 years, which would be all great, if they had found it from the thief, and not a respective owner from the last 30 years.

Let's take a closer look at this interesting case and consider what can happen to the victims of car thieves and how you can protect yourself.

### Swapped Vehicle Authentication Numbers Accidentally Revealed At A Show In 2016

The story behind the stolen Chevy goes back to 1976. Modesto Fleming had her classic muscle car parked in front of the house in Anaheim, California. Unfortunately, someone saw an opportunity to steal the 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, and the owner had no luck in retrieving it for 40 years.



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After such a long time passed and the car didn't appear, Fleming must have given up on the search. In fact, she probably did so several weeks or months after the theft, although she diligently reported the case to the local police department. In most cases, the police can't do a lot to retrieve the rides.

But something unusual happened forty years later. The 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray appeared on a show, and a fan noticed the VIN didn't correspond to that of the Corvette. The owner responsibly reported the case to the Redbluff California Highway Patrol, and officer Dave

Madrigal was assigned to check the VIN. It turned out that the number related to the Impala, not the Stingray, which meant the car was stolen.

With some detective work, the officer managed to locate the first owner of the 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, and it was Fleming.





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Madrigal recounted the case to Red Bluff Daily News: "I contacted Anaheim and advised them of the situation. They researched their micro fish for the stolen report and called me back. They then located the victim from 1976, who is currently living in Arizona, and told her we had her car.

### **The Classic Car Reunited With Its Original Owner, Who Got Ten Times The Bigger Value After 40 Years**

The story about the stolen 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray has a happy ending, but one that tastes bitter-sweet. Fleming got her car back after 40 years — that's the good news. But what about the owner, who had the Stingray for 30 years when he discovered its background?

The man who brought in the Stingray to responsibly check the VIN got the Stingray from his wife in 1987. She bought the car from a dealership that was long out of business in 2016. So, the trace ended there, and the thief will probably never get caught.

It's unclear from the news that we could find whether the current owner got any reimbursement when the Stingray went to Fleming. If not, this is a sad story. The owner didn't know the car was stolen when he invested his time and effort into keeping it in peak condition. All that would go to complete waste if the car was simply taken away from him.

What's more, when the car was stolen from Fleming, it was worth about \$5,000. In 2016, Stingray bore the price tag of a whopping \$50,000! She most definitely benefited from what seemed like a lost cause. We don't want to say the car shouldn't have been returned to the legitimate owner — we just hope that the second owner got some reimbursement for the lost vehicle. He did take it to a show to boast about his magnificent ride, after all.

The bottom line would be to check the VIN before buying a car. Do your due diligence and avoid these kinds of surprises.



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## From the Editor

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Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. But how did this patriotic tradition start? The National Park Service provides a glimpse into the beginnings of this popular summertime party.



## History of Independence Day

By National Park Service at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm>

### The Torch of Freedom

*"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."*

- John Adams July 3, 1776

This quote is an excerpt from John Adams' letter to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. The emotions of this sharp-witted founding father speak of the momentous occasion. Adams believed that July 2, 1776, would be the date to mark and celebrate forever our Declaration of Independence. Although the official date comes later, Americans have celebrated their country's birth date, and have followed Adams' advice ever since. Adams bore witness to, and was part of, the American dream for freedom. He was an example of how the new nation would carry on after the war by becoming our first vice-president, and our second president. Adams' eloquent words put the historical significance of American independence, and the consequence for failure if it was not achieved, into focus.



Painting portraying the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Image Credit: The Library of Congress

Although the Second Continental Congress made its decree for freedom on July 2, 1776, no one signed the Declaration of Independence. Congress did sign the Lee Resolution, named for Virginian Richard Henry Lee, on July 2. This resolution contained three parts: separation from the British Crown, a call to form foreign alliances, and a plan for confederation. Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, July 4, 1776, and the alarm for freedom was sounded at Independence Hall with the Liberty Bell. Americans rejoiced as word spread throughout the newly declared independent states. Although independence had been declared, delegates of the Continental Congress had not yet inked their signatures onto the document. On August 2, 1776, when most delegates signed the Declaration of Independence, it became official.

Unfortunately, Americans were getting good and bad news at the same time. British troops were making landfall in New York as the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia. At that point, American and British forces already had been engaged in armed conflict for fifteen months. On July 9, 1776, General George Washington, while concentrating troops in New York City, ordered the Declaration of Independence read aloud to his men. He hoped that they would find new meaning in the war for independence.

In 1777, the British occupied the capital city of Philadelphia while Washington and his men struggled through a brutal winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Nearly two thousand of Washington's twelve thousand men died during that winter encampment. The Continental Army was hardened by the experience, and gained even greater resolve in the campaign to defeat the British. For the next four years, Americans would fight battle after battle against the mightiest military on earth.

Thanks to the military leadership of Washington, and the combined efforts of the French Navy and Washington's good friend and ally General Marquis de Lafayette, the British surrendered after the Siege of Yorktown on October 19, 1781. The fight for independence was over. The Treaty of Paris, signed between the United States and Great Britain on September 3, 1783, made it official. The United States had become a sovereign and independent nation after six years of valor and sacrifice.

The struggle to keep the torch of freedom lit to this day can be seen as one walks through National Mall and Memorial Parks. Since the Revolutionary War, the United States has fought many wars to defend freedom; all have come at a terrible cost. Freedom rings as loudly today as it did at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, thanks to our determination as a nation and a people. This park is home to the memory of our nation's past, and we celebrate what Americans have achieved since the days of our founders. It is here that we honor the sacrifice of those lost in defense of freedom.

When one visits the World War II Memorial one finds the words "Here we mark the price of freedom" engraved in front of a wall of 4,048 gold stars. Each star represents one hundred Americans lost during the war. At the Korean War Veterans Memorial one finds the words "Freedom is not free," and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial one finds the names of 58,261 lives honored for their courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty and country. Abraham Lincoln is draped in the Stars and Stripes at the Lincoln Memorial. Not only did he preserve our flag during the American Civil War, his policies helped end slavery. Six-hundred and twenty thousand Americans, north and south, were lost during the most costly war in our history. The message becomes clear as visitors experience these memorials; freedom has come at a great cost.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, the National Park Service will proudly carry on the words of John Adams—"Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more"—with a brilliant fireworks display. These illuminations will light up the sky of our nation's capital to inspire and remind us how fortunate we are to have the freedom that has been entrusted to us all."

### **The Signers of the Declaration**

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776. Most of the delegates to the Second Continental Congress signed the document on August 2, 1776. By putting their names on this paper, these men risked losing everything if the British won the American Revolution. Even though the Americans won, some of these men suffered severely by supporting independence. You can find out more information about the Signers and the memorial to them within Constitution Gardens (it is closed during the 4th due to being in the safety zone for the fireworks).



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