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October 2022

The official Newsletter of the Award Winning

Northern Illinois Corvette Club

Hello fellow members:

The weather is changing quickly and soon we will be putting our pride and joys away for the winter. We still have a road trip into Wisconsin and a Rally to finish off the month of September and the first few days of October.

Don't forget, we have the annual wiener roast at the home of Leon and Louise Gorsch which is always a good time for all of us to sit around the fire pit and enjoy friendly conversation with our club members. Also, we have our NICC fundraiser at Crystal Lake, IL, on October 15 and 16. If you want to get involved with this race, just contact Dale Samuelson. Remember this is how we make some revenue for the club, so volunteer and help the club.

We also have the Perryville Road cleanup and we can use volunteers for this project that we perform several times a year. To volunteer, contact Ken Starzyk and he can tell you time and place to meet.

The club meeting is on October 23, 2022 and the social hour is at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm, so put it on your calendar and attend the meeting. The attendance award is up to \$40.00, which is all the more reason to be at the meeting.

I want to thank the members that have stepped up and are filling positions on the NICC board. I would like to thank Susan Chamberlain for the years of her service to the Club as Treasurer. We will miss the great job she did for NICC. I will list the changes so that they are available if you need anything from the person in that position.

- Treasurer: Louise Gorsch
- NCM Ambassador: Sherry Putnam
- Media Director: Traci Hill

Please congratulate these club members for stepping up to help our club to be successful.



President's
Corner

We had our Board meeting on September 25th and reviewed and updated the budget for 2023 and this will be reviewed and voted on before the New Year.

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 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. Stupek

NICC President

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October 2022

2022 - Membership and Board Meetings			
Oct	23	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting
Nov	27	5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting
Dec	18	3:30 PM - Board Meeting	
		5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting
2023 - Membership and Board Meetings			
Jan	29	4:00 PM - Board Meeting	
		5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting
Feb	26	5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting
Mar	26	5:00 PM - Board Meeting	
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting
Apr	30	6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 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.

editor@nicccorvette.com

2022 - NICC Events - See website for updates & flyers					
Oct	Sun	2	9:00 AM	MWR Rallye Event	Hosts: Dale & Carolyn Samuelson
	Sat	8	9:00 AM	MWR Rallye Event	Wentzville, MO
	Sat	8	5:00 PM	Weiner Roast	Hosts: Leon & Louise Gorsch
	Sa-Su	15-16	8:00 AM	MWR Low Speed NICC Fundraiser	Crystal Lake, IL Need Volunteers
	Sat	22	10:00 AM	Perryville Road Cleanup	CherryVale Mall Need Volunteers!!!
Nov	Sun	13	11:30AM	Tailgate Party	Don & Barb Johnson
Dec	Fri	2	TBD	Christmas Party	Need Host(s)

2022 - Other Events of Interest		
October 22	Blackhawk Farms Raceway Corvette Day, South Beloit, IL	website
October 30	Halloween Trunk or Treat Car Show, Urbana, IL	website
November 19-20	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, Rosemont, IL	website

2023 - Other Events of Interest		
	St. Jude Corvette Drive	website
June 2-3	Bloomington Gold, Illinois State University, Normal, IL	website
June 18-20	Corvette Adventures, Wisconsin Dells, WI	website
June 24-30	National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Convention	website
July 12-15	Black Hills Corvette Classic, South Dakota	website

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For additions or corrections please contact:
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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

October

Curt	Zawiski	Russ	Schaefer
Marie	Naretta	Nancy	Bailey
Kathleen	Morr	George	Titus
Wendy	Bennett	Max	Garibaldi

November

VETTE QUOTES (Halloween Edition)

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch.

A skeleton walks into a bar. He orders a drink and a mop.

What's it like to be kissed by a vampire?
It's a pain in the neck.

Which ghost is the best dancer?
The Boogie Man.

What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?
Broom mates.

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
Frostbite.

Why did the ghost go to the bar?
To get some boos.

Wedding Anniversaries



October

Curt & Terri	Zawiski
Gregory & Christine	Osen
Preston & Nina	Morgan
Craig & Michele	Meiter

November

Maxine Byrne & Richard Bowers, Jr.



**NICC APPRECIATES
ALL MEMBERS!**

**SUPPORT THE NICC BY BECOM-
ING AN ACTIVE MEMBER!**

Is your Birthday or
Anniversary incorrect or
missing? Please let us know!
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
815-885-2426

NICC Minutes

September 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

1. Opening and Call to Order:

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupiec at 7:00 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 Position

3. Introduction of Guests: No guests were present tonight.

4. Minutes: A motion was made to approve the August, 2022 minutes by Craig Gleason and seconded by Gene Stimart. The motion was approved.

5. Monthly Reports:

President – John Stupiec: The Board worked on the projected budget for 2023. **Please email John if you have any additions or changes that need to be considered for the 2023 budget.**

Louise Gorsch volunteered to fill the Treasurer's position, which is being vacated by Susan Chamberlain, Sherry Putnam volunteered to fill the NCM Ambassador's position, which is being vacated by Louise, and Traci Hill volunteered to fill the Media Director's position. Thank you so much to the members who are coming forward to fill these positions!

Governor – Dale Samuelson: See Dale's full report in the NICC newsletter. Dale gave details about the Double Poker Rally for October 2nd and the Autocross NICC Fundraiser on October 15th and 16th. **Volunteers from NICC are needed to work the Autocross. It is at McHenry County Community College in Crystal Lake. Please contact Dale at (815) 979-2352 if you can help!** He also talked about the NCCC National Officer elections, the NCCC 2023 Convention, and the initial plans for NICC's involvement in the MWR speed events for 2023.

Secretary – Cindy Starzyk: No report.

Treasurer – Susan Chamberlain: No report.

Membership – Leon Gorsch: We have 80 members. He just sent out a new roster with the most recent new members included. We are on track with renewals for 2023. **Please submit your membership renewal if you have not yet done so, at the very latest by October 15th.**

Parliamentarian – Doris Hicks absent.

Historian - Nancy Bailey: No report.

NCM Ambassador - Louise Gorsch: No report.

Sunshine Club Chair - Doris Hicks, absent.

Sergeant-at-arms - Gene Stimart: \$0 was collected.

Editor - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Articles for the September newsletter are due by September 28th or at the latest, September 30th. Thank you to those who have submitted articles.

Social Director – Debbie Schaefer: No report.

Quartermaster - Barb Johnson: The Tailgate Party will be held at her home on November 13th. Signup will be at next month's meeting. We will watch the Bears vs. the Lions. Please bring a dish to pass.

Advertising – Ken Starzyk: Ken is working on several contacts for more ads.

Public Relations - Ken Starzyk: The Board is considering the implementation of PayPal or another method to complete online payments of membership dues and/or car show registrations for NICC.

Webmaster - Linda Stimart: Linda is working on the listing of ads for the website.

Parade Director – Bill Morr: Seven Vettes partook in the Stillman Valley Parade. We receive \$100 each season from Stillman Valley for our participation.

6. Old Business:

Cruise Night (Smokin' Coops) – August 30, 2022. 20 Vettes attended!

MWR & NCCC Meeting – September 9-10, 2022. Dale reported.

Stillman Valley Parade – September 25, 2022. Bill summarized.

7. New Business:

Fall Run – House on the Rock – September 30th, 2022. Linda Stimart informed everyone that we will leave from the Farm & Fleet on Rockton Rd. in Rockton at 9 am sharp. Lunch will be in Dodgeville at 11:00. You will pay \$30 at the House on the Rock for admission. We will walk quite a lot there and then drive to New Glarus. You may skip New Glarus if you wish.

Wiener Roast – Leon & Louise Gorsch will host this at their home in Rockton on Saturday, October 8th at 5:00pm.

NICC Fundraiser – Crystal Lake – October 15-16. See Dale's report above.

Perryville Road Cleanup – October 22 at 10:00. Just show up.

Mecum Auction – October 13, 14, 15. This may be a fun activity for us. John has brochures.

Rock-N-Bowl Car Show – October 8.

Blackhawk Farms Raceway – October 22 for Corvettes.

Urbana Firefighters Car Show – October 30. We have been invited to this.

8. New Cars: Leon and Louise Gorsch have taken possession of their 2023 convertible, Red Mist Metallic Corvette with gray interior. They love the ride! Lee and Lynn Foecking have acquired a 2023 convertible, gray Vette with black interior, and are very excited to be doing more runs with NICC!

9. Collection of Fines: \$0

10. Raffles: First winner: Lynn Foecking. Second winner: Traci Hill.

11. Attendance Drawing: \$30.00 Curt Zawiski, absent. Next month - \$40.00.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Starzyk and seconded by Sherry Putnam. The motion was approved.

Next Club Monthly Meeting:

October 23, 2022, social hour 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Starzyk

NICC Governor's Report

Submitted by Dale Samuelson, Governor, NICC

The next NICC sanctioned event is a double poker rally to be held Sunday, Oct 2, 2022. This event will feature an easy to follow route, beginning at the Loves Park Farm and Fleet. Along the route entrants will stop at three check points to draw cards. We'll end at one of our club sponsors for lunch. Highest poker hand wins and there will be awards for the top three finishers. The flier is located here: https://www.mwregion.com/Flyers/flyer2022_10-02.pdf or within this newsletter.



The next NICC fundraiser autocross will be October 14th and 15th at McHenry County Community College in Crystal Lake. Help is needed both days. You can work the entire day or just a portion of the day. No previous experience is needed – we'll be happy to train you! The college is only 30 to 45 minutes east of Rockford. Registration starts at 8:00 AM both days. Hope to see you there.

Voting for National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) national officer elections as well as a few by-law proposals will take place over the next month. As your club Governor, I will vote the wishes of the club. Feel free to reach out for any additional information.

The 2023 NCCC Convention will take place in Bowling Green, KY on June 25th through June 30th, 2023. Registration will open February 1st. We will be working closely with the National Corvette Museum. Sunday's opening banquet/party will include NCM President/CEO Sharon Brawner as featured speaker. Friday's closing party will be a 70th birthday party for the Corvette and tentatively will feature Chevrolet Corvette & Camaro Product Marketing Manager, Harlan Charles.



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There has been a lot of news from the National Corvette Museum. Plant tours at the Corvette Assembly plant will be resuming later this year. The National Corvette Museum announced that the groundbreaking exhibit, *Driven by Design*, is now open. The 6,500-square-foot exhibit is focused on the history of Corvette's design process and the stories of the diverse group of individuals responsible for the most iconic sports car design of all time.

The Midwest Region will soon be planning the 2023 sanctioned competition schedule. NICC will tentatively be involved with events in July (speed events with Badger State Vettes), August (Speed events with Sunburst Corvette Club at McHenry County College), and October (speed events at McHenry County College). Stay tuned for details.

For additional information on any of the above or any questions related to NCCC, feel free to give me a call anytime.

That's all for now,

Dale Samuelson, Governor, NICC



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



We have two 2023 Corvette Stingrays on the way with nowhere to call home yet. Check out the details and contact Joe to call dibs!



COMING SOON

2023 Stingray Coupe 2LT

Exterior Color - Hypersonic Gray Metallic
Interior - Trim Leather, Jet Black
Z51 Performance Package
Enhanced Safety Features
Bose Performance Audio
Performance Suspension & Exhaust System
Front and Rear Vision Cameras
Bright Silver Aluminum Wheels
AND so much more!



COMING SOON

2023 Stingray Coupe 3LT

Exterior Color - Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic
Interior - Napa Leather, Jet Black
Z51 Performance Package
Enhanced Safety Features
Bose Performance Audio
Performance Suspension & Exhaust System
Front and Rear Vision Cameras
So Much More

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

It is now that time of year for you to renew your Northern Illinois Corvette Club membership for 2023. We currently have 76 members. Next year will be a great year with runs, parades, car shows, racing events and social occasions with great food, fun and friendship.

All you need to do to renew is to make sure your name(s) is/are entered on the enclosed renewal application, update any changes that have occurred during the past year and sign the application. The deadline for renewing is **October 15th**. Please send your renewal application along with your check made payable to NICC to: **Northern Illinois Corvette Club, P.O. Box 2004, Loves Park, Illinois 61130.**

Please remember to hand out our club brochures and business cards. We can all help to bring in new members. If you need some, please ask me.

There is no change in the cost of renewal dues this year.

\$60 for primary and spouse (or significant other)

\$50 for primary only

\$10 for dependent

Remember, don't miss the October 15th deadline, or it will cost an extra \$10 to renew.

Thank you so much!

Leon Gorsch
Membership Director
815-291-5357 (cell)

Hurricane Ian

By Preston Morgan

It was Tuesday, September 27, and Nina and I focused on the approaching hurricane known as Ian. The storm had already wreaked devastation and havoc on the island nation of Cuba but now was turning its attention to the west coast of Florida. Since leaving Cuba, the storm was expected to pickup speed and intensity, something we weren't wanting to happen.

I had already put up our hurricane shutters, filled the vehicles with fuel (including the Corvette), gathered food and water, and all the necessities for a protracted period of isolation. Now it was sit, watch, and wait. I was checking my hurricane tracker more often than was necessary, but this storm was billed as a big one with catastrophic effects once making landfall. My hurricane tracker had the storm hitting the Big Bend area of Florida, which was well north of our house. I felt relieved. But wait, the expected course of the storm changed and was going to the Tampa Bay area. That is still north of us but starting to get a little too close. Then the track fell a little more south to go over Venice, which is the next town north of us. Now I'm starting to get a bit anxious. The last straw was when the expected course was aimed right at North Port, our town. It held that course for several hours. Nina suggested that we start looking to evacuate to a safer place. We checked hotels everywhere but were unsuccessful in finding one. As a last gasp, I called a hotel in Tallahassee and BINGO, we reserved a room. We quickly gathered some clothes and off we went at 10:00 pm bound for Tallahassee. Luckily, we had clear roads and gas available on our trip and arrived safely at our hotel at 3:00 am on Wednesday, September 28.



We felt relieved that we were now safely out of the path of this monstrous hurricane. The last hurricane to come through our area was Charley (2004) and its size fit neatly within the eye of Ian, just to illustrate the difference in the size of the two storms. We weren't alone in Tallahassee. Lots of other hurricane evacuees were at the same hotel. I was interviewed by a local TV station about being an evacuee.



IAN TOP RAIN TOTALS	
NORTH PORT	19.18"
WAUCHULA	18.54"
LEHIGH ACRES	16.42"
ONIA	12.96"
CLEARWATER BEACH	10.68"

Friends and neighbors who stayed behind in North Port were telling us the severity of the storm and sending us pictures. It was nine hours of being battered. We began talking to other evacuees and hearing their stories of calamity happening back home. One man from Ft. Myers left his home and three hours later it was destroyed by a tornado. His neighbor had to use a kayak to float out a third story window to escape the storm surge. Another person had 5' of water in their condo. We saw the pictures on TV of places like Ft. Myers Beach that was completely devastated.

Fortunately our house weathered the storm in relatively good shape. The major damage we suffered was our pool cage being destroyed. At least we still had a roof over our heads. The electricity had been restored earlier in the day before we arrived back home on Friday, September 30. A few hours after being home, our water service was restored, although as I write this we are still under a boil order. We have lots of cleanup in the yard and helping others.

We are grateful that those wicked 135 mph winds with gusts of 150 mph did not do more damage than it did. I have watched hurricane results on TV but it gut punches hard when you see the destruction in person. Our neighborhood was hit pretty hard and our town is really torn up. Thousands of people are displaced because they no longer have a place to call home. Families are devastated because they lost loved ones.

We want to thank all the NICC members that were contacting us to check on our well being. We appreciate all of the concern and expressions of love from family and friends and especially the prayers. We were fortunate but there are a lot of people that are not as lucky. We ask that you keep these people in your thoughts and prayers as their lives will never be the same. If you can donate to a disaster relief fund, please consider doing so. It was rewarding to see all the disaster relief help converging on the area. Americans are fantastic!

2022 – Fall Festival Parade – Stillman Valley, IL

Submitted by: Bill and Kathleen Morr

Photos by: Kathleen Morr

NICC participated in the Fall Festival Parade in Stillman Valley, IL on September 25, 2022. This was the last club parade for the year.

The day began with overcast clouds as the club members gathered at the DMV Facility parking lot on Baxter Road in Rockford at 10:45 a.m. Around 11:15 a.m. we had 4 cars of NICC members caravanning to Stillman Valley.

We arrived at our staging area which was in the parking lot of Stillman Valley High School at 11:45 a.m. At that time, some club members took time to do some last-minute detailing of their cars. Others, joined in friendly conversations mostly about Corvettes (what else). In addition, we had 3 NICC club cars join up at the staging location. (Jerry and Darlene Weaver brought both their cars.) Therefore, we had a total of 7 club cars participate in the parade.

The parade stepped off at 1:00 p.m. (no rain and the sun was beginning to peek out of the clouds). The parade route streets were lined with crowds of people. The parade was a well attended community event as they celebrated the closing of their annual fall festival.

Due to time constraints, travel distance from the parade location and the NICC Board Meeting (at 5:00 p.m.) the group did not stop for a planned lunch after the parade.

Many thanks and appreciation to the following club members for their support and participation in the Fall Festival Parade: DeVires, Garibaldi, Titus, Weaver, DeVires and Morr.



Fall Run to House on the Rock

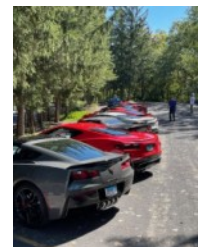
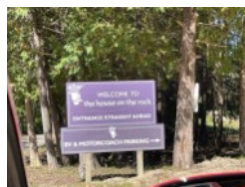
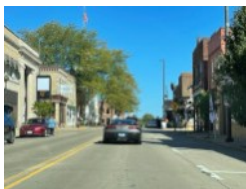
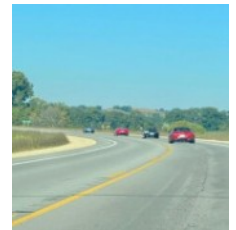
Submitted by Gene and Linda Stimart Photos: Gene and Linda Stimart, Cindy Starzyk, and Traci Hill

On Friday, September 30th, we started out at 9:00 a.m. with 13 cars leaving from Farm and Fleet on Rockton Rd. We traveled back roads to Highway 81 outside of Beloit and then onto Dodgeville, Wisconsin. We traveled on some very nice hilly and curvy roads on the way to Dodgeville. Even though we missed a couple of turns and had to turn around twice, we made it to Dodgeville right on time. The weather was great with sunny skies and mild temperatures. The trees weren't in full color yet but the scenery was beautiful. Everyone enjoyed the lunch at Bob's Bitchin BBQ in Dodgeville. They have great brisket and fried pickles. Yum!

We spent about three hours at The House on the Rock. The HOR consists of the original house and two other areas and an outside Japanese Garden. There's a large collection in each area. The house was built in 1945 as a private home by Alex Jordan. Eventually, it became a tourist attraction because of all the items he collected. The original house isn't as nice as I remember it from visiting it years ago, but it was worth going through again. I think I enjoyed the music area and the carousel the most, but it's all very unique. The House has the world's largest carousel with 269 animals and 20,000 lights. There was a LOT of walking and a lot of stairs, narrow passages, uneven and steep walkways, and dark areas. It's definitely not an easy walk. I think all of us who went through the house got their quota of steps in for sure.

After going through the House, Leon and Louise led us on more pretty and winding back roads to New Glarus where met up with some other NICC members and had a delicious dinner at Sugar River Pizza before heading home.

This was the first time we've done a fall run on a Friday. Although I know some members couldn't join us, we were happy with the turn out and I think everyone enjoyed it.



October 2022



Jokers Wild Double Poker Rally

Northern Illinois Corvette Club

MW-167-006, MW-167-007

Midwest Region

Chance Rally

\$20.00 per car

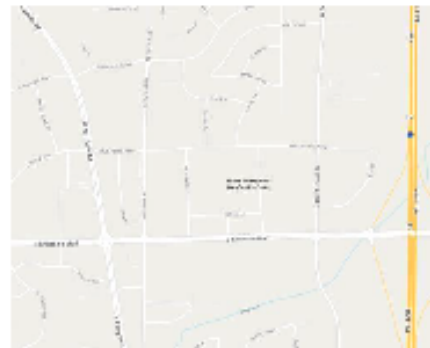
October 2, 2020

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Drivers meeting: 10:15 AM

**Blain's Farm & Fleet
7300 East Riverside
Boulevard
Loves Park IL 61111**

First Car off: 10:30



EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

Dale & Carolyn Samuelson

6874 Wildlife Dr

Stillman Valley, IL 61084

815 979-2352



GOVERNOR:

Dale Samuelson

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Stillman Valley, IL 61084

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ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB Presents “Round-About” 4 Rally Events – October 8, 2022

Rally number 1 (Gimmick Rally) – MW470-001 Rally number 2 (Chance Rally) – MW470-002
Rally number 3 (Chance Rally) – MW470-003 Rally number 4 (Chance Rally) – MW470-004
Rallies will be run concurrently

<u>EVENT FEES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ROUTE 66 CC GOVERNOR</u>
\$35.00 for all four events NO single event pricing NO PREISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT- REGISTER DAY OF EVENTS ONLY	Poage Chevrolet Dealership 851 W. Pearce Blvd. Wentzville, MO 63385 636-327-6268 (for directions only)	Tom Reitz 314-496-3155 cell Fastglass95@yahoo.com Chairperson – Tom Reitz Co-Chairperson – Chris Reitz

Registration & Tech (Central Time)

Registration: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Tech: 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM

Drivers Meeting: 10:30 AM

1st Car Off: following driver's meeting

- ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE MUST SIGN WAIVER
- MUST Present Valid Driver's License to participate
- NO alcoholic beverages permitted
- MUST BE NCCC member driving a Corvette to receive NCCC points





"IT'S A WRAP, MWR YEAR END" AUTOCROSS

14 LOW SPEED EVENTS

Oct. 15 & 16, 2022



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

EVENT FEES - Day Of

EITHER Saturday **OR** Sunday

Full Weekend Value Package

NCCC Members - \$65 Non-NCCC - \$75

NCCC Members - \$120 Non-NCCC - \$140

Less than a full day of racing \$10 per event

ON-LINE REGISTRATION by 10/1/22

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=342>

(If you don't send your fees by Oct. 1st, you are not registered)

Pre-Register by 10/1/22

NCCC Members - 1 Day \$50 Both Days \$100

Please make check payable to "Northern Illinois Corvette Club" and mail to

Dale Samuelson, 6874 Wildlife Dr, Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Lodging: Holiday Inn 800 S. IL Route 31 Crystal Lake IL 60014

- 10/14 & 10/15 Check In- \$109.00 Daily Rate

- King or 2 Queens- Rate Held till 9/16/2022

Hampton Inn 1555 S. Route #31, McHenry IL

- 10/14 & 10/15 Check In- \$159.00 Daily Rate

- King or 2 Queens- Rate Held till 9/14/2022

- Link to register: www.my-event.hilton.com/sunburst-corvette-club-october-2022/

- Group Code: "SUN"

Sunburst, Northern Illinois, Northern Rays, and Windy City Corvettes Clubs are pleased to be hosting this weekend of autocrossing. We will be following the guidelines of the State of Illinois, McHenry County, the Village of Crystal Lake and McHenry County College

Overall Chairperson: Dale Samuelson - 815-979-2352 (Cell)
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FORD BENCHMARKING 2023 CHEVY CORVETTE Z06

By Alexandra Purcell for Ford Authority at <https://fordauthority.com/2022/09/ford-benchmarking-2023-chevy-corvette-z06-photos/>

Automakers like to keep an eye on their key rivals, and Ford is certainly no exception. The Blue Oval seems to be very interested in what makes the Chevy Corvette tick – Ford Authority already spotted the C8 Corvette Stingray being benchmarked by Ford around Dearborn last year. Now, our photographers recently spied yet another ‘Vette in Ford’s hands for benchmarking purposes: the 2023 Chevy Corvette Z06.



Our photographers spotted this Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Z06 leaving a Ford facility, which is curious, because the Z06 hasn’t entered production yet. It is entirely possible that The Blue Oval obtained it through a vehicle swap with General Motors. Either way, Ford has one in its possession. The 2023 Chevy Corvette Z06 harnesses GM’s brand new naturally-aspirated, flat-plane crank 5.5L LT6 V8, which produces 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque under the hood of the sports car. Coupled with General Motors’ eight-speed dual-clutch transmission, that’s good enough for a run from zero to 60 mph in just 2.6 seconds, according to Chevrolet. The sports car will be capable of a 195 mph top speed. Additionally, this particular Corvette convertible boasted a rather robust set of equipment:

- Carbon Flash-painted nacelles and roof
- Carbon/Edge Red Stinger Stripe (on the hood)
- Z07 Performance Package



For comparison, the Ford GT makes use of the high-performance version of Ford’s twin-turbo 3.5L EcoBoost V6, making 660 horsepower and 550 pound-feet of torque in the GT, which propels the supercar to 60 mph in around three seconds. The Blue Oval could be benchmarking the Corvette Z06 as a rival for a potential Ford Thunderbird revival. As Ford Authority reported back in May, the Thunderbird could very well make a comeback, and though it’s not likely this vehicle will feature a mid-engine layout like the ‘Vette, it could certainly pose a threat to The Bow Tie’s sports car in terms of power and performance.



Here's What Those Little Black Dots on a Windshield Are For

The little black dots on your car's windshield actually perform some important functions.

By Meghan Jones for Family Handyman at <https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/little-black-dots-windshield/>

You probably haven't given much thought to the little black dots on the edges of car and bus windows. Sure, they look cool. But do they do anything?

Those black dots and the black rims that surround them are there for a reason, and it's not for defogging the glass. It has to do with how car windows are made.

In the 1950s and '60s, car manufacturers applied an adhesive to hold car windows in place instead of metal trim. It did the job but wasn't aesthetically pleasing.



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Enter the black rims you see around car windows today, called "frits." The frits, and the dots that border them, are made from ceramic paint. The frits hide the icky-looking but important adhesive from view.

Also, since these painted rims are baked — yes, baked — into the window, they're all but indestructible. They hold the glue in place, which holds the windshield in place.

As for the dots, they're there to make an aesthetically pleasing transition from the thick black lines to the transparency of the window. The dots aren't randomly placed; they're positioned in what's known as a "halftone pattern," getting smaller and farther apart as the black recedes. This pattern is less jarring to the eye than opaque black paint juxtaposed with transparent glass.

However, even the dots aren't there for decoration. Besides the visual effect, they provide temperature control. Window and windshield glass must be heated and bent into shape before being installed. Black-painted glass heats faster than the rest of the window. The dots distribute the heat more evenly, which prevents the windshield from warping in the heat.

John Steinbeck's dog ate the first draft of "Of Mice and Men."

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Every teacher has rolled their eyes at the "my dog ate my homework" excuse, but it really happened to one of America's most revered authors. In 1936, John Steinbeck's dog Toby, an Irish setter, turned the first draft of *Of Mice and Men* into a snack. In a letter dated May 27 of that year, the future Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner wrote that he "was pretty mad, but the poor little fellow may have been acting critically."

Steinbeck wrote the novella "Lifeboat" at Hitchcock's request, but asked the studio to remove his name from the 1944 film adaptation due to its "slurs against organized labor" and stereotypical portrayal of a Black character Steinbeck wrote as a "thoughtful and intelligent seaman."

Steinbeck estimated that Toby making "confetti" of the manuscript would set him back by about two months, but it may have been worth it: Steinbeck's short, tragic tale of two migrant workers eking out a humble existence in California during the Depression is among the author's most moving and accomplished works, which is saying something for the man responsible for both *East of Eden* and *The Grapes of Wrath*. Steinbeck, a lifelong dog-lover, later wrote a travelogue featuring his poodle called *Travels with Charley*.

GM considered taking on the Dodge Viper with a V-12-powered Chevrolet Corvette

By Stephen Edelstein for Motor Authority at https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1135298_gm-considered-taking-on-the-dodge-viper-with-a-v-12-powered-chevrolet-corvette

Sporting an 8.0-liter V-10, the original Dodge Viper seriously outgunned the contemporary Chevrolet Corvette C4. So General Motors decided to drop a V-12 into the 'Vette as a possible way to compete.

First spotted by Road & Track, a video from YouTube channel DtRockstar1 shows the V-12 Corvette prototype—dubbed "ZR-12"—at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The prototype is fully drivable, and sounds fantastic.



The exhaust note is generated by a 600-cubic-inch (roughly 10.0-liter) V-12 built by Ryan Falconer Racing Engines. The all-aluminum engine produced a claimed 686 hp and 680 lb-ft of torque when new—eclipsing the contemporary Viper's 400 hp and 450 lb-ft of torque—and weighed about the same as an iron-block V-8.

The ZR-12 also managed an 11.6-second quarter mile run at 133 mph in a March 1993 Motor Trend test.

When new, the ZR-12 even had Viper-like side pipes, although these were subsequently removed. Today, the car has a dual exhaust system more like that of a stock C4 Corvette. The wheels were changed at some point as well.

The ZR-12 never went into production. Chevy had already spent a lot of time and money developing the 380-hp V-8 Corvette ZR-1, which, along with later Z06 and ZR1 (minus the hyphen) variants, took the fight to the Viper. Today, the Viper is gone, but Chevy is about to launch the 2023 Corvette Z06 with a 670-hp flat-plane crank V-8. Future Corvettes are expected to use a hybrid powertrain, combining a V-8 and electric motors, and an all-electric powertrain, for extra power, so it's unlikely that we'll ever see another factory-backed attempt at a V-12 Corvette.



Chevrolet Corvette ZR-12 prototype (via DtRockstar1 on YouTube)



Halloween Superstitions And Symbols That Will Send Chills Up Your Spine

These Halloween legends and superstitions are frightfully fascinating!

By Farmers' Almanac Staff at <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/halloween-superstitions-and-symbols-10996>

Halloween is full of legends and scary stories. The following are some interesting Halloween superstitions and beliefs. How many of these have you heard?

1. Blue Light

Watch out for ghosts. The belief is that if a candle's flame turns blue on Halloween night, a ghost is near.



2. Shhh... No Talking

On Halloween night, nobody is supposed to speak during dinner. If someone does, it is believed to encourage the spirits to come to that table.



3. Husband Search

According to some tales, if, on Halloween night, a girl puts a sprig of rosemary and a silver coin under her pillow, she will see her future husband in a dream.



4. Jack O'Lanterns

According to Irish legend, there was a miserly old drunkard named Jack who, accepted in neither heaven nor hell, was forced to wander the earth with a lump of coal from hell stuck in a turnip to light his way.



From the Editor

NICC Editor: Preston Morgan

My hiking, camping and backpacking experiences in the Colorado and New Mexico mountains taught me to have a healthy respect for lightning. The old saying that with lightning "One strike and your out!" is as applicable today as it was when I was a mountain adventurer. As a Boy Scout leader, I also shared my lightning knowledge and experiences with the youngsters. One can never be too careful when it comes to lightning. That is why the article below was of great interest to me. I also had heard the lightning lore discussed below, and actually believed it.



Lightning Lore: Did They Get It Wrong?

Does the old saying, "lightning never strikes twice in the same place" hold true? Find out what Mother Nature has to say about it!

By Tiffany Means for Farmer's Almanac at <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/lightning-lore-28534>

According to weather lore, "lightning never strikes twice."

Unfortunately, folklore got this one wrong.

Yes, lightning strikes twice (and sometimes more than two times). While it is rare, lightning actually can strike the same spot (or almost the same spot) multiple times during a storm.

In February 2017, lightning struck the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington twice within one hour. Lightning hardly ever strikes the Space Needle, largely because thunderstorms are uncommon in Seattle. But what made this occurrence even rarer was that the double strikes happened during a thundersnow event (a snowstorm so strong, it produces thunder and lightning). Back in 2011, New York's Empire State Building was hit by lightning not twice, but three times in a row during a spring thunderstorm. And if you think that's impressive, it's said the building was once struck eight times in less than 30 minutes!

While lightning can strike any location more than once, skyscrapers and radio towers, such as the Empire State Building and Space Needle, have a greater chance for a multiple strike. One reason why is because they're so tall. Lightning is "attracted" to tall buildings because their tops are closer to the storm cloud (the less air the positive and negative charges have to travel through in order to meet, the easier it is for lightning to strike). The more lightning is drawn to an object, the more chances it has to strike it during a storm, and more often.

Another reason tall structures are prone to double lightning strikes is due to lightning rods. These metal sticks sit atop buildings in order to attract lightning. (The metal runs along the outside of the building, channeling electricity away from its interior and the people inside.)

If it's untrue, why does this folklore exist?

Lightning occurs when air high up in the clouds having a negative electrical charge meets positively charged air near the ground. When these opposite charges build up enough and attract, it creates a giant spark of electricity – lightning! After lightning strikes an object, air's positive and negative charges lessen. Each must build up again before another lightning bolt can form and hit the exact same spot. It's sometimes easier for lightning to form at another spot where the charges are already accumulated, hence, we say it doesn't strike the same spot twice in a row.

A Double Meaning

The saying lightning never strikes twice has another meaning too: a highly unlikely event does not happen twice in one day or happen to the same person twice. If that unlikely event is a bit of good luck, we hope this interpretation of the saying is also untrue!



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