



# HUSKER NEWS 'N' VIEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

## Happy New Year!!!

*Patti Bena & Jerry Koraleski are winners*



A great time was had by all at the New Year's Eve Social held at the German American Society. There was a fantastic dinner, live big band music by the Greg Spevak Orchestra and an exciting ballon drop to ring in the New Year - New York time! The Cornhuskers scrambled for the balloons that held certificates for wine. Patti

Bena & Jerry Koraleski were the big winners!! Patti said her spiked high heels were her secret weapon. The diehards enjoyed a midnight buffet & a group gathered at the Village Inn the next morning to celebrate 2014. A successful end to a year filled with fantastic social events!

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\*\*Next General Meeting is Thursday, February 20th at the Bel Air Banquet Hall, 7:30 - 9:00pm. Come **EARLY** & enjoy the buffet starting at 6pm! If you would prefer a salad, call Holly or Shelly at **402-333-5505**



*A big thank you to Sandy Swift for the photos!*

# 2014 Schedule of Events

• <b>Feb 20</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall</b>	<b>Dinner 6pm, meeting 7:30 - 9pm</b>
• Feb 28	Melodrama	Sokol Hall	Contact Jayne Sainz for more info
• March 6	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• <b>March 20</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• March 27-30	WOW		
• March 29	West Region Awards Banquet	Marion, Iowa	Registration/Social 5pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
• April 3	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• <b>April 17</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• May 1	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• May 3	Auto cross school and course	setup in AM, 4 low speeds in PM	122nd & I
• May 4	7 low speeds	122nd & I	
• <b>May 15</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall,</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• May 17 - 18	7 low speeds	Lincoln	
• June 5	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• June 7	Veterans Appreciation Rally	North Omaha Airport	See website for flyer, 9am to 4pm
• <b>June 19</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall,</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• June 21 - 22	7 low speeds	122nd & I	
• July 3	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• July 4-6	SUMMER FESTIVAL!		
• <b>July 17</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall,</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• July 19 - 20	Air Show		
• July 20	H & H car show		
• Aug 7	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• August 9	Gregg Young car show		
• <b>August 21</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall,</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• Sep 4	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• Sep 6	Sid Dillon car show		
• <b>Sep 18</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>
• Sep 20 (or 27th)	Drags, 7 low speeds next day	Kearney	
• Oct 2	Board Meeting	H & H Chevrolet	6:30 - 8:00 pm
• Oct 11-12	7 low speeds	122nd & I	
• <b>Oct 16</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Bel-Air Banquet Hall</b>	<b>Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm</b>

\*This is a tentative schedule, so mark your calendars in pencil! More details will be provided when firm dates are released

## Did you know?

- Our General Meetings are held at the Bel Air Banquet Room every month. There is no charge for the use of the room, but we are required to purchase a minimum amount of dinners. So come early (starting at 6pm) and enjoy the buffet. If you would prefer a salad, you can call ahead and request one be made up for you. The phone number is 402-333-5505

# 2013 MARINE CORP TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Cornhusker Corvette Members have a big heart and that was very obvious at the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Christmas Party! Seventy-two of our members showed up at Cascio's Steakhouse on Saturday

from person to person as the correct answers were given. Linda Hughbanks had the final answers and was rewarded with a gift of two Corvette Shirts (which she shared with Ron).



The evening was capped off with dancing to the talented local musician, Rich Patton, who treated the audience to some Rock, Blues and Jazz Music.

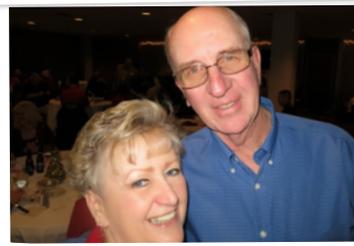
A fun and enjoyable evening was had by all!!

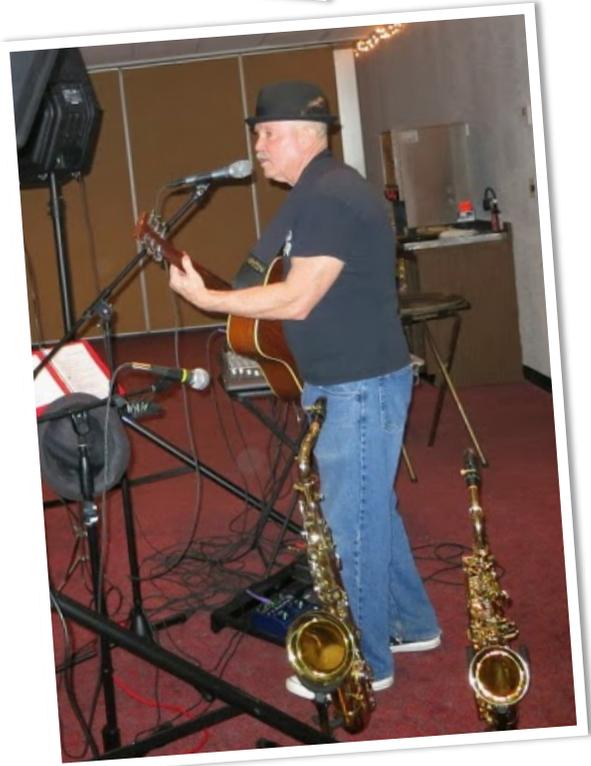
December 14, 2013 and **donated \$1,933 worth of brand new toys!!** Two local Marines were guests at the party and they shared information about the toy distribution for the states of Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa.

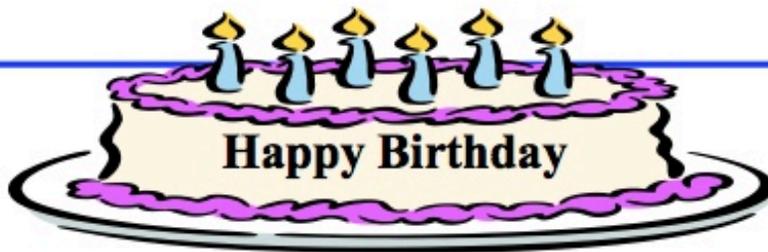
Our members also know how to have fun! An hour of social time was followed by a 7pm dinner of New York Strip Steak, Royal Chicken Breast and Fried Haddock. After dinner, a fun game of "Christmas is for Sharing" was played. Questions about Corvettes were asked and a gift was passed



*A special thank you to Sandy Swift for generously sharing your photos and to Mark De Long for providing me with the details to write this article! Gina*







CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY'S IN JANUARY ARE:

00 Mark Harysch	12 Daniel Berlowitz	22 Rose Woerner
01 Michelle Benedict	12 David Ferguson	24 Dick Smith
02 Mitzi Breshears	13 David Domnanish	24 E.J. Poss
03 Peggy Sarno	16 Dwight Aldinger	25 Lionel Reilly
05 Liz Bockerman	16 Casey Booth	27 Bernard Auten
05 Barry Coughlin	17 Andrea Howie	27 Marilyn Walling
06 Walt Stecki	19 Tristan Siggers	29 Kris Bivens
07 Tim Malloy	20 Mark Brandenburg	29 Pat Bivens
07 Linda Adams	20 Travis Janssen	29 Carrie Crew
08 Stephanie Basham	21 Trudy Benedict	31 Monica Baxter
11 Cynthia Jones		



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY'S IN FEBRUARY ARE:

01 Emery Emond	12 Tim Meschede	21 Mike Campbell
02 Larry Appleby	14 JR Cooper	22 Carmen Bracken
03 Michael Barker	15 Carole Debus	22 David Franc
03 Rebecca Rutherford	15 Roger Chambers	23 Linda Wilder
03 Pam De Long	16 Nancy Mundorf	24 Chuck Toy
04 Carol Cartwright	16 Sharon Smith	24 Jonathan Darling
04 Terry Palensky	16 Lin Cahill	26 Sue Auten
04 Steve Baxter	16 Terry Barker	28 Dena Gallagher
06 Bob Redmond	18 Tony Novotny	29 Elaine Mossman
08 Jolene Jankowski	19 Johnny Lynn Williams	
10 Mary Wolfe	21 Jae Edwards Sr.	
10 Shirley Anderson	21 Kevin Neve, Jr.	



CCC welcomes new members!

FYI: The "odometer" under the CCC logo shows all of our members including Social. The "odometer" under the NCCC logo reflects the NCCC membership.

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Steve & Monica Baxter rejoined CCC in December with a 1969 Monza Red Convertible with a Black top. Steve is an Environmental Engineer. Their hobbies include, martial arts, wood sculptures, working on all types of old cars, car shows, cooking, spending time with family, and the grandkids. They are sponsored by Pat & Sandy Swift.

With the processing of 2014 Renewals, we added spouses/significant others.

- Brad Berlin added **Anne Berlin**
- Casey Booth added **Gidget Booth**
- Tom Dunham added **Pam Battiato**
- Dennis Haecke added **Julie Cotton**
- Jerry Nabholz added **Sharon Neal**
- David Williams added **Mitzi Breshears**

If you did not renew your membership, you are still a member of CCC until January 31. I will leave you on the roster and email listings until then, unless you specifically ask to be removed.

**2014 RENEWAL RESULTS . . . . . 341**

- Renewed . . . . . 300
- Added spouses . . . . 6
- New Members . . . . 32
- Transfers . . . . . 3
- Not renewed . . . . . 38



NCCC's youth organization is sponsored by Mid America Motorworks, Inc. FCOA Membership is limited to family members of current NCCC members. Applicants must be less than 16 years old.. One time Membership Fee of \$10. Go to [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org) and print off application.



# New Members

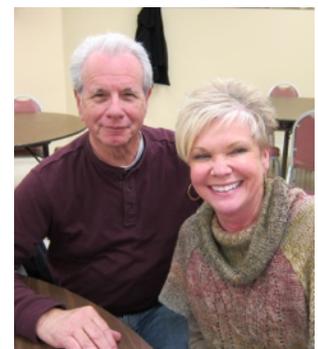
## Welcome to Bill & Kathy Cashell



Bill and Kathy are joining with a 1987 Dark Red Coupe thanks to an invitation from Bob Spekman & Tom Horeis. Bill is a Hypnotist/Speaker and a veteran of the US Army. Kathy is a manager at Century Link. They enjoy camping, boating and traveling. Their first corvette was a 1963. Welcome Bill & Kathy!

## Welcome to Sam & Jodi DePetro

Sam & Jodi are the proud, ORIGINAL owners of a 1966 Sky Blue hardtop. They purchased their baby brand new 47 years ago from Halac Chevrolet in Benson where Sam was born & raised. Sam's good friend, Bill Cashell, was interested in attending a meeting, so Bill rode along and decided to join too. Welcome Sam & Jodi!





• NCCC 2014 Collector Pins are now available. There is a limited supply of the 2014 Pins. Limited numbers of 2009, 2011, 2012 & 2013 Pins are also available on the form. The order form is available under the Merchandise link on the home page (or copy & paste this link in your browser <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/nccmerchandise.html>)

• You could win a 2014 Corvette Coupe for as little as \$10 AND raise money for the National Kidney Foundation (see form)!! Deadline for entry is **Aug 1, 2014**

• The 2014 National Corvette Convention registration is now available on line! This years convention will be held in Savannah, GA from August 25 - 29, 2014 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. Registration **costs increase on April 1st**, so don't delay if you plan on attending! (see <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2014.html> for more information)

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER *(including area code)* \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NCCC FOR NKF **\*\* CHECK OR CREDIT CARD \*\***

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LAINGSBURG, MI 48848

**RETURN BY August 1, 2014**

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For more information call: 517-651-2029 or 517-648-1603



**West Region**  
**National Council of Corvette Clubs**  
 with Corvette clubs in North Dakota, South  
 Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri

**West Region 2013 Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday March 29, 2014**  
**Marion, Iowa**

The Cedar Rapids Corvette Club is hosting the West Region 2013 Awards Banquet

Banquet will be held at the Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Road, Marion, Iowa

Registration: 5-6pm  
 Social hour: 5-6:30 PM - Cash Bar  
 Dinner: 6:30 PM  
 Awards: following dinner

Dinner price is \$25.00, (tax & tips included)  
 Menu: Roasted Pork Loin & White Wine Chicken, cheesy potatoes & red potatoes, vegetables & complete salad bar

Please fill out the form & return with your check to the address on the form.

**Deadline for dinner reservations is March 13, 2014**

**2013 West Region Awards Banquet Reservation Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and mail with your check by March 13, 2014 to:

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club  
 PO Box 414  
 Marion, IA 52302

Make Checks payable to Cedar Rapids Corvette Club (CRCC)

Questions: Contact Diane or Bob Bowen, 319-377-1829 or 319-521-7098 or [diantoy94@gmail.com](mailto:diantoy94@gmail.com)

See <http://westregionnccc.com/Docs/2014/WR2014Banquet.pdf> for more information including hotel information and directions



**Attention Autocrossers!**  
**West Region**  
**Initial 2014 Competition Schedule**

Date	Location	Event	Host Club
5/3/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	Driving School	CCC
5/3/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	4 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
5/4/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
5/17/2014	8800 East O St, Lincoln, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
5/18/2014	8800 East O St, Lincoln, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
5/24/2014	Chariton, IA		CCI
5/25/2014	Chariton, IA		CCI
5/26/2014	Chariton, IA		CCI
6/7/2014	GM Plant Kansas City	Low Speed Auto-X	MACC
6/8/2014	GM Plant Kansas City	Low Speed Auto-X	MACC
6/21/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
6/22/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
6/28/2014	Newton, IA		CCI
6/29/2014	Newton, IA		CCI

7/4/2014	TBA	Summer Festival	CCC
7/5/2014	TBA	Summer Festival	CCC
7/6/2014	TBA	Summer Festival	CCC
7/20/2014	84th & L, Omaha, NE	H & H All Chevy Show	CCC
7/27/2014	Cedar Rapids, IA		CRCC
7/28/2014	Cedar Rapids, IA		CRCC
8/9/2014	17750 Burt Street, Omaha, NE	Gregg Young Car Show	CCC
8/16/2014	Ankeny, IA		CCI
8/17/2014	Ankeny, IA		CCI
9/6/2014	2500 E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Fremont, NE	Sid Dillon Car Show	CCC
9/20/2014	Kearney, NE	Drag events	CCC
9/21/2014	Kearney, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
10/11/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
10/12/2014	122nd & I, Omaha, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC

# FLASHBACK!

*How it all began*

*By Allen H. Sohl*

It's 1960. Two Air Force sergeants stationed at Offutt AFB – Gerald N. (Jerry ) Sievers and Earl H. Lee –meet at the NCO Club. Both own Corvettes, and they would like to meet other Corvette enthusiasts. On January 20, 1960 Jerry writes a letter to Chevrolet Motor Division in Detroit, requesting information about organizing a “Corvette Owners Club.” Chevrolet responds by sending Jerry a Corvette Owner’s Kit and assigning Omaha GM Zone Sales Promotion Manager Dick Novotny to assist in establishing a club.

The first organizational meeting is held on February 21, 1960 at the General Motors Training Center on 80<sup>th</sup> and Dodge Street. Dick Novotny and Acting President Earl Lee have invited all known Corvette owners in the Omaha area to the meeting. Novotny opens the meeting and offers the use of the facility to Corvette owners. Lee tells the attendees that the club “will be more interested in social driving (rallies, gymkhanas, etc.) than drag races.” *[This is certainly ironic because Cornhusker Corvette Club is known today throughout NCCC for the large number of drag records it holds.]* Club dues are set at \$5 per year. Events are priced at \$1 for a member and \$2 for a guest.

The second organizational meeting is held on March 13, 1960 at the GM Training Center. There are 15 paid memberships. A husband and wife share a membership, which carries one vote. Members vote unanimously that any Corvette enthusiast will qualify as a member, but only Corvettes will be allowed to participate in driving events or competition. A membership year will be from 1 January to 31 December, and dues will be delinquent after 1 March.

Several names for the Club are proposed, and the members choose **CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB.**

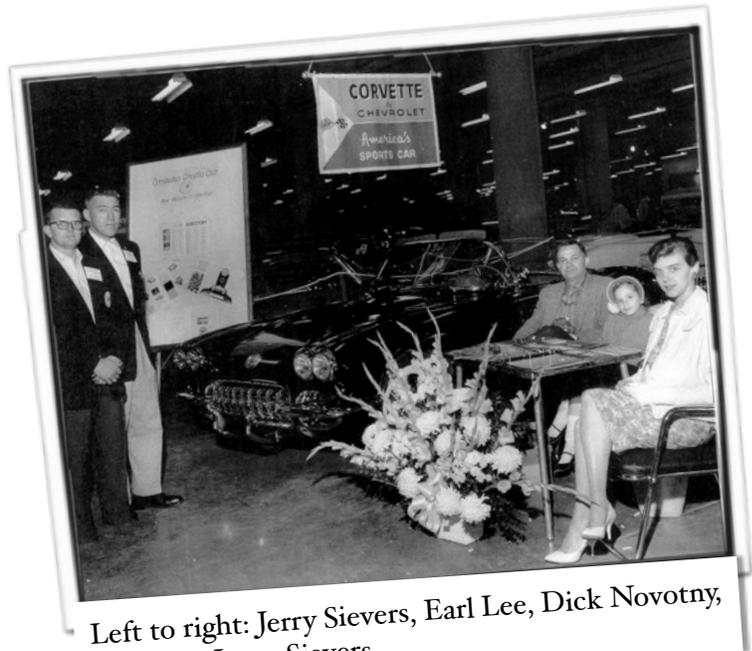
The third organizational meeting is held on March 27, 1960 at the GM Training Center. A document entitled **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA** is read and approved unanimously. It has been prepared by Jerome and Jeannie Given, assisted by Jack Huntley, Sy Weisinger, and Bill Huggins. Jerome Given is a motorcycle racing champion, a Shriner, a licensed pilot, and General Council for the Union Pacific Railroad.

The following Club officers are elected at this meeting:

- President Earl H. Lee
- Vice President Jack Huntley
- Activities Chairman Sy Weisinger
- Treasurer Pete Turille
- Secretary Joyce Sievers

CCC members vote to accept a 20% discount on parts purchased from Rosen Novak Chevrolet, an enthusiastic Corvette supporter.

Joyce Sievers’ carefully written minutes record subsequent CCC activities in exquisite detail. By May a membership



Left to right: Jerry Sievers, Earl Lee, Dick Novotny, daughter, Joyce Sievers

card has been designed and CCC has been registered in the Club Directory of *Corvette News* magazine. The Club is an exhibitor at the Nebraska Motor Sports Auto Show in the Omaha Civic Auditorium, displaying a 1960 Corvette provided by GM. (See photo.) Nine new members are recruited in the 2-day show. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1960, CCC’s first driving event, the Cornhusker Spring Rally, is held.

By June CCC has 56 names on the mailing list, including 37 members. The Club is off to a strong start, but the tenure of the founders is short. In November 1960, Jerry and Joyce Sievers are chosen for a special 3-year assignment at a NATO post near Paris. Earl Lee is reassigned to a post in Tripoli.

*Where are the founders now? Jerry and Joyce Sievers live in Bellevue. Jerome Given, age 91, lives on a horse farm near Elkhorn. No-one knows what became of Earl Lee.*

## HISTORICAL FOOTNOTES



*When Palmer and I joined CCC in 1990, each new member received a small, professionally printed but undated brochure entitled “Cornhusker Corvette Club Ltd.” In the brochure, the anonymous author stated, “The Cornhusker Corvette Club (CCC) was originally organized in 1961 by the Omaha Shriner organization for the main purpose of being a ‘parade’ type group.” However, in a letter dated September 22, 1994, Jerry Sievers disputed this claim, although he acknowledged that several Shriners had joined CCC. The writer probably confused CCC with the Tangier Shrine’s famous Corvette Patrol.*

*In 2001, while I was doing research for CCC’s 40<sup>th</sup> (actually 41<sup>st</sup>) anniversary celebration, I interviewed several “old timers” who mentioned a Corvette club that held meetings at the Storz Brewery prior to 1960. I found no evidence that this group founded CCC, although some members probably joined CCC.*

# Driving the C7 - First Impressions

By Gene Gau

Could the new C7 Stingray be the best Corvette ever? In my opinion, it is. Not only is it gorgeous to look at, but it is a ton of fun to drive. It corners better, stops better, steers better, rides better, sounds like a muscle car, and doesn't cost a fortune to buy. Add to that, the rev matching technology the car has, and you've got the total package. You can be going 90 mph in third gear, shift to second, and the car automatically revs the engine to match the speed you should be going in second. Can you imagine how much faster it can make autocrossers like Dave Ferguson? The interior is plush and the seats hold you in place like a race car, and they are real comfortable. The navigation system is much better than before, and the sound system is awesome. The instrument panel is cool to look at and can be set in five different modes, plus it has more settings within the five modes.

The only problem with the car - they have sold so many with the Z51 package that they have run out of those parts. I think this car is the best model ever



and the fortunate Corvette lovers who get one will not be disappointed.

I recently spent two days driving this awesome car at the Spring Mountain driving facility west of Las Vegas, along with Steve Skidmore, Jon Manz, and Francis Richmond. We were totally impressed with the school and the car. Needless to say, I want one . . . the sooner the better. Maybe there's a Z06 in my future. Yeah I know, get a job.

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## Transmissions – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

by Rick Swierczek

For those of us old enough to remember the 'good old days' of the 60's and 70's, the Big Three were manufacturing so called 'Supercars' (ground pounding vehicles with a high-compression V-8, a 4-barrel carb, and a rock-crusher manual transmission) in pursuit of 12 second quarter mile ETs. Great fun vehicles, but they were not best suited for the family ride. However, most of our classic muscle cars from back then were, in reality, assembled from components that were only slightly more 'high performance' than the basic-transportation grocery-getters that they were derived from. The standard package on most of the go-fast vehicles included a little higher compression than normal, a

medium-sized 4-barrel carburetor, a limited-slip differential, and a choice of a manual 3- or 4-speed transmission or an automatic transmission. To the die-hard enthusiast, an automatic transmission in a performance car was sacrilegious. But what the auto makers realized was that for every hot rod gearhead that wanted a true strip vehicle there were many more who wanted an everyday driver that would be dual purpose, a grocery getter with some attention-getting punch.

What a wondrous time to have a family sedan with ease and comfort of operation and also have enough attention-getting attitude to be fun to drive when the owner had the

urge to use it. This dual-personality nature is what marks the difference between a typical 'backyard hot-rod' and a true factory-built 'Supercar' from the 60's and 70's. The flexible abilities of these cars were due in part to their being equipped with an automatic transmission. Yes, *an automatic transmission!*

Many seem to find an automatic transmission to be a mystery of sorts, a complication and almost a contradiction to our thoughts for reliability and performance. Even to many very knowledgeable technicians they seem to be nothing more than big, ugly, hard to comprehend combinations of planetary gear sets, valve bodies, modulators, valves, pistons,

## Transmissions – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, cont



clutches, solenoids, and torque converters. Fortunately for all of us, the automatic transmission is a very durable contraption (when taken care of) that will give us many years and miles of trouble-free service.

Today's vehicles have morphed into what some call a "complicated monster". I say "a beautiful work in progress of technology." Since I manage a retail auto repair facility, I hear people say "They sure don't make them like they use to". My answer is usually "No they sure don't, *thank God!*" A flooded engine in the winter, a choke to deal with, no heated seats, no CD or MP3 player, an engine overhaul at 80,000 miles. Today it's nothing to see vehicles with 200,000 or 300,000 miles on them in the shop for minor repairs. I am glad they don't make them like they used to. I love technology.

Today's vehicles, however, have a much more complicated transmission than a simple modulator or cable-controlled transmission. Today's

vehicles are computer-controlled with what is called "fuzzy logic". They still use hydraulics to actuate the clutches and bands, but each hydraulic circuit is controlled by an electric solenoid. This simplifies the plumbing on the transmission and allows for more advanced control schemes.

The automatic transmission has evolved into an integral part of the performance and safety aspect of driving. *Yes, I said safety.* Automatic transmissions have been changing from purely hydro-mechanical controls to electronic controls since the late 1980s. Since then, development has been iterative, and today designs have evolved in several stages of electronic automatic transmission control development. Transmission solenoids are a key component to these control units.

The evolution of the automatic transmission and electronic controls has allowed the progression in recent years. The modern automatic transmission is now able to achieve better fuel economy, reduced engine emissions, greater shift system reliability, improved shift feel, improved shift speed, and improved vehicle handling. The huge range of programmability offered by a computer allows an automatic

transmission to be used with appropriate characteristics for each application or situation.

Electronically controlled transmissions have even more elaborate control strategies. The Computers monitor vehicle speed, manifold pressure, coolant temp, throttle position, and a host of other parameter IDs. The transmission controller (if equipped) can monitor the engine speed, whether the brake pedal is being pressed, and even the anti-lock braking system. Using this information and an advanced control strategy based on fuzzy logic (a method of programming control systems using human-type reasoning) electronically controlled transmissions can do things such as:

- Downshifting automatically when going downhill to control speed and reduce wear on the brakes,
- Upshifting when braking on a slippery surface to reduce the braking torque applied by the engine.
- Inhibiting the upshift when going into a turn on a winding road.

Today's transmission is a very important part of not only the performance of your vehicle, but the safety of that vehicle as well.

Who knows what tomorrow will bring, but I can't wait to find out.

⇒ Always remember: maintain your transmission, keep the fluid changed, and it will treat you well.



Rick Swierczek has worked in the automotive field since 1975. He is an ASE Certified Master Technician. Rick has been the manager of the Certified Transmission Millard location since 1997.

# Meet Your 2014 Officers!



## PRESIDENT - JERRY KORALESKI



Jerry joined CCC in 1996 & has enjoyed serving as Activities Director for 2 years, Newsletter Editor for 9 years, West Region RCD for 5 years & Summer Festival Chairman for 2 years. Jerry, along with his wife Kathy & 3 daughters are Omaha natives. Their first vette was a 1965 silver roadster followed by a 1965 maroon coupe, 1987 red roadster, 1991 red coupe, 2000 black roadster, 2005 red roadster & a 2010 red GS. If he had to choose his favorite CCC event, it would be auto-crossing. He retired from Qwest after 36 years & is an avid bowler - with several 300 games, but the elusive 800 series keeps escaping his reach!

## VICE PRESIDENT - KEVIN REIT & SECRETARY - JAYNE REIT

Kevin & Jayne joined the club in Sep 2008 with a 1996 C4. They now own a 1973 C3 and a 2005 C6 (and they get 2 photos - well, because they are holding 2 positions!) Kevin & Jayne were born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD and moved to Omaha in 1995 for Kevin's new job. Their favorite CCC event is drag racing and their favorite hobby is driving corvettes!



## COMPETITION DIRECTOR - GENE GAU



Gene joined the CCC in 1999 & his favorite event is auto crossing. Gene & Kathy have owned a 1967 Torch Red convertible, 1981 coupe, 1999 Silver convertible, 2001 Torch Red ZO6, 2003 Lemans Blue convertible, 2006 Machine Silver ZO6, and a 2009 Jet Stream Blue ZR1! Gene moved to Omaha in 1960 and joined the US Navy serving 20 years. He met Kathy at Builders Supply during his 37 years of employment. Thank God for Builders Supply! He's also a volunteer driver for the VA and a temporary driver for Fed-EX during the holidays. Gene served as president of the Cornhusker Corvette Club for 9 years after being public relations director for two years.

## EDITOR - GINA OGLE



Gina is a new CCC member joining in June of 2013 just days after purchasing her first Vette - a 2008 red coupe. Although reluctant at first, she tried auto-crossing and was quickly hooked! Gina and her husband Tim are from Marysville, Washington and moved to the Omaha area 15 years ago when Tim was stationed at Offutt, AFB. She has been an active real estate agent for 18 years and currently works for Deeb Realty out of their Sarpy County office. In addition to driving fast, Gina enjoys scuba diving, cruising (or any type of travel), crocheting & quilting.

## SUMMER FESTIVAL DIRECTOR - DAVE FERGUSON

Dave joined with his Dad, Gary Ferguson, at the age of 16 in 1996 and used his dad's 1978 silver anniversary to autocross with. Dave got his first Corvette when he turned 18 - a 1992 red coupe. Since then, he's owned a 1997 coupe, 1995 convertible, 2005 coupe, 1989 coupe, 2002 ZO6 and a 2012 grand-sport convertible. He was raised in the small town of Elkhorn (now Omaha) and works as a FedEx Ground independent contractor, responsible for 6 routes. His favorite event, by far, is auto crossing!



## MEMBER AT LARGE - JAKE CARTWRIGHT



Jake joined CCC in April of 1968 - 3 years before the club joined national council! He was in the first group of hard core members to receive a 10 yr NCCC plaque in 1988. His wife, Carol, was one of the first females to be allowed in the club in 1970. Jake's first corvette was a 1962 Fuelie bought in 1965 for \$1,600, then a 1965, 1966, 1968, 1975, 1978, 1985, 1989 & now a 2000 coupe. Jake has held positions of Newsletter Editor, Treasurer & Chairperson of Summer Festivals throughout his 45 yrs in the club. He doesn't consider himself a good racer, so he enjoys rallies, showing his corvette & partying! Jake retired from Western Electric/AT&TO/Lucent/Avaya as the

Environmental & Safety Advisor after 43 yrs of service.

## MEMBER AT LARGE - GEORGE HORST



George & Carolyn bought their first corvette in 2009 - a 2003 anniversary edition six speed roaster & then a 1996 torch red automatic coupe. He fell in love with Corvettes when his friend received a brand new 1954 upon graduation (although he admits to owning a 1965 fastback Mustang at one time). Born & raised in Lincoln, he & Carolyn moved to Omaha in 1972 - 10 years after they were married. He spent 28 years managing a lg wholesale plastic company & retired in 2003. But he wasn't done - starting is own company, JIKOH Mfg, Inc 10 years ago & it's now the largest manufacturer of specialty petroleum sight glasses in the world! George enjoys auto-crossing, traveling to the

conventions, Vettes on the Rockies & other shorter distance trips. But most of all, he really enjoys the members of the Cornhusker Corvette Club who have been an inspiration & have given him and Carolyn a wonderful sense of belonging.

## OFFICER SPOTLIGHTS FOR MARCH

Treasurer - Tom Horeis  
Governor - Gary Brisbois  
Public Relations - Jon Manz

Social Director - Jayne Sainz  
Membership Director - Marie Manz

**Cornhusker Corvette Club  
General Meeting  
November 21, 2013**

**Sergeant-at- Arms, Rick Harshbarger** announced the meeting will begin in five minutes and to turn off pagers and cell phones.

**President, Kevin Kohlscheen** announced tonight we will be collecting donations for the National Kidney Foundation families and asked everyone to be generous. He welcomed the guests and Terry Murkins from H&H. Kevin asked for the votes to be submitted by 7:45.

**Membership Director, Marie Manz** introduced guests and named spouses/significant others that were added during renewals. She reported membership totals as of 1/31/14 will be 339 NCCC and 8 social members. As of today there are 381 NCCC and 11 social members. She reported there are 18,472 NCCC members nationwide and that the 2014 membership cards will show a 1959 corvette since the C7 cannot be used.

**Secretary, Pattie Bena** received a motion from Mark DeLong to accept the October minutes with a second from Cork Adams. Motion passed. She gave a recap of club apparel and encouraged orders to be placed tonight for delivery at the December meeting.

**Governor, Gary Brisbois** announced National and Regional patches are available on the registration table. He reported the 2015 convention starts 9/7 and will not conflict with our Labor Day weekend Summer Festival. The NCCC

business manager is obtaining quotes from two insurance agencies and cautioned the use of face book. He reviewed some of the coverage items and safety requirements.

**Social Directors, Pam & Mark Delong** gave a recap of the hayrack ride, movie night (\$1000 collected for Polio), 33 corvettes showed for the Veterans Parade, and the McClelland social. Nancy Bronner will head up the National Kidney Foundation Christmas party which will start at 1:00 with presentation at 2:45. It was noted Nancy has enough tins for the candy. 12/14 is the Christmas Party at Cascio's and there will be live music; they are looking for a hostess volunteer. 12/31 is the New Year's Eve social at the German American Society, including platted dinner, live music and a midnight breakfast buffet for \$45 per person. Pattie Bena will be taking reservations and advance payment at the next meeting. Mark gave a closing thank you for all the support shown throughout the year.

**Treasurer, Tom Horeis** announced he is collecting checks for the NKF families. He gave the financial report noting we should be ahead of budget at year end and the budget for equipment has not been spent.

**Editor & Web Master, Cindy Kohlscheen** had no report.

**Vice President, Kevin Reit** announced the awards banquet is on 1/11/14 at Cascio's. He showed off the coveted Ralph award for 21<sup>st</sup> place.

**Public Relations Director, Bob Speckmann** reported invoices for November have been mailed and named those who recently paid. He plans a dyno-tune demo in the spring.

**Competition Director, Don Angeroth** had no report

**Points Chairman, JB Benedict** reported the 2014 Corvette Calendars are in; all members receiving an award at the banquet will receive a 2014 Corvette Calendar. The calendars may be purchased for \$5. He gave the CCC points totals for National 29,081 and West Region 21,560.

The winner of the birthday drawing was Linda Hughbanks

The 50/50 Raffle winner was Ray Zimmerman (\$86 to the Kidney Foundation and \$86 to the winner).

Kevin Kohlscheen announced the results of the 2014 BOD election and thanked the counters for their efforts.

- President - Jerry Koraleski
- VP - Kevin Reit
- Treasurer - Tom Horeis
- Secretary - Jayne Reit
- Public Relations - Jon Manz
- Competition Director - Gene Gau
- Social Director - Jayne Sainz
- Membership Director - Marie Manz
- Governor - Gary Brisbois
- Editor - Gina Ogle
- Summer Festival Director - Dave Ferguson
- Members at Large - Jake Cartwright and George Horst

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pattie Bena  
Secretary



**Cornhusker Corvette Club  
General Meeting  
December 19, 2013**

**Rick Harshbarger, Sergeant-at-Arms** announced the meeting will begin in 5 minutes and to shut off cell phones and pagers.

**Kevin Reit, Vice President** brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets. Palmer Sohl and Jayne Sainz introduced guests.

**Palmer Sohl** reporting for **Marie Manz, Membership Director** read a note of thanks from Bob Speckmann for the cards and emails he received on the passing of his sister, Joan. Palmer reported that our “on the ball” membership director, Marie sent a membership application to the couple from Gretna, who won the lottery and purchased a new corvette. Palmer announced the December birthdays. Palmer introduced new members Sam, Jody, Bill and Kathy followed by the CCC raise and clap welcome.

**Pattie Bena, Secretary** received a motion from board members Don Angeroth and JB Benedict to approve the November general meeting minutes. Since there was no December newsletter, these minutes will be printed in the January newsletter. Pattie apologized for the delay on the club shirt order and expects the shirts should be in by the banquet.

**Pam and Mark DeLong, Social Directors** reported on the Christmas Party enjoyed by 70 members collecting \$1933 worth of toys donated to Toys for Tots. They thanked everyone for their support during the last 2 years and to keep in touch. Pattie noted everything is set for the 22 members planning to attend the New Year’s Eve social.

**Tom Horeis, Treasurer** gave the financial report. He noted not reflected in this report was CCC’s donation of \$7000 presented to the National Kidney Foundation on 12/8. An additional \$2600 collected for gift cards was awarded to five NKF families.

**Bob Speckmann, Public Relations** – No report

**Gary Brisbois, Governor** reported he does not have an update on insurance and expects to have more information next month. He noted the World of Wheels and West Region banquet will again be on the same weekend, March 28–30. The WR banquet will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the Indian Creek Golf Club on 3/29. Gary reminded the NCCC Scholarship application deadline is 4/26/14. Children and grandchildren of NCCC members are eligible for this \$1000 scholarship. The next Governors’ meeting will be February 21–22 in St. Louis. It was noted the deadline for permanent racing numbers is February 1<sup>st</sup> and to watch the WR website for more information.

**Don Angeroth, Competition Director** reported he is planning another autocross driving school for the beginning of May next year. There will be one day of training with an actual autocross the next day. He also plans to have course set up training at the same time and hopes to have several additional members trained to assist with these responsibilities.

**Kevin Reit, Vice President** announced the annual awards banquet is on January 11<sup>th</sup> starting with cocktails at 5:30 at Cascio’s. Everyone is invited to attend and he plans on receiving another really huge trophy! Kevin gave an update on wife Jayne’s knee replacement. She is doing well and he said they joked she has a led foot, now has a led knee, but he thinks the led went to her ###! (Kevin’s in trouble now...again!)

**JB Benedict, Points Chairman** has a few 2014 calendars available for \$5. He announced pamphlets are on the registration table from Hearts United for Animals where wife Trudy volunteers. JB reported CCC ended 2013 with 30,720 NCCC points, exceeding the 2<sup>nd</sup> place club by over 15,000 points. This is the first time we have reached 30,000 points. JB sent a point spread sheet out to the top 50 for review. He will answer questions about individual point totals but not what place in which you finish. He noted 9,000 of the 30,000 points were accumulated by those traveling outside the WR. (con’t on next page)



**December Minutes (con't)**

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – PL noted our 2013 NCCC win is a “three-peat” for CCC. JB noted there is a history link on NCCC website going back to 1966. Tire Town is the only club that has had four consecutive wins. Five wins in a row is the next record to obtain. No other club has won 5 out of 6 years in a row:

CCC won in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 & 2013.

Birthday Drawing Winner: Mary Ann Angeroth (what was that age before beauty comment?)

50/50 Raffle “Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner” was Sandy Swift with \$83 going to Sandy and

\$83 to the Kidney Foundation.

Kevin thanked those who donated door prizes and thanked Holly and Shelly from Bel Air for the dinner and hospitality.



Mark DeLong made a motion to adjourn; Joan Harshbarger seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted, Pattie Bena, Secretary



**Flip Flops in the Snow**

by **Gina Ogle**

If you're like me, you are itching to get your car out of the garage and take it for a ride. A few weeks ago was one of those days I just couldn't resist. The roads were nice & dry, the sky was blue and I had a hair appointment. There was snow in the forecast, but I would only be gone for a couple hours and Tim wasn't back with our SUV yet. So I thought, what the heck! I jumped in the car, cranked up the music and proceeded 4 miles to the hair saloon with a big grin on my face.

Just about the time my hair was covered in foil, I hear someone say - "Look, it's snowing!" Big, puffy flakes were gently falling all over my torch red corvette. All I could think was "uh oh, this is not good". I called Tim to see if he would trade cars with me so I wouldn't have to drive home. An hour later,

my hair was back to it's "youthful" appearance & I headed outside. What a lucky break - it had stopped snowing and the roads were still clear! But the sky was cloudy and looked like it was ready to break open at any minute.

Tim was a no show, so I got back in the car and headed home. I could feel the stares of the other drivers. Not the kind we are used to getting - you know the look, "man, that's a nice looking ride." Nope, it was more like - "is she crazy!" It was the looks I could imagine getting if I got caught walking down main street with flip flops on in the snow.

I arrived home with no incidents, my baby tucked away safely in the garage. A few minutes later, the sky opened up with giant, fluffy flakes of snow - home in the nick of time!! Perhaps the idea of downsizing to one main vehicle was a little premature. I guess my toes will stay covered up and the Vette will stay tucked away in the garage until spring.

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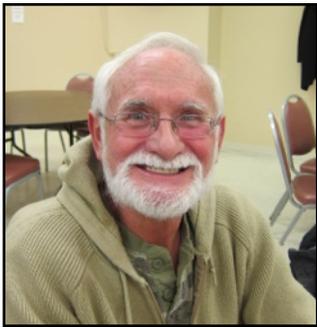
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# Emotion

by Jake Cartwright



I know you pretty well; you're the one who turns around in the parking lot while walking away from your Vette and take a quick look or two at your baby. Of course you parked waaaay out on the end. We know that a car should be based on need, but we put a high priority on the urge, the desire, and the emotion.

You get a little twitchy right leg when a Mustang pulls up next to you at the red light, but think...been there done that. You know other drivers in traffic are checking out your ride so you never drive it dirty. You love those entrance and exit ramps where you get to boogie a little without fear of the man. And know it can rip up those curvy two lanes and make you feel like you're getting away with something. You always check out the Vette approaching in traffic and give him "The wave"

You know the Vette will return more in resale than almost all other vehicles on the road, and if you keep it long enough it will start appreciating into the stratosphere. You think that it probably makes the neighbors overtly jealous when you bring it home and you know you made the smartest purchase possible, a vehicle that can blow the doors off sports car costing many times as much.

The Corvette does all of that for all of us. The C7 Vette is the greatest one so far and I lust for one...how about you?



Thank you for your comments and for having me represent you as a member at large for 2014. Don't hesitate to let me know of concerns and also positive comments on the CCC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Or photos, articles, events, announcement . . . . .

I hope you enjoyed the first edition of the 2014 Husker News 'N Views. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new editor and let you know how you can be a part of our future publications.

Our club motto is "something for everyone" and they're not kidding! Since I'm still working full time, I can't be at every event so I NEED YOU!

Here's how you can help. Snap pictures and jot down your thoughts when attending club events (don't make us jealous by sending in photo's from private events that the entire membership was not invited to). Pick a few of your favorite photos and email them to me; [Gina@Ogle.Us](mailto:Gina@Ogle.Us). Please make sure to identify the people in the photo (if known). I'm still a new member, so I don't know everyone's name yet. Don't feel pressured to write an article with the photos. Just give me a few facts and I will write it for you.

However, I know we have some talented writers out there and I would love to hear from you! It can be something technical (like

Rick Swierczek article) something historical (like Allen's flashbacks), something emotional (like Jake's Emotion article), a fun experience (like Gene's C7 article) or something silly (like my Flip Flops in the Snow). Anything that crosses your mind that you think the membership would enjoy.

**Deadline for submission is the first Thursday of the Month.**  
**Please email to [Gina@GinaOgle.Us](mailto:Gina@GinaOgle.Us)**

We also want to hear about your life events - things we can congratulate you on. Let us know when condolences are in order. And you can submit open letters to the membership. Marie Manz does a great job with getting this type of information out to the membership. Make sure to cc: me on these events so I can get the appropriate items into the newsletter too.

Don't worry about making it pretty. Just send me the text in an email and attach photos and I'll take it from there (as a Mac user, I cannot view .pub files)

I need time to put together a fun newsletter that we all enjoy reading, so send those photos and articles in as soon as possible to [Gina@Ogle.Us](mailto:Gina@Ogle.Us) The newsletter will be sent out the week prior to the general membership meeting, so I need your time sensitive information no later than the first Thursday of the month.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve!

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I want to thank all our CCC friends for your love, prayers & cards. It was very much appreciated. The love of our faithful Lord, family & friends sustains us. I know Mom is celebrating with Jesus now.

In Christian Love,  
Sheron & Denny Lambert





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