



50 Years



August 2023

The official Newsletter of the Award Winning

Northern Illinois Corvette Club

*Hello fellow members:*

Attendance at the NICC August club membership meeting was up again over July. The attendance at the August meeting was 35 people, including Zoom members. Plan to attend the membership meetings as a way to voice your ideas for the club.



**President's  
Corner**

July was a very busy month with several activities, but August is well on its way to surpass the activities of July. I will list some of the activities that are available for NICC members to enjoy:

- NICC low speed event at Crystal Lake, IL.
- NICC club picnic
- Golf outing
- SM&SF car show
- Vettes on the River, in LeClaire, IA.
- Mad City Vettes Car Show, Madison, WI.
- Church Car Show, Roscoe, IL.
- Poplar Grove Airport Fly In, Poplar Grove, IL.

But remember all the activity that we enjoy would not be available without the members who work so hard to plan, set up and execute these activities. We are always in need of a helping hand to achieve the GREAT times that we have. There are plenty of veteran members that can assist newer members with planning activities. The club is always open for new ideas for our activity list of things to do, so speak up.

Don't forget the photo contest so take pictures on your trips or any special events and send them to Preston Morgan at [editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com). If you need help emailing your photos, contact Preston at 941.875.4576.

Remember this is your club, get involved and enjoy the time that we have together.

Our club meetings are held at Sam's Ristorante, 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford on the first Wednesday 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 meeting. 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. Stupiec**

NICC President  
Cell 815-997-3906  
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*Love Vettes. Have Fun. Give Back!*

August 2023

2023 - Membership and Board Meetings				
Sep	6	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
Oct	4	5:00 PM - Board Meeting		
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
Nov	1	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
Dec	6	5:00 PM - Board Meeting		
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
2024 - Membership and Board Meetings				
Jan	3	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	
Feb	7	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting	

*Unless otherwise posted, all membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month 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.

[editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com)

### 2023 - NICC Events - [See website for updates & flyers](#)

<b>Aug</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Autocross Fund Raiser</b>	<b>Crystal Lake, IL Need Volunteers</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Club Picnic—Lake Summerset</b>	<b>Hosts: Curt &amp; Teri</b>
	13	Sun	8:00 AM	All Corvette Show	West Allis, WI
	<b>19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Golf Outing/Dinner</b>	<b>Host: Steve Webster</b>
	20	Sun	9:00 AM	NCCC Corvette Show	Merrillville, IN
	26-27	Sa-Su	7:30 AM	Low Speed Autocross	Madison, WI
<b>Sep</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Progressive Dinner</b>	<b>Sherry + two more volunteers</b>
	<b>23-24</b>	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Fall Run—Route 66</b>	<b>Host: John Stupec</b>
	30	Sat	TBD	Low Speed Autocross	Peoria, IL
<b>Oct</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Rally</b>	<b>Hosts: Dale &amp; Carolyn</b>
	1	Sun	TBD	Low Speed Autocross	Peoria, IL
	<b>7</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Wiener Roast</b>	<b>Hosts: Leon &amp; Louise</b>
	<b>14-15</b>	<b>Sa-Su</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Autocross Fund Raiser</b>	<b>Crystal Lake, IL Need Volunteers!</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Perryville Road Cleanup</b>	<b>CherryVale Mall</b>
	21	Sat	TBD	Rallye Event	TBD Wisconsin

### 2023 - Other Events of Interest

August 19	<b>Woodward Dream Cruize, Oakland County, MI</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
August 26	<b>Vettes on the River, LeClaire, IA</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
August 24-26	<b>Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA</b>	<a href="#">website</a>
August 26	<b>Corvette Crossroads Auto Show, Mackinaw City, MI</b>	<a href="#">website</a>

For additions or corrections please contact:  
[Editor@NICCCorvette.com](mailto:Editor@NICCCorvette.com)



Check the Website for updates;  
<http://nicccorvette.com>



## Important Club Member Dates

### **Birthdays**

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

A FarmersAlmanac.com Philosofact

#### **August**

Helen	Millikin	Richard	Bowers, Jr.
Shelley	Shrum	Leon	Gorsch
James (Jim)	Naumowich	Ken	Starzyk
Jay (James III)	Frazier	Terra	Naumowich
Fen	Hicks	Gordon	Akey
Mary Ann	Akey	Lee	Foecking
Caroline	Mikels	Donna	DeVries
John	Stupec	Sue	Larsen
Christine	Osen	Charlotte	Frazier
		Butch	DeVries
		George	Chamberlain

#### **September**



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

#### **August**

Virgi (Rusty) & Traci	Hill
Roger & Donna	DeVries
Barry & Caroline	Mikels
Gene & Linda	Stimart
Dan & Kris	Bomgarden

#### **September**

Leon & Louise	Gorsch
William & Marie	Naretta
Russ & Debbie	Schaefer
Fen & Doris	Hicks
K. William & Kathleen	Morr

### **VETTE QUOTES**

"Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect."

*Margaret Mitchell*

"Imagination is the highest form of research."

*Albert Einstein*

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind see."

*Mark Twain*

"Two things define you: your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything."

*George Bernard Shaw*

"If your life were a book and you were the author, how would you want your story to go? That's the question that changed my life forever."

*Amy Purdy*

"The world belongs to those who set out to conquer it armed with self confidence and good humour."

*Charles Dickens*

"Your heart knows the direction. Run in that direction."

*Rumi*

"He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe."

*Marcus Aurelius*

WOOHOO!



**NICC APPRECIATES  
ALL MEMBERS!**

**SUPPORT THE NICC BY BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER!**

Is your Birthday or Anniversary incorrect or missing? Please let us know!  
[editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com)

#### **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

August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

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

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupiec at 6:57 p.m. with 35 members present in the meeting room and two on Zoom for a total of 37 members in attendance.

### **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: Louise Gorsch	Quartermaster: Barb Johnson
Membership: Leon Gorsch	Advertising: Ken Starzyk
Parliamentarian: Doris Hicks	Public Relations: Ken Starzyk
Historians: Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson	Webmaster: Linda Stimart
NCM Ambassador: Sherry Putnam	Parade Director: Open Position
Sunshine Chair: Doris Hicks	Media Director: Traci Hill

**3. Introduction of Guests:** Lee Foecking's sister was present tonight. She owns a Mustang!

**4. Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the July, 2023 minutes by Ken Starzyk and seconded by Dale Samuelson. The motion was approved.

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

**President** – John Stupiec: No report.

**Governor** – Dale Samuelson: The NCCC Convention for 2024 will be held in Joplin May 14-19. Thank you to all NICC members who volunteered at the July 8/9 Fundraiser Autocross. The proceeds for the two clubs, NICC and Badger Vettes, was approximately \$1,000. Roughly half of that will come to NICC. We do still need workers for this coming weekend for the Autocross Fundraiser in Crystal Lake. There is a sign-up sheet that has been passed around tonight.

**Secretary** – Cindy Starzyk: Everyone is encouraged to read the newsletter. If you haven't had time to read it in the past, following are examples of some fascinating articles that Preston, our Editor has published in previous issues:

- 10 Amazing Facts about the Monarch Butterfly
- The Mecum Kissimmee Auction 2023
- The Rearview Mirror: A New Home for the Corvette
- Why the 2004 Corvette was The Last to Feature Pop-up Headlights
- Yenko Pedal Car Donated To National Corvette Museum
- Racing at Le Mans
- The Meteorological Phenomenon Diamond Dust
- 7 of History's Strangest Coincidences
- Crickets Change the Speed of Their Chirping According to the Temperature.
- Women of Automotive History
- The Women behind Corvettes
- 6 Everyday Inventions we wouldn't have without women

Please consider doing a write up once, or periodically because everyone is welcome to do this when they are in charge of an event or if they simply participated in the event. Multiple people are welcome to write something up about his/her own experience at the event. It doesn't have to be long or detailed and it would be appreciated. Simply let Preston know you will do one and email it to him any time.

Cindy announced the Poplar Grove Airport's 51<sup>st</sup> Fly-in for Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We, as a club, can display our Corvettes next to the Museum and enjoy the food trucks, flour bomb drop, the Museum and many, many

vintage and modern planes. There will be a shuttle going from the museum to the airport and back.

**Treasurer** – Louise Gorsch: Thank you to all who participated in the Mini-Golf Run on July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a very fun NICC event! Louise distributed the NICC Budget Cash Flow Table for July, 2023. Income from the Auto-cross Fundraiser this month and Dale's sale of donated items boosted our income and our expenses were low. The July balance is \$22,245.09. A motion to approve the July Cash Flow Report was made by Barb Johnson and seconded by Linda Stimart. The motion was approved.

**Membership** – Leon Gorsch: We are gaining another couple of members very soon which will bring our membership to 85. They have a 2007 Silver Convertible.

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

**Historians** - Nancy Bailey and Carolyn Samuelson: No report.

**NCM Ambassador** – Sherry Putnam: 2024 is going to bring new and exciting things to the National Corvette Museum. Sherry will keep us updated as more information is gathered.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms** - Gene Stimart: Gene collected \$0 for name badges.

**Editor** - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Preston and Nina suddenly were cut off of Zoom. Cindy Starzyk stated that articles for the August newsletter are due by Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your newsletter with you to take photos of yourselves with it for the photo contest. Linda Stimart has these photos on the website. Thanks to Cindy Starzyk for encouraging everyone to read the newsletter.

**Social Director** – Debbie Schaefer: No report.

**Quartermaster** - Barb Johnson: No report.

**Advertising** – Ken Starzyk: No report.

**Public Relations** - Ken Starzyk: No report.

**Webmaster** - Linda Stimart: No report.

**Parade Director** – Open position.

**Media Director** – Traci Hill, absent.

## **6. Old Business:**

- a. NICC Low Speed Event Fundraiser (July 8/9)
- b. Progressive Dinner
- c. Smokin' Coops in (July 24,2023)
- d. Volcano Falls (July 16,2023)

## **7. New Business:**

- a. Progressive Dinner (September 16) **Two more volunteers are needed for this activity.**
- b. NICC Low Speed event, Crystal Lake, IL. (August 5&6) **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Dale Samuelson at (815) 979-2352 if you can help
- c. NICC club picnic (August 12) This is being held at Curt & Terri's at Lake Summerset – Curt needs your name for you to have access to Summerset. Bring a dish to pass. There will be sandwiches provided. Check the flyer for more information.
- d. Route 66 Trip (Sept. 24&25) John Stupiec reviewed the trip and passed around the sign-up sheet. We had to sign up tonight. We will meet at the Farm & Fleet on Riverside. More details will be blasted.
- e. SM&SF Car Show, (August 6<sup>th</sup>)
- f. Vettes on the River (August 26,2023-LeClaire, IA)
- g. Mad City Vettes Car Show (August 12,2023)
- h. Leon Gorsch reminded everyone of the Roscoe Car Show on Saturday, August 26. We could plan to park together.
- i. Golf Outing (August 19<sup>th</sup>) – Steve Webster is organizing this. August 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up. Please contact Steve at 815 988-2355 if you would like to sign up. It will be held at Macktown Golf



course in Rockton.

**8. New Cars:** None.

**9. Collection of Fines:** \$0

**10. 50/50 Raffle:** The amount was \$61 and Cindy Starzyk won it.

**11. Attendance Drawing:** \$10.00 – John Stupiec won. Next month - \$10.00.

**Adjournment:** 7:32 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Putnam and seconded by Cindy Starzyk. The motion was approved.

**Next Club Monthly Meeting:**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Social hour 6:00**

**Member meeting at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted by

*Cindy Starzyk*

Cindy Starzyk





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## "FLYING BY THE SEAT OF OUR PANTS VIII" AUTOCROSS

14 LOW SPEED EVENTS

AUGUST 5 & 6, 2023



**Location:** McHenry County College, 8900 US-14, Crystal Lake IL, 60012

### EVENT FEES – Day Of

**EITHER** Saturday **OR** Sunday      NCCC Members - \$65    Non-NCCC - \$75  
**Full Weekend Value Package**      NCCC Members -\$120    Non-NCCC - \$140  
 Less than a full day of racing \$10 per event

### ON-LINE REGISTRATION by 7/30/23

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=409>

(If you don't send your fees by July 30th, you are not registered)

**Pre-Register by 7/30/23**    NCCC Members – 1 Day \$50    Both Days \$100

**Please make check payable to "Sunburst Corvette Club" and mail to  
 Pat Stevens, 783 Shoreline Rd, Lake Barrington, IL 60010**

**Lodging:** Holiday Inn Crystal Lake, 800 S IL Rte 31, Crystal Lake 815-477-7000

(\$109/night) book by 7/5

Hampton Inn, 1555 S. Route 31, McHenry, IL 815-578-1900 X-2 (book by 7/4)

(\$179/night) <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-mv-event/sunburst-corvette-club-august-2023/>

**Registration & Tech**    SAT 8:00am to 9:00am    SUN 8:00am to 8:30am

**Drivers' Meeting:**    SAT 9:00am    SUN 8:30am

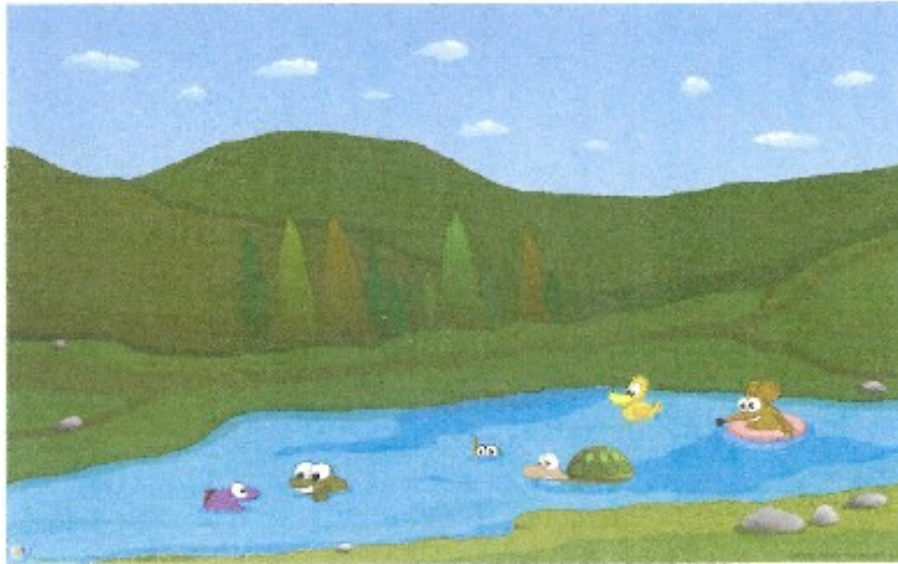
**First Event:**    SAT & SUN Immediately following the Drivers' Mtg.

EV's and Hybrid vehicles are not permitted to participate. Non-NCCC participants are not covered by NCCC insurance.

	Saturday	Sunday
Overall Chairperson: Mike Moushey – 815-355-1850 (Cell)	MW-465-003	MW-167-001
Day of Event Phone: Mike Stevens – 847-989-9302 (Cell)	MW-465-004	MW-167-002
Mad City Governor: Joan Thomas – 815-494-5985 (Cell)	MW-465-005	MW-277-002
Sunburst Governor: Mike Stevens - 847-989-9302 (Cell)	MW-465-006	MW-277-003
NICC Governor: Dale Samuleson – 815-979-2352 (Cell)	MW-077-003	MW-277-004
Glass Favorites Governor: Mike Link – 309-337-3122 (Cell)	MW-077-004	MW-277-005
	MW-277-001	MW-277-006



## NICC Corvette Club 2023 Picnic at Lake Summerset



Hosted by Curt & Terri Zawiski

Please RSVP: Curt's cell: 630-921-1418 or email [crz1017@aol.com](mailto:crz1017@aol.com)

When: Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:00 PM You are welcome to stay as long as you like. Fishing, Swimming, & Boating are options.

Address: 228 Lake Summerset Rd, Davis IL. Follow Lake Summerset Rd for a little over a mile, our house is on the left. Watch for the sign.

You will need to check in at the Guard House on Best Rd. We will need to have a guest list furnished so please let us know if you can attend. Sign up deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cost \$10.00 per person

Sandwiches choices (Beef, Turkey & Ham) & gluten free choices available.

Sign up to bring a side dish, appetizer, or desert to share and your favorite beverage!



## ***Badger State Vettes Presents*** **40th Annual All-Corvette Show** **Sunday, August 13, 2023**



**HEISER**  
TODAY'S YOUR DAY.



CRAG WIENDL EARNED HIS WINGS 1977-2002

**Host Club: Badger State Vettes**

**Location: Heiser Chevrolet**

**10200 West Arthur Ave - West Allis WI 53227**

**MW-246-008 People's Choice, MW-246-009 Judged Concours**

**MW-246-010 Entrants' Choice Show**

**NCCC REGION: MIDWEST**

**PRE-REGISTRATION: NOW THRU August 7, 2023**

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

**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)



*Partial proceeds donated to **Good Friend, Inc.** Their Mission: Good Friend, Inc. knows there is beauty in diversity, there is strength in community, there is magic in inclusion. We are a non-profit organization using social emotional tools to establish a culture of acceptance in schools and beyond. Good Friend, Inc. works diligently to bring awareness to its mission of creating autism awareness, teaching acceptance of differences, and foster empathy for individuals on the autism spectrum. For more information visit: [goodfriendinc.com](http://goodfriendinc.com)*

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.

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

MW246-008 Event Chairperson: Joan Beck MW246-008

Co-Chairperson: Ron Schlicht

MW246-009 Chairpersons: Cat Riordan & Don Morris

MW246-010 Chairpersons: Joan Beck & Ron Schlicht

GOVERNOR: Craig Wiendl: 414-530-4819

P O Box 61, Muskego WI 53150-0061



# N I C C

## Golf Outing & Dinner

**Saturday, August 19th, 2023**

**Nine holes with cart - \$29**

**You may pay at the golf course**



## Macktown Golf Course

2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL

3:00 P.M.

Sign up at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, or by texting or calling Steve Webster  
by Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (815) 988-2355.

(Please call Steve Webster if you sign up but then can't make it!)



**We will meet for dinner (about 6:30) after golfing at:**

## Firehouse Pub in Roscoe

10670 Main St, Roscoe, IL





# POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT

C77 - 4 miles N. of Belvidere, IL. on Hwy. 76 - 11619 Rt 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065

The Public is Invited to Walk-In, Drive-In or

# FLY IN

**51st Annual**

Sunday, August 20th 2023

## BITES & FLIGHTS FOOD TRUCKS

### FIREBOX/SIPS & SPRINKLES

Vintage Goose Cafe, Rusty Drum BBQ

Coffee, Rolls, Drinks, Sandwiches & Ice Cream

*7am - 2pm*

PIZZA FRESCA, "BUCS" POTATOES,  
CANTINA TACO, OLIVE BRANCH  
LULU'S ROASTED CORN, ZAE'S

*10am - 2pm*



1:00 pm

Belvidere Rotary Club  
Flour Bomber Bingo

Pre-Event Ticket Sales Contact:  
GieratClaire@Comcast.net



*10am - 2pm*

Vintage  
WINGS & WHEELS  
Museum

Come See the "JENNY"!

Shuttle To/From Museum

10am - 2pm

VINTAGE  
TRACTOR PULL

## ENGINE SHOP

10 am to 12 pm

## OPEN HOUSE

## AIRPLANE FLIGHTS

\$40 per person

9 am to 1 pm Weather Permitting



# CRAZY DAZE MADness Weekend 2023



**MADISON COLLEGE**  
Public Safety  
Training Facility  
W2140 Krause Rd  
Columbus, WI 53925

**August 19-20, 2023**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Low Speed Events**  
**Autocross Weekend**



**MAD CITY VETTES**



**River City Corvettes**  
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

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

## Mad City Vettes

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

Wisconsin Corvette Club- Ed Cassel, Governor  
Saturday ~MW-075-001, -002  
Sunday ~MW-075-003, -004, -005

Glass Favorites- Mike Link, Governor  
Saturday ~MW-077-007  
Sunday ~MW-077-005, -008

River City Corvettes-Tom Stibbe, Governor  
Saturday ~MW-122-001, -002, -003  
Sunday ~MW-122-004



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 – August 19, 2023

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM CDT  
Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM CDT  
First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

Chairmen will be announced at the Drivers Meetings

## Entry Fees per Driver:

### NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers

All 14 Events - \$130.00 Pre-Registered  
Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered  
Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by August 14, 2023**

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

All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$70.00

## Sunday – August 20, 2023

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 8:00AM CDT  
Drivers Meeting: 8:15AM CDT  
First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

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 NCCC Insurance waiver.  
Non-NCCC Participants are not covered by NCCC Insurance.  
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.

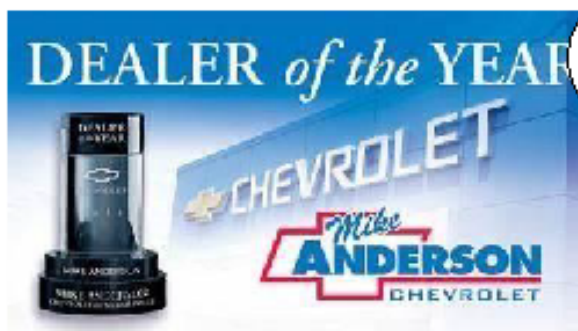
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## Mike Anderson Chevrolet & Windy City Corvettes, inc.

### August 20, 2023 NCCC Corvette Show

Split the pot will benefit ISBA



Public  
Invited

Dealer's Choice MW-351-006

#### Entry Fees:

Pre-registration (prior to 8/13/2023) \$20

Day of Show Registration \$25

Registration: 9:00-10:00 am CT

Drivers Meeting 10:00 am CT

Award Ceremony 1:30 pm CT

Awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place show winners. Water, soda and lunch will be available to entrants for no fee. No alcohol or pets allowed on show premises

NCCC members must present current membership cards the day of the event. All entrants must sign the insurance waiver form. non-NCCC members are not covered under our insurance.

#### LOCATION: MIKE ANDERSON CHEVROLET

1550 E 61<sup>st</sup> Ave

Merrillville IN 46410

(219)940-5140



#### Event Coordinators

Kent Diffenderfer and George Strumpf

[kdiffend@yahoo.com](mailto:kdiffend@yahoo.com)

(630)452-0677

(708)287-6359

#### Governor:

Dave Heinemann

(708)638-0199

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## Firecracker 14 in Madison, WI

Midwest Region Fundraiser Autocross

14 Low Speed Autocross Events



Saturday, August 26, 2023 7 Low Speeds MW-470-005-006-007, MW-621-003-004-005-006

Sunday, August 27, 2023 7 Low Speeds MW-470-008-009-010, MW-621-007-008-009-010

Location: Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713

NCCC & Non-NCCC Pre-Registered Entry Fees: \$70 per day ~ \$140 for both days

[Click here for ON LINE Registration](#)

MAIL IN Pre-Registration Form attached

Payment must be received by August 24, 2023 to receive discounted fees

On Line NON-NCCC participants should register in the Metal Class

NCCC & Non-NCCC Day of Event Entry Fees: \$75 per day ~ \$150 for both days.

Day of Event only: Single Event \$13/each.

Onsite registration is OK.

Exhaust: Closed 103db limit NO Electric Vehicles allowed. No Drones allowed.

Overall Chairperson: Jeff Craig, Midwest Region RCD ~ Cell: 314-941-0974

Schedule (All Times are Central Daylight Saving Time):

	Saturday	Sunday	First Car Out
Registration & Tech:	7:30 AM to 8:45 AM	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	After Drivers Meetings
Drivers Meeting:	9:15 AM	9:00 AM	

All Drivers must attend the Drivers Meeting ~ Chairmen will be announced at Drivers Meeting each day

★ There are other events taking place both days at the Alliant Center and there is a required \$8.00 Entry Fee per vehicle at the gate. However...anyone with our group will not have to pay the \$8.00 if they show the attached Gate Pass to the attendant. Print as many passes as you want. They will also be available at the Clarion.

**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. Non-NCCC Members are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

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. No alcohol on premises. Pets must be leashed.

★ We only have use of the 2 Lots marked as "Track" and "Parking" on the map below. Any Driver using any other lot to warm up their car will be asked to leave for the remainder of the weekend & forfeit their Registration Fees.

You may also scan  
the QR Code  
below to  
Register On Line



### Alliant Energy Center of Dane County

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  
2110 Rimrock Road  
NCCC - MWR ~ \$112  
[Clarion Reservations Block](#)  
Room Block ends on July 24th

Willow Island Camping across  
the road from track ~ \$35  
Bathrooms & Showers will be open



# Mad City Vettes Fall Frenzy Weekend 2023



**MADISON COLLEGE**  
Public Safety  
Training Facility  
W2140 Krause Rd  
Columbus, WI 53925

**September 16 -17, 2023**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Low Speed Events**  
**Autocross Weekend**



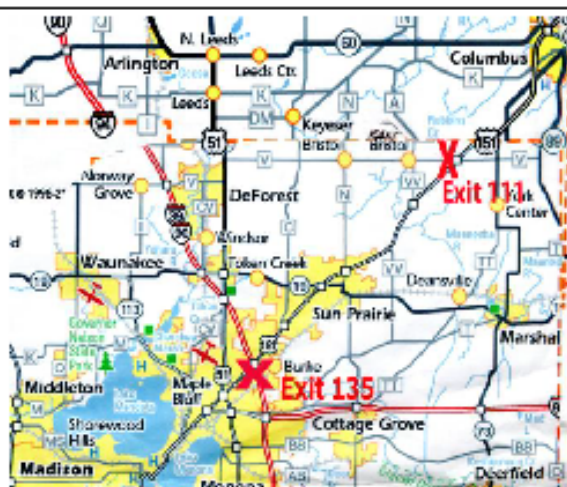
**NO Electric Vehicles Allowed ~ Closed Exhaust ~ No Drones ~ Quiet Time til 8:00 am each day.**  
Equipment & vehicles (no people or animals) may stay at the track overnight. Early drop off at the track Friday 5 to 7. Neither Madison College nor the PSTF are responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.

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

**Wisconsin Corvette Club-Ed Cassel, Governor**  
Saturday ~MW-075-009 Sunday ~MW-075-010

**River City Corvettes-Tom Stibbe, Governor**  
Saturday ~MW-122-005, 006, -007  
Sunday ~MW-122-008, -009, -010

**Central Illinois Corvette Club**  
John Hibbeler, Governor  
Saturday ~MW-278-005, -006  
Sunday ~MW-278-007, -008



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 – September 16, 2023**  
Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM CDT  
Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM CDT  
First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends  
Chairmen will be announced at the Drivers Meetings

**Sunday – September 17, 2023**  
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:**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers**

All 14 Events - \$130.00 Pre-Registered  
Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered  
Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by September 11, 2023**

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

All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$70.00

**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 NCCC Insurance waiver.  
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# Eggsperts Breakfast and Lunch Cafe NCCC

## Chef's Choice Double CORVETTE SHOW

### Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023



NCCC Sanction # MW-351-007 and MW-613-001

### LOCATION

**Eggsperts Breakfast and Lunch Cafe**  
9218 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St., Orland Park, IL. 60462



Event Fees: Pre-registration (prior to 9/22/2022) - \$20  
After 9/22/2022 and Day-of-show registration - \$30  
Show #1 :Stock, Modified and Custom classes  
Show #2 : Best of Show

Registration: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CT  
Tech: 9:00a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CT  
Driver's Meeting -10:30a.m. CT  
Show ends by 2pm CT

NCCC Members must present current Membership Cards the day of the event  
(All entrants must sign the insurance waiver form) Food will be available on-site

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

Governor	Chairpersons	Eggsperts Cafe
Dave Heinemann	Larry Pagliaro	708-737-7867
708-638-0199	708-341-7852	www.eggspertscafe.com
<a href="mailto:windyz06@aol.com">windyz06@aol.com</a>	ShadowLAP@icloud.com	
	Susan Pagliaro	
	708-305-0072	
	srpagliaro@icloud.com	

**Pre-Show Registration Form on Page 2:**



## **Autocross Fundraiser**

Submitted by Cindy Starzyk Photos by Cindy Starzyk

It was a warm, sunny day for our July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Autocross Fundraiser which was held in Columbus, WI. Our NICC volunteers were Joe Hansen, Russ Schaefer, John Stupiec, Sherry Putnam, and Ken & Cindy Starzyk. We worked jointly with the Badger Vette Club volunteers.

We began with registration assistance on both Saturday and Sunday. Waivers were signed by drivers, spectators and workers. Car numbers were assigned and the drivers filled out their "Tech Sheets" (whatever those are!). The Badger Vette Club officials conducted a meeting for the drivers to go over the rules, track pattern and procedures. A meeting was then held for the corner workers for the purpose of explaining what to do if a cone is knocked over or if a car didn't go through the gates or around the course correctly. We had flags for safety, and walkie-talkies to call to the starters with any information from our vantage points or to hold the start.

As usual, Dale and Carolyn Samuelson set up the event and ran the starts, timing & protocols while also participating in the racing itself! They drive really fast!! It was exciting to watch them.

Some of the NICC helpers are planning to volunteer again for the August Autocross but there is always room for more workers to split up the jobs.



## **Pancake Breakfast and Car Show**

Submitted by Curt Zawiski Photo by Curt Zawiski

Lake Summerset held its annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show on July 15th. The event was well attended as we had great weather, great food, great music, and great cars! NICC had eight Corvettes represented in the show. Thanks to everyone from the club that participated.



## **Mini Run held July 16, 2023**

Submitted by Louise Gorsch Photos by Cindy Starzyk, Lisa Thumme & Traci Hill

The day began with no rain and lots of sunshine and air quality in the Red Zone. I had worried about rain for our golf day, but never considered air quality in the equation of weather concerns. Lucky for us the skies were clear by the time we started playing.

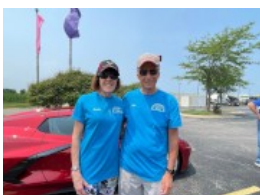
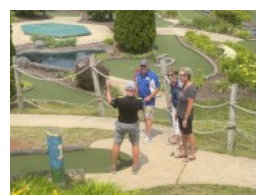
We had a great turn out for our 1<sup>st</sup> of (maybe) annual Miniature Golf day at Volcano Falls. The competition began with everyone playing the same course and climbing Volcano Falls Mountain. I believe there was one person in the group that got 3 holes in one. I think next year I will be on their team. There were lots of fun challenges for everyone. We all managed to complete the course in a little over an hour.

More members joined us for the run to Freeport for ice cream at Union Dairy. With 14 Corvettes we took off. Having that many Corvettes together is definitely an attention getter. Using back roads, we took off for Rockton, then on to Shirland, and west to Cedarville and across the Pecatonica River. We then went south to the west edge of Freeport and into Krape Park. We drove by the waterfall, then along Yellow Creek past the Twin Caves, and an 18-hole Miniature Golf course that is under construction. Maybe next year we can try it out. We left the park and headed for our last stop, Union Dairy.

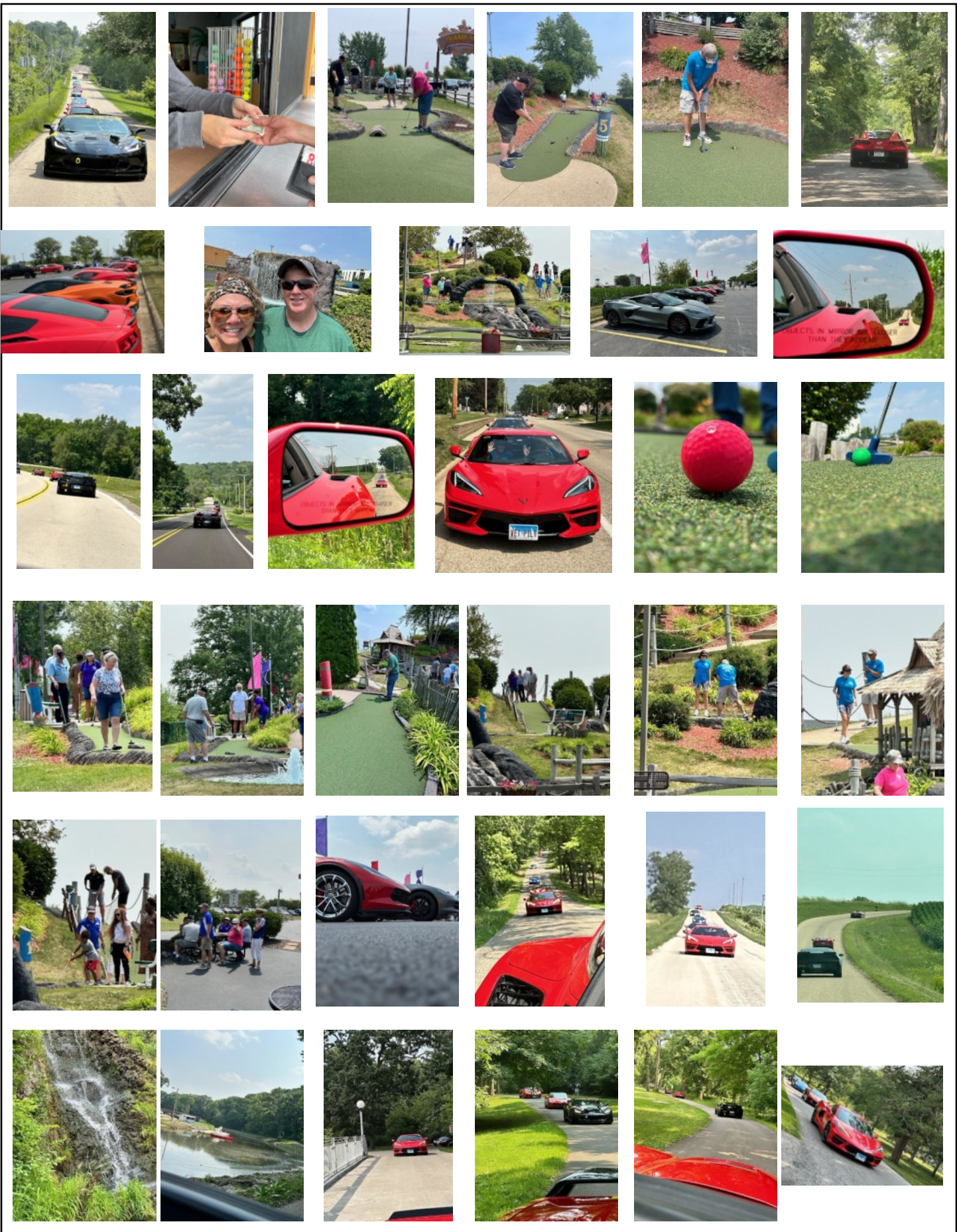
With 48 flavors of Ice cream to pick from and many choices of how you want it served like a Banana Split, Shakes and Malts, or Carmel and Chocolate covered Ice cream, the selections were endless. Union Dairy is hard to beat on a hot summer day.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. Road trips are the best way to meet new members, have a great day playing miniature golf and to be on the road with some great Corvettes.

Your hosts: Leon & Louise Gorsch









## **Smokin' Coop Cruise Night 7/24/23**

Submitted by Cindy Starzyk Photos by Cindy Starzyk

Fourteen Corvettes belonging to NICC members were counted at the July 24<sup>th</sup> Smokin' Coop Cruise Night on Rt 20 in Belvidere. Two additional Vettes owned by former NICC members joined us too. Another couple (potential Corvette buyers!) were invited to the Cruise Night and they drove their beautiful, 1993 Mazda RX-7 there.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they mingled with various friends in the club and checked out the line-up of Vettes. It's always exciting to see new members attending and getting more and more involved in club activities!

The food was delicious as usual, the service was excellent, and the weather was perfect again. Many of us stayed after eating to talk Vettes, relax, laugh and catch up.



## **3's company...not a crowd!**

Submitted Curt Zawiski

Three NICC Corvettes navigating one of the 318 curves in the 11 miles of the "Tail of the Dragon"!

NICC members: Curt & Terri Zawiski (black),  
Jonathan & Shelley Shrum (blue), and  
Preston & Nina Morgan (maroon).



## **Is the Corvette Convertible That Much Better Than a Removable Roof Model?**

**The Chevrolet Corvette has offered a drop-top convertible or removable roof for decades. Still, the traditional convertible might not be worth it compared to a coupe.**

By Erik Sherman for MotorBiscuit at <https://www.motorbiscuit.com/corvette-convertible-better-than-removable-roof-model/>

The Chevrolet Corvette has offered a drop-top driving experience since its inception in 1953. However, beyond a traditional convertible car, most Corvette generations offer a removable roof panel or roof sections. So, is a later model Chevrolet Corvette Convertible, like a C7 or C8, worth it? Or should fans stick to the old-school removable convertible roof?

### **When did Corvettes begin featuring removable roof panels?**

The Chevrolet Corvette got its first removable roof section for the third-generation (C3) model. However, the earliest removable roof models, like the 1968 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe, were more of a Targa Top (T-Top) application involving two panels and a structural member across the roofline.

However, later models, like the C4 and C5 Corvette, moved to a single-panel application. Since then, Corvette coupes have incorporated some kind of removable roof panel. There were exceptions; the C5 Corvette Z06 swapped the modular roof for a stiff, solid application. Of course, America's sports car also has a history of traditional soft tops.



Image Credit: General Motors



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### **Do all C7 Corvettes have a removable roof?**

The seventh-generation, or C7, Chevrolet Corvette offers a single-panel removable roof and a traditional soft top convertible. Better yet, the C7's roof panel is easy to remove, lightweight, and stored in the liftback trunk of the coupe model when it's not in use.

As a result, the C7 coupe yields many of the benefits of a conventional convertible without losing as much structural rigidity as a soft top. Moreover, coupes tend to be more affordable than convertibles. According to Kelley Blue Book, a 2014 Chevrolet Corvette coupe has a mileage-dependent fair value of around \$40,218. However, a 2014 model with a soft top raises that value by about \$1,540.

### **How much is a convertible Corvette?**

A new 2023 Chevrolet Corvette C8 Convertible starts at around \$73,395, \$7,500 more than the coupe. That's a pricey proposition considering the rigid coupe has a removable roof and space to store the panel.

Of course, the new C8 Corvette Convertible isn't a soft top application. Unlike the C7, the C8 has an electric hardtop, which stows and moves back into place with the press of a button.



Image Credit: General Motors

### **What's the advantage of a new Corvette Convertible?**

The convertible Corvette offers an electric hardtop in place of a fabric top. Consequently, Chevrolet says the new electric hardtop model is one of the most rigid and track-ready convertibles in the model's history.

However, with the affordability and ease of the roof panel in the coupe, a Stingray with a removable roof section could tick drop-top boxes without breaking the bank.



## **Why You Should Buy A Chevrolet Corvette C5 Z06 Over The C8 Z06**

By Henry Kelsall for HotCars at <https://www.hotcars.com/buy-chevrolet-corvette-c5-z06-over-c8-z06/>

**The C5 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 is an affordable sports car bargain, giving you V8 power and a manual transmission at a fraction of the C8 Z06's cost.**

When the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette C8 Z06 was launched, it instantly became a hit. But recent dealer markups and Chevrolet's issues meeting demand for the new car has meant it's not been as easy a sell as it once was. This has led people to look for alternatives, and we think one might be the Corvette C5 Z06. A Corvette that many feel is actually a bit of a sports car bargain in 2023, and worth a purchase even over the C8 Z06.



Image Credit: Chevrolet

Arriving in 2000 for the 2001 model year, the C5 Z06 is one of the best Corvettes on the used market that money can buy. And its manual transmission and big V8 engine mean that it is the perfect-used Corvette for gearheads.



Image Credit: Chevrolet

### **A Six Speed Manual Makes The C5 Z06 A Gearheads Dream**

A big V8 engine, the LS1 V8, was under the hood of the C5 Z06. This started out with 385 hp but that was then bumped up to 405 hp for the 2002 model year. Thanks to its lightness, the C5 Z06 could outperform the earlier ZR-1 even with less power. Chevrolet made the C5 Z06 available with just a six-speed manual transmission, making it a dream for gearheads. Handling over 400 hp with a manual transmission is something that is slowly becoming rarer and rarer in 2023.. So the C5 Z06's transmission truly is something to savor.

The M12 transmission in the back of the Z06 was essentially the same as that in the standard C5. However, Chevrolet tweaked the gear ratios by making them slightly shorter making the Z06 even punchier out of the corners. If every gear change was then nailed, the C5 Z06 could rocket from 0-60 mph in just 4.0 seconds, with a top speed of 171 mph. This was slightly slower than the base C5's 175 mph thanks to the shorter gear ratios. But the fearsome acceleration was a real winner, and 171 mph is still more than enough speed for daily usage.

### **The C5 Z06 Made The World Take The Corvette Seriously**

The C5 Z06 also had one big advantage over previous models of the Corvette. It, and the C5 generation as a whole, was the first of what is the "modern Corvettes." The C5 was also the first new Corvette in some 15 years, some time after the now very valuable C4 Corvette. This made the C5 Corvette a big deal. The hydroformed rails, rear-mounted transmission and its LS1 engine ensured that the fifth-generation Corvette was something truly special. The Z06 went and took that to a new level, Thanks to that extra power, reworked suspension and that fact it was some 40 lbs lighter than the standard C5.



Image Credit: Chevrolet

Perhaps most important for the C5 Z06 is how it made the world truly take the Corvette seriously. The C4 Corvette, while a great car, had become long in the tooth by the early 2000s. Dodge had also just unleashed the second-generation Viper, which hunted down everything else around it. European sports cars of the era, perhaps most notably the Porsche 911, were also taken more seriously. But the world really sat up when the C5 and in particular the Z06 emerged. Here was a Corvette that was once again competing with the best from Europe. Just like the C4 ZR-1 had managed to do so.



### **How Much Is A C5 Z06 In 2023?**

You might think that, with a car as good and as powerful as the C5 Z06 that you are going to spend a fortune. Well you would be wrong. Chevrolet was able to develop a car that today is quite affordable. Classic.com has the average sale price for one of these at \$28,625. And Hagerty values the 2002 model at \$25,600. You may pay much more, such as for a Guldstrand 50th Anniversary example but C5 Z06s can be affordable.

Some examples have even sold for around the \$20,000 mark. Though the current average is definitely higher than that. A 2001 C5 Z06 with 46,000 miles on the clock sold recently on Bring a Trailer for \$26,108. Given how expensive dealer markups have made the C8 Z06, the C5 Z06 is an absolute bargain in 2023.

### **The C5 Z06 Is The Corvette Everyone Needs**

The sheer affordability of the C5 Z06 makes it a Corvette that everyone needs to have in their life. With this particular Z06 you get a great engine, a five-speed manual transmission and one of the best looking modern Corvettes ever. The C5 and C5 Z06 formed the blueprint for Corvettes for years to come.

Getting hold of a C8 Z06 at the moment is a near impossible task. But for a fraction of the cost, and with a lot less hassle, you can get your hands on one of the very best Corvettes in its history.



Image Credit: Chevrolet

### **GM Approved A Mid-Engine Corvette Back In 2007**

By Jonathan Lopez for GMAuthority at <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2023/01/gm-approved-a-mid-engine-corvette-back-in-2007/>

GM unveiled the mid-engine Corvette C8 for the 2020 model year, making a giant leap in terms of performance and engineering for the iconic sports car nameplate. However, according to former GM vice chairman Bob Lutz, The General had actually approved the development of a production-spec mid-engine Corvette as far back as 2007.

In a recent interview with The Detroit News and “Car Radio with Henry Payne,” Lutz discusses GM’s earlier intentions to move the Corvette’s engine behind the cabin.

According to Lutz, the idea centered around whether or not GM “had the money.” The former GM exec states that, at the time, the mid-engine Corvette design was “smoother” and more “angular” than the current mid-engine Corvette C8, something akin to a Ferrari or McLaren. However, Lutz says the program was canned “because it was an all-new architecture, came up to around \$900 million. Well, when bankruptcy was imminent, chapter 11 was imminent, a lot of programs had to be stricken, and that was one of them.”

As a result GM, opted to reduce the Corvette capital investment budget to basically “zero” and continue to produce the C6 Corvette for “quite a while longer.” Lutz continues by saying that once additional funds were available to once again develop the Corvette, the C7 came out with a longer wheelbase “for better balance.” Lutz calls the C7 a “similar, but much more-capable car than the C6.”

Following the traditional pattern of model releases for the C7 Corvette, from the base model, to the Z06, to the Grand Sport, to the ZR1, GM finally got around to releasing the mid-engine Corvette C8. However, if funding didn’t dry up, Lutz estimates that a mid-engine Corvette may have been released as early as 2011 or 2012.

Of course, it bears mentioning that the essential idea of mid-engine Corvette is certainly much older than all of this, with decades of history to point to, all the way back to the “Father of the Corvette,” Zora Arkus-Duntov. Even so, it’s interesting to think about what may have been had GM escaped bankruptcy.

## From the Editor

NICC Editor: Preston Morgan

I have to admit that I am quite fond of hummingbirds. Those little birds are so mesmerizing. I can sit and watch them all day long. They are colorful, quick, and very maneuverable. I am in awe of how fast they can beat their wings. AMAZING! And many of the hummingbirds are the ultimate snowbirds in Florida, although those staying during the winter are found at the southern tip of the state. So like Illinois, Florida has its season for “hummers”. Here are some interesting facts about hummingbirds.

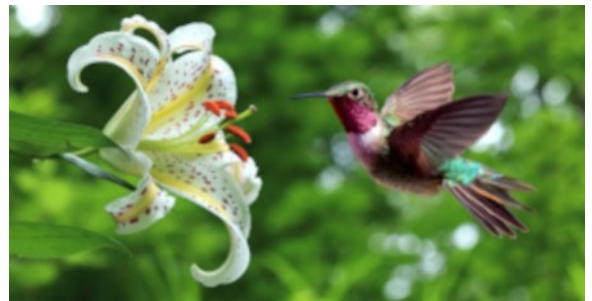


## 10 Amazing Facts About Hummingbirds

**We share 10 cool things about these tiny, amazing birds along with feeding tips, plus when you will see them in your back yard!**

By Farmers' Almanac Staff at [https://www.farmersalmanac.com/amazing-hummingbird-facts-11060?utm\\_source=jeeng&utm\\_medium=email&trigger=click](https://www.farmersalmanac.com/amazing-hummingbird-facts-11060?utm_source=jeeng&utm_medium=email&trigger=click)

Hummingbirds are amazingly beautiful birds. When they arrive, we know that spring has sprung. Some hummingbirds start heading north as early as mid-February or early March. Here are some fascinating facts about these tiny winged creatures.



### **10 Fascinating Hummingbird Facts**

1. Hummingbirds are tiny—and weigh between 2 to 20 grams (2 grams = 0.00440925 lbs).
2. They feed on nectar, as well as insects and tiny spiders for protein.
3. While they are known for their ability to hover in mid-air by rapidly flapping their wings, they are also the only known group of birds able to fly backward.
4. Hummingbirds have very tiny feet that are not well suited for walking but well designed for perching.
5. Hummingbirds rotate their entire wing, with little or no flexing of the wrist or hand joints. And, because of this unique but inefficient means of flight, they must eat a lot of food each day, with nectar often amounting to 100-200% of their body weight.
6. While some scientists don't agree, the exact number of species is perhaps 329, making them the second largest family of birds after flycatchers.
7. When still, the hummingbird's heart beats 500 times a minute and doubles when excited.
8. In order to hover, the hummingbird has to beat its wings 60 times per second. When perched, the hummingbird does not push off with its feet like other birds but will begin by beating its wings.
9. A hummingbird has to visit at least 1,500 flowers a day in search of nectar because of their great expenditure of energy to stay warm and maintain their heart rate. A flower's nectar is high in sucrose, which is a sugar that is easily digested. It is also a form of quick energy.
10. Hummingbirds have no sense of smell but they have keen hearing and sight to find those brightly colored flowers!

### **Feeding Tips**

Special feeding bottles can be purchased or a simple red dish or red-wrapped bottle can be used. Fill these with sugar water. To make sugar water, combine one part granulated sugar with four parts water and heat until sugar dissolves. Store in the refrigerator. Never use honey, as it will ferment, creating a fungus on the hummingbird's tongue. Artificial sweeteners have no food value and, therefore, will not provide the birds

with any energy. This will lead to slow starvation. **Do not add red food coloring to the sugar water!**

**To attract hummingbirds to your garden:**

Hummingbirds love Bee Balm.

Make sure that you choose flowers that can produce nectar, grow well in your area and are brightly colored. Many flowers known to attract hummingbirds have blossoms that are red to orange in color. Some flower suggestions include:

Azalea  
Bee Balm  
Begonia  
Bleeding Heart  
Bottlebrush  
Buttercup  
Columbine  
Cypress Vine  
Dahlia  
Daylily  
Delphinium  
Four O'clock  
Fuchsia  
Geranium  
Gladiola  
Hibiscus  
Honeysuckle  
Jasmine  
Mexican Sage  
Morning Glory  
Phlox  
Pineapple Sage  
Scarlet Sage  
Snapdragon  
Sweet William





## VETTE VISIONS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023

### "Every Picture Tells a Story"

This is a fun contest open to all NICC members. The rules are simple and professional photography skills not needed. A panel of judges who are not members of the NICC will select winning pictures. Prizes will be awarded to three entries. Decisions of the judges are final. Please be safe and responsible when taking pictures. Capture the memories and have fun! Where will you take *Vette Visions* in 2023?

#### Rules

The image **must** include a copy of *Vette Visions* conspicuously visible.

Include a landmark or sign that identifies the location.

Blurry images will not be accepted.

Your Corvette does not have to be pictured, however, extra points will be awarded if a Corvette is included (Corvette does not have to belong to member).

Provide a brief description of the location, people, and any interesting information associated with the image.

Multiple images from the same member are welcomed.

Member must be in good standing with the NICC.

Ensure the safety and well being of all involved and be respectful of other people and their property.

Entries must be submitted by **November 30, 2023**.

#### Submission of Entries:

Entries may be submitted using the following methods.

Images can be emailed to the NICC Editor at [editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com) or directly to [preston.morgan06@yahoo.com](mailto:preston.morgan06@yahoo.com).

All images submitted become the property of the NICC and can be used for public relations and other purposes. The Editor reserves the right to modify the image (cropping, resolution, etc.) without materially modifying the scope and purpose in order to prepare it for publication. All entries are posted on the NICC website.

Below are images entered in the 2023 photography contest.



Linda & Gene at the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa, AZ



Leon at Ron Fellows Performance Driving School, Pahrump, NV.

**YOUR  
PICTURE COULD  
APPEAR IN THIS  
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**Submit your entry for the  
photo contest for a chance to  
win a prize.**

## NICC Vette Visions

**Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Inc.** is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of **Corvette** ownership and operation.

The club provides **Corvette** information and encourages others to participate in its ownership and enjoyment by holding meetings, events (concoors, parades, races, rallies, runs, shows) and socials.

Through the magnetism of the **Corvette**, the club raises funds and supports various local and national non-profit organizations.

NICC is a 100% member club of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). Membership is limited to owners of Corvettes.

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PRIMARY MEMBER	\$50	\$50	\$50 + \$10 (If not postmarked by Oct. 15th)
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\*(spouse, dependent, companion)

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*VETTE VISIONS*, NICC's newsletter, is published monthly on our website and a publication notice is e-mailed to all members, advertisers and Corvette enthusiasts who have provided us with their email address and have expressed an interest in our publication. Materials submitted and published in *VETTE VISIONS* are believed to be accurate and NICC assumes no legal responsibilities of correctness.

The club's mailing address is:

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## Corvette Links

Northern Illinois Corvette Club [www.nicccorvette.com](http://www.nicccorvette.com)

## **NOTE**

**When sending emails to NICC members, ALWAYS put "NICC" in the subject. Most of us do not open messages we do not recognize.**

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*Vette Visions* is your newsletter. Your contributions are welcome. Corvette related pictures, stories, editorials, ads, or other appropriate materials are welcome. Please email items to

[editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com) or  
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Text file formats are best in .doc, .docx, .rtf or .txt, and photos in .jpg, .jpeg, .png or .bmp files. Thank you.

**DEADLINE for all Reports, Items, Advertising, and Articles in EACH issue is the FRIDAY following the monthly meeting.**

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Need help developing your ads? Design assistance is free with half or full page 12-month ads and new copy can be submitted at any time. Your ads will appear on our Website.

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Members are encouraged to use *Vette Visions* and our *website* to buy and sell Corvette related items. This service is free of charge to members. Member ads may contain photos and those might only appear on the website. Member ads will automatically renew until we are told to stop running the ad.

Ads for non-members will be published, subject to editorial restrictions, at a fee of \$5.00 per month for a business card size ad. Non-member ads must be renewed each month on or before the Wednesday following the monthly meeting.

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