



HUSKER NEWS 'N' VIEWS

MARCH 2014

And The Winners Are . . .



Top 20 NCCC Cornhuskers (listed in order of placement): Joe Eller, Teresa Eller, Marie Manz, Jon Manz, Dave Ferguson, Kathy Gau, Gene Gau, Don Angeroth, Mary Ann Angeroth, Randy Williams, Kathy Brisbois, Tim Ogle, Jerry Koraleski, Lyn Griswold, Ervin Gunderson, Ken Bena, Dave Williams, Gary Brisbois, Steve Skidmore, Jerry Nabholz and the Ralph Award goes to Pattie Bena



Top 20 CCC Total Participation Points (listed in order of placement): Mark De Long, Pam De Long, Cork Adams tied with Pat Swift, Carolyn Horst, Sandy Swift, Linda Adams tied with George Horst, Kevin Reit, Linda Werchan, Jayne Reit, Allen Sohl, Bob Hegwood, Palmer Sohl, Rick Harshbarger in a 3 way tie with Bob Reade & Dave Richardson, Joan Harshbarger, Ron Norgard, Perry Dawes, Pattie Bena, Carolyn Reade tied with Jayne Sainz, Colleen Norgard, and Tom Horeis tied with Kevin Kohlscheen

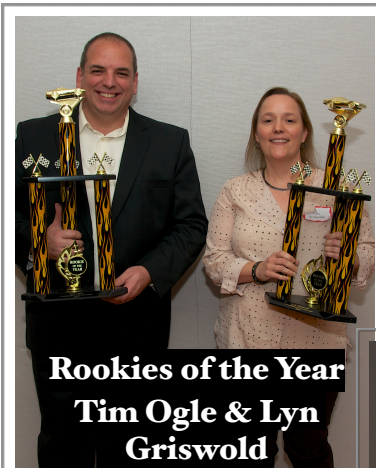
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Next General Meeting is Thursday, March 20th at the Bel Air Banquet Hall, 7:30 - 9:00pm. Come **EARLY & enjoy the buffet starting at 6pm! If you would prefer a salad, call Holly or Shelly at **402-333-5505**



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Rookies of the Year
Tim Ogle & Lyn
Griswold



Drags - Tied for 1st Place
(after 3 attempts)
Don Angeroth & Liz
Bockerman



Mentors!
Joe & Teresa Eller
with Barb &
Harold House



Rookies Past & Present



10 Year Members
Joan & Rick Harshbarger, David Franc &
Cindy Norris, Teresa & Joe Eller



20 Year Members
Diane & Bill Anderson



30 Year Members
Elaine & Al Mossman



Bob Speckmann presenting a 40
Year Membership award to Ron
Bockerman!
(Oh the tales they could tell . . .)

The Story of Ralph

As told by Ken Bena

Greetings from Ralph

For the newer CCC members who don't know who I am: In 1981, I became "*The Thunder Bucket Award for Excellax Performance*" as I proudly sit on a white "throne". Members accumulate NCCC points throughout the year and earn all those "look-alike" trophies for placing in the top 20. I am presented to that deserving member who tries so hard during the year, however places 21st in NCCC points.

Looks like "I" was the big winner when awarded to Pattie Bena at the 2014 Banquet! This is my 3rd time being in the Bena household and man, do they treat me well! They included me in their 3 week vacation to the Riviera Maya, trading in my throne for a lawn chair on the beach where I sipped tropical drinks and worked on my tan . . . looks great, right?

I hear the CCC calendar is filling up so I am anxious to see what's next!



Dear Gene,
I have a bone to pick with CCC. I am given to the person who finishes 21st in the points for racing and I would consider that an honor, but it seems it's not. I spent the last year in Lambert's closet and Ken Bena was going to leave me on his fireplace hearth sitting on the toilet.

Well, he can forget that! I stashed away in his neighbor's suitcase who is vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. As you can see in the enclosed photo, I'm sitting on the beach, sucking down a rum punch and enjoying life. I'm going to finish the year traveling the world and I'll keep you informed of where I am.

Next year, maybe you can award me to someone who appreciates me!!

Thanks,

Ralph

P.S. If you see Bena at the meeting, tell him where I am. (As if he cares)

Ralph's Caretakers

1981-2	Deb Boren
1983	Dan Mortensem
1984	Ron Bockerman
1985	Bill Pilger
1986	Kris Speckmann
1987	Steven Werchan
1988	Larry Appleby
1989-90	Connie Anstaett
1991	Deb Hawks
1992	Bob & Kris Speckmann
1993-4	Michelle Benedict
1995	Al Franksman
1996	Trudy Benedict
1997	Steve Walling
1998	Allen Sohl
1999	Anne Schmidt
2000	Gene Gau
2001	Tom Horeis
2002	Darcy Kracht
2003	Sandy Swift
2004/08	Dennis Lambert
2005/07	Mary Ann Laaker
2006	Denny Laaker
2009	Ken Bena
2010	Ben Williams
2011/13	Pattie Bena
2012	Cindy Kohlscheen

2014 Schedule of Events

March 15 March 20 March 28-30 March 29	St Patricks Day Parade General Meeting WOW West Region Awards Banquet	Village Inn, 54th & L Bel-Air Banquet Hall Century Link Center Marion, Iowa	8 am breakfast, 10 am departure Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm Fri - 3-10pm, Sat & Sun 10-10 Registration/Social 5pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
April 3 April 17	Board Meeting General Meeting	H & H Chevrolet Bel-Air Banquet Hall	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
May 1 May 3 May 3 - 4 May 15 May 17 - 18 May 24 - 26	Board Meeting Auto cross school 11 Low Speeds General Meeting 14 low speeds Autocross	H & H Chevrolet 122nd & I 122nd & I Bel-Air Banquet Hall , Lincoln Chariton, Iowa	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
June 5 June 7 June 14 - 15 June 19 June 21 - 22	Board Meeting Veterans Appreciation Rally Autocross General Meeting 14 low speeds	H & H Chevrolet North Omaha Airport GM Plant, Kansas City Bel-Air Banquet Hall , 122nd & I	6:30 - 8:00 pm See website for flyer, 9am to 4pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
July 3 July 17 July 19 - 20 July 20 July 26 - 27	Board Meeting General Meeting Air Show H & H car show 18 Auto Cross'	H & H Chevrolet Bel-Air Banquet Hall , Cedar Rapids, Iowa	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
August 7 August 9 August 16 - 17 August 21 August 24 - 30 August 29th	Board Meeting Gregg Young car show Autocross General Meeting NCCC Convention Summer Festival Friday Night	H & H Chevrolet Ankeny, Iowa Bel-Air Banquet Hall , Savannah, Georgia Party - location to be determined	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
Sep 4 Sep 6 Sep 18 Sep 20 - 21	Board Meeting Sid Dillon car show General Meeting Drags & 7 low speeds	H & H Chevrolet Bel-Air Banquet Hall Kearney	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm
Oct 2 Oct 4 - 5 Oct 11-12 Oct 16	Board Meeting Drags & 7 low speeds 14 low speeds General Meeting	H & H Chevrolet Kearney 122nd & I Bel-Air Banquet Hall	6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner 6 pm, meeting 7:30 - 9 pm

*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



• Did you know we get **special discounts** for being a NCCC Member? Check out the list of discounts at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Friends.html>

• The NCCC Lifetime Members page has been updated and I see a few Cornhuskers in that group. See how many you recognize. Congratulations on your lifetime membership!

• **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**. Teresa Eller brought raffle forms to the last general meeting. Please contact her for local information.

• There is still time to get the early bird rate for the **2014 National Corvette Convention** - costs increase on **April 1st**, so don't delay if you plan on attending! 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. There is a lot of great information on the website

including; You Tube Video on Savannah, Tentative Schedule for the Week, Corvette Museum 20th Anniversary Caravan Info, Events & Activities Information, Convention Logo Merchandise Order Form, Charity Raffle Car Order Form, Maps, directions and hotel information. Check it all out at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2014.html>

• **FCOA** honored member #5000! Read all about Zachary from Owensboro, KY

• The Family Helping Family Directory has been updated on-line. This is a password protected site so please contact our Governor, Gary Brisbois for further information.

• After publication of the **Fall 2014** issue of **Blue Bars** Sylvia Hoaldrige will be stepping down after 12 years of service as NCCC's Director of Publications - **Blue Bars** Editor effective December 1, 2014. Any NCCC Member wishing to volunteer to be considered for the position should:

Read the [NCCC Help Wanted Ad](#)
Read the [Director of Publications Job Description](#)
Fill out and present the [Appointed Officer Application Form](#)
Contact [Sylvia Hoaldrige](#) (bluebars@corvettesnccc.org) for further information or to send her a note

What is the NCCC-Duntov Performance Award??

On page 10, our President, Jerry Koraleski, talks about our club winning this award in 2009. So what is it? According to the NCCC website, it is described as this:

The NCCC-Duntov Performance Award recognizes the NCCC club that, in the determination of the Award Committee, demonstrates outstanding performance in achieving the purposes and ideals of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Minimum qualifications for a club to be eligible are;

- **Membership:** 100% NCCC Membership by local club members. Minimum 90% renewal of club members from the previous year.
- **National Council Involvement:** 100% warm body representation at all Regional meetings during the applicable year. 100% warm body representation at all NCCC Governor's Meetings during the applicable year. Attendance at the NCCC Convention during the applicable year by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the listed membership of the club.
- **Competition:** Club must have finished in the top 15% nationally of clubs in the NCCC Competition Sanction Program during the applicable year. Club must have utilized all of its available sanctions hosting events during the applicable year.
- **Charity:** Must provide evidence of a minimum of \$750 in contributions to the NCCC Charity Committee or other qualified charitable organizations during the applicable year. Must provide evidence of ongoing people involvement, other than financial contributions, with one or more charitable organizations during the applicable year.
- **Other:** Other notable actions, accomplishments, or leadership by the club Benefiting NCCC, the community, or the Corvette hobby that bring honor to the National Council of Corvette Clubs and the spirit of Zora A. Duntov.

It's a pretty incredible accomplishment that is awarded to very few clubs. Way to go Cornhusker Corvette Club!



West Region

National Council of Corvette Clubs

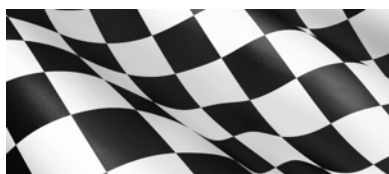
with Corvette clubs in North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri

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

• SPEED EVENT NUMBERS

Per current West Region Operating Rules and Procedures, the West Region will again administer a program under which “permanent” entrant numbers may be assigned to those competitors who desire a “permanent” regional entrant number. Competitors must be current NCCC West Region members. Requests for a permanent number must be postmarked no earlier than January 15th and no later than February 15th. You may request a permanent number at any time after the initial January 15 to February 15th timeframe, but the likelihood of receiving your 1st choice is diminished. Linda Hommer, assigned by the West Region Competition Director, will be collecting your application and fees.

1. Entrants must send a request for a number assignment to Linda Hommer. Initial requests must be postmarked **no earlier than** January 15, 2014 and no later than February 15, 2014. Each club Governor should provide the proper form (included) to his/her members.
2. Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope (if you do not have e-mail) must accompany each request.
3. The numbers 1 through 999 shall be available.
4. Numbers shall be assigned by the RCD, or his designee, as requested on an annual basis following receipt of all requests postmarked as per Item 1. Members who held a competition number from the previous year will be granted priority to that same number upon receipt of the proper form and fee. NCCC West regional membership must be maintained.
5. 5 In the case of more than one request for the same number, the following procedure shall be used: First choice shall go to the earliest postmark (but no earlier than January 15th). In the case of request for the same number postmarked on the same day, the RCD shall conduct a random drawing.
6. 6 No later than March 15th, the RCD or his designee shall send a confirmation (by mail or e-mail) to each NCCC member requesting a number and a list of all currently assigned numbers to each Governor of the West Region.



Attention Autocrossers!

West Region

Initial 2014 Competition Schedule

Date	Location	Event	Host Club
5/3/2014	St Joseph, MO	Peoples Choice Car Show	GECC
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
6/1/2014	Missouri Valley, IA	Peoples Choice Car Show	MECC
6/7/2014	Blair NE	Peoples Choice Car Show	MECC
6/14/2014	GM Plant Kansas City	Low Speed Auto-X	MACC
6/15/2014	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
7/5/2014	TBA		CCC
7/6/2014	TBA		CCC
7/26/2014	Cedar Rapids, IA		CRCC
7/27/2014	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 rd Street, Fremont, NE	Sid Dillon Car Show	CCC
9/7/2014	Bennington, NE	Peoples Choice Car Show	MECC
10/4/2014	Kearney, NE	Drag events	CCC
10/5/2014	Kearney, NE	7 Low Speed Auto-X	CCC
10/11/2014	Omaha, NE	Gimmick Rallye	MECC
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!

Brainerd or Bust!

By Allen H. Sobl



It's 1991. Dave Hawks has raced his 1977 Corvette at Brainerd International Speedway for 10 consecutive years. He owns the IC class

high speed autocross record at the track.

Dave somehow convinces Palmer and me that we should go to Brainerd. We get a Class III trailer hitch for our 1985 Chevy pickup, rent a U-Haul trailer with surge braking, and put BFGoodrich high speed T/A R1 tires on our '77 vette. We are off to the races!

Brainerd International is located in a beautiful wooded area in Minnesota, just beginning to suffer the encroachment of residential development. The track is nicely designed, with long straightaways and sweeping banked curves. We choose a spot among the trees, unload the vette, and register for the event. We see lots of serious racing machines, including several menacing looking Porsches. A young fellow named Doug Rippie is selling brake discs and pads out of a trailer.

Other Cornhuskers are at Brainerd too. Ron Bockerman has his yellow '69 coupe pulled by his familiar little rust colored van. Steve Walling has a silver and gray 1978 Anniversary vette. Patty Blackburn has Wally

Wilson's C4 coupe. Wally's brother has a brutal 427 Sting Ray coupe.

It has been raining. Nothing much is going on while everyone waits for the track to dry, so Dave offers to show us the course. We get into his Ford pickup and proceed along the infield road, parallel to the track. We are approaching a bridge that spans the track near the entrance to the back straightaway. A rubber chicken is clearly visible, hanging from the middle of the bridge. Dave explains that the "chicken" is a famous marker. A driver approaching the bridge is advised to "aim for the chicken" as he exits the turn so as to line up perfectly with the straightaway.

Dave is explaining some of the finer points of driving Brainerd, especially how safe it is. Suddenly a bright red C4 appears beneath the bridge, passing directly beneath the chicken at

breathtaking speed. Dave recognizes the car, and comments that the driver is probably just checking out the track.

Moments later, the C4 spins violently on the damp track, and plows headlong into the berm separating the track from the infield road. There is a thunderous crash and the air is filled with bits of red fiberglass. Dave and I bolt from the cab of the pickup to rescue the driver, but he is already getting out of the stricken vette to survey the damage by the time we arrive.

Sometime later, a wrecker is removing the vette from the course, and we get back into Dave's truck. To my astonishment, Dave resumes his turn-by-turn narrative as if nothing at all out of the ordinary had occurred! What a cool guy!



Dave Hawks was the first (and only) Cornhusker to reach #1 in NCCC competition (1985). He passed away in 2013 after a long struggle with cancer.

Vette Talk with Cody

by Cody Jantz

Spring is in the air and Corvette season is upon us! There are a few things that you need to do to make sure that your Corvette is road ready.

Item 1: Battery – Corvettes, start your engines! ... and nothing happens?!? A very common problem this time of year is the dreaded dead or low charged battery. I receive many calls about no start Corvettes this time of year. The most common problem is the fact that the battery is dead and has no juice. If your C5 or C6 Corvette has sat in the garage all winter without having the battery charged or checked, it is very likely that the car won't start or that the engine just isn't receiving enough juice to fire properly. GM states that the battery will move to a low charge or dead state if the Corvette is not started over the course of 28 days. Instead of running out and getting a new battery, you just need to charge the battery. A common mistake is not charging the battery long enough; it needs to charge for at least one hour or more.

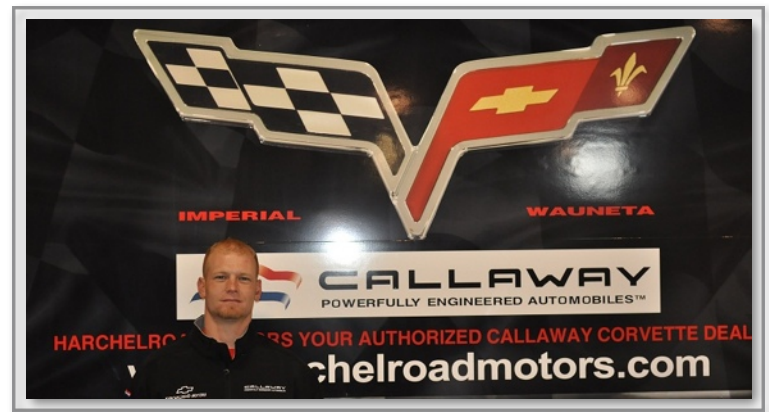
Solution: Get a Battery Tender – There are many battery tenders on the market, but there is only one that our parts specialists recommend: the CTEK 3300 12-Volt Smart Battery Charger for only \$89.99. It trickle charges at a low rate and requires at minimum one hour of charging time. This will save you from having to buy a new battery every year. The great thing about our recommended battery tender is that it can be used to charge batteries in boats, 4-wheelers, lawn mowers,

motorcycles, snowmobiles, and tractors.

After the battery is charged and the car has been started, you will need to reset the windows (if you own a C6). To do this, roll both side windows down and hold for 5 seconds, then roll them up and hold for 5 seconds. Both windows have to be done at the same time for them to be reset. You will also have to redo your radio presets, as the computer has lost power due to the low or dead battery.

Item 2: Tire Pressure – Properly inflated tires can lead to the most enjoyable drive in your Corvette. Did you know that over inflated and under inflated tires lead to poor fuel mileage, bad ride, and poor handling? Proper tire pressure isn't hard to do right, especially with in-tire pressure sensors. It is recommended that you follow the tire pressure specs found on the side of your Corvette's tire. If you are unsure, you can call me or check the recommended pressures on the driver's door.

You can fill your tires with one of two options: air or nitrogen. We recommend you fill your tires with nitrogen. Tires filled with nitrogen tend to have less tire pressure change during driving months or



warmer months. However, they will lose more pressure over the winter or as your car sits cold.

Item 3: Wheel Alignment - The last item you need to pay attention to is your Corvette's wheel alignment. It pays to get the alignment checked often. The C6 suspension will settle when it sits for long periods of time.

Solution: Schedule an Alignment Check – Hachelroad Motors is well prepared to check your Corvette's alignment. If it does need to be aligned, I will properly walk through each step to ensure your Corvette drives perfectly. This may require further parts or labor including tire balancing and **road forcing**, among other items. After this, your Corvette will be road ready.

It will be spring before you know, especially since the nice weather has already begun. I run specials each month of the year for specific Corvette services. Call to find out this month's special.



Cody Jantz is Performance Shop Manager/Technician at Hachelroad Motors in Imperial, NE. He is an ASE Certified technician with extensive training in Corvette maintenance. Call Cody to schedule your appointment and the parts department to purchase your battery tender. You may reach both by calling 308-882-4295 or toll free 888-727-9737. Cody will answer technical questions about Corvettes by e-mail if you send them to corvette1@hachelroadmotors.com.

What the Heck is Road Forcing?

by Allen H. Sohl



You're driving your Vette on a long, straight, smooth stretch of highway. Your speed is creeping up, maybe a little too high. Somewhere around 75 mph you feel or hear an unpleasant front-end vibration. Conventional wisdom says your front wheels/tires are out of balance.

You take your Vette to a tire store to have the wheels/tires balanced. The technician adds or removes weights until each wheel is balanced; that is, until the wheel spins without perceptible vibration over the entire driving speed range.

A few days later you are out on the road again. You are again approaching 75 mph, and the vibration is still there! How can this be? The problem may be something called "radial force variation" (RFV). As your car moves along, each tire is compressed at the point of contact with the road, and of course the point of contact is continuously moving around the tire. If the tire were perfectly round, and the force required to compress the tire were the same at all points of contact, there would be no vertical vibration at any speed. However, due to various manufacturing limitations, tires are not perfect. The tire is harder (more difficult to compress) at some spots than others. Each "hard spot" momentarily produces a vertical force on the axle as the tire rolls along. The vibration you feel is the result of the continuously changing upward force, which is called "radial force



variation" (and applies to all tires, not just radial ply tires). Tire manufacturers check for excessive RFV on new tires, but until recently the equipment required to measure RFV was too expensive for most tire shops.

A conventional dynamic wheel-balancing machine compensates for varying centrifugal force by adding weights at the proper locations on or near the rim,

but it cannot detect RFV because the tire is not being deformed by contact with the road. The Hunter Road Force Touch GSP9700 is a more sophisticated machine that can simulate road contact by pressing a

roller against the tire while it is rotating. This technique, known as "road forcing," enables the technician to measure RFV and locate the major "hard spots" on the tire.

Since the wheel is not perfectly round, the balancing machine can also measure the "runout," which is the variation in radius (distance from the rim to the hub). The effect of RFV can sometimes be reduced substantially by dismounting the tire and remounting it with the "hard spot" at the point on the rim closest to the hub. This is a time-consuming process that increases the cost of balancing with no assurance of success, but it may save you the cost of tire replacement.



Upcoming Events

- Shine up your cars and join us at the St Patricks Day Parade on Saturday, March 15th. **NEW MEETING PLACE**, Village Inn at 53rd & L. Join us a 8am for breakfast. Lunch afterwards at Clancy's
- WOW (World of Wheels) theme is "The Blues Brother's Present the C7" March 28 & 29th at the Century Link Center
- April 12th, join us for a fun night of Mexican Train at the Lucky Duck at 7pm. Bring a dessert to share & your own drinks (ice cream furnished)
- May 3rd is the Autocross school and Course Design school at 122nd & I in Omaha

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jerry Koraleski

After the February General Meeting, and reflecting on the Officer reports, I must say we have a terrific BOD that is committed to putting on another great year. When you see them give them the thumbs up.

2014 will bring a new meaning to CCC fun. There will be challenges I'm sure. One thing is for sure, we will have "Something for Everyone". The schedule is packed with events and more in the planning stages. With the loss of our traditional Summer Festival on Labor Day Weekend this presents a unique challenge for Dave our Summer Festival Chairman.

The newsletter is back on track, and what a great job Gina has done. She would love to hear from you about new and exciting adventures with your Corvette. The website is now being updated. A lot of the updates are behind the scenes. The website should be your first stop for all CCC information, both competitive and social.

If you were at the February General Meeting I made mention of a plan to help local people who are in need. We are a fortunate people with a big heart. In 2009 we received the well deserved Duntov award. One aspect of the award is supporting a Charity. I would like to take the next step and help support these local groups. This is a voluntary effort to collect can or dry goods. A basket will be available at the door to place your donations in. Every month, one of the four local programs will be the recipient of our donations.

CCC you're the best



Dear Gene,

I had a wonderful time in Mexico. I stayed there after Bena's neighbors went back home. I hooked up with some college students from Italy and we took a bus to Mexico City and stayed for a couple of weeks. We had so much fun together, they invited me to go back to Europe with them. They are going to back-pack around the whole summer until they go back to school in the fall. WHOOPEE!!

We flew to New York City and decided to lay-over for a few days. Wow, what a place! Since they don't have a lot of money, we mostly walked around and "people watched". (Boy, there are a lot of weirdo's in New York!) The enclosed picture shows me at Times Square eating a real NY pretzel. Man was it good!!

I'll keep in touch and let you know where I visit.

Thanks,

Ralph

P.S. Remember, next year don't put me with another dud like Bena.

Officer Spotlight

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - MARIE MANZ



Marie became a member of CCC in 2007. Marie's favorite competitive event was auto crossing at Mid America in Council Bluffs. Although, the 2010 Crystal Red ZR1 was the most fun to drive, Marie's favorite Corvette was the 2004 Commemorative Edition Z06. Marie was born in Omaha where the family lived until she was 11, then was relocated to Malvern, Iowa. After graduating from high school, Marie attended college in Omaha. Married to Jon, together they have five children and ten grandchildren. In 2008, Marie was the CCC female Rookie of the Year, and the West Region Rookie of the Year. She was Social Director in 2009, and became the Membership Director in 2011. Marie works as an independent insurance producer at Lifetime Insurance Agency in Omaha.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - JON MANZ



Jon joined CCC in 2007. Jon's favorite event is auto crossing. Jon is married to Marie and together they have owned a Bright Red 1989 Convertible, Red 1998 Convertible, Lemans Blue 2005 Coupe, Victory Red 2005 Convertible, 2004 Commemorative Edition Z06, Red 2007 Z-06, and a Crystal Red 2010 ZR1. Currently they own a Red & White 2009 Z-06. Jon is from Laurel, Nebraska & moved to Omaha after high school. He was the male CCC, and West Region Rookie of the Year in 2008. Jon was Social Director in 2009, Public Relations Director in 2011. He is currently serving a four year term as the West Region Regional Executive. Jon owns and operates a GEICO Insurance Agency and has been working in the insurance industry for over 40 years. He enjoys traveling, spending time with the grandchildren, and golfing.

Dear Gene,

We arrived in Paris last week and are having a BLAST. One of my friends, Luigi, met a beautiful French girl at a little cafe. She has a French poodle named Fi-Fi who I like a lot. OOY-LA-LA!!

Luigi and I are going to stay here for awhile and the rest of the group are moving on. We'll meet them later.

I've got to go now because Fi-Fi just showed up. I think she's going to give me a ***** - OOPS - I meant a bone!

Au Revoir,
Ralph



GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Gary Brisbois



Just wanted to update you on some of the topics covered at the Governors' meeting in St. Louis. First off I would like to encourage you to get a permanent number for the West Region, even if you don't race. This is how we fund the West Region scholarships. The deadline for the application for the NCCC scholarships is April 26th. Forms are on the NCCC

website. The same forms are used for the West Region application for scholarships. The scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of NCCC members.

The West Region Banquet is in Cedar Rapids. The deadline to submit registration is March 13th. This is a good time to meet up with friends from other clubs. CCC members will be recognized for their participation in the competition program for 2013.

Don't forget to sign up for National Convention, August 25-29 in Savannah, Georgia. Registration prices go up the 1st of April so if you are thinking about going now is a good time to sign up.

NCCC donated \$5000 dollars to the National Corvette Museum to help with restoration. The insurance covers repairs to the building but does not cover filling in the hole. It will be up to Corvette enthusiasts to assist the Museum with this expense. GM has volunteered to restore the cars that fell into the pit so that expense is covered for the Museum.

I have been busy contacting other governors to line up sanctions for this year's competition. We are holding a driving school on May 3rd for those of you that would like to come out and see what this "autocross stuff" is all about. This is a good opportunity to try something new. Also, it will give you seasoned drivers a chance to warm up a bit before the real competition gets underway. We also are holding a training session for setting up an autocross course if you want to try your hand at that. Following the driving school we will hold 4 sanctioned events. This will all take place at 125th & I. The flyer will be available on the West Region website shortly. We will also have 7 sanctioned events the following day. This should be a fun time for everyone.

The RCD's stated that they had spent a good deal of time on the rulebook changes last year so that will be the starting point for this year. This will include the consolidation of classes, changes to requirements for flyers, age limits for passengers in low speed events. I will have more information on this as the year progresses.

Keep 'em shining!



Dear Gene,

Luigi and I left France. We found out the girl and Fi-Fi were two-timing us with an English sot and his bull dog. Well, that's life.

We met back up with our group in Switzerland. As you can see from the photo, we're hiking in the Alps.

What a blast! I really think the Swiss chicks dig my "Leder Hosen", if you know what I mean.

I finally called Bena and he told me the club wants me to come back for Summer Festival. You can count on it! It feels good to be wanted. He promised that for the rest of the year, he would take me with him to CCC events. Gotta go.

Yodel-lay-hee-hoo,

Ralph

**Cornhusker Corvette Club
General Meeting
February 21, 2014**

Pat Swift, Sargent at Arms, announced the meeting will begin in five minutes and to shut off all cell phones and pagers.

Jerry Koraleski, President, brought the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*. He announced the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets being sold by Nancy Bronner. Birthdays would be for the months of January and February.

Marie Manz, Membership Director, announced that Terry Merkins is present tonight from H & H Chevy. New members are Dave and Erica Herrig, followed by the CCC raise and clap. Marie announced that Dick Mason's mother passed away. Members Nick and Felicia Wessel are expecting their second child. There are 347 general members and 8 social members.

Jayne Reit, Secretary, thanked Pattie Bena and Cheryl Sondy for the great job they did as secretaries in the previous years. She is taking orders for shirts, etc. Twelve shirts are needed to place an order. She is also selling window decals, small for \$6.00 and large for \$8.00. Please see sizes at the table in the back of the room.

Tom Horeis, Treasurer, Budget for 2014 is based on the club obtaining an additional 15 new members during the year. The net income budgeted for Summer Festival was decreased about \$1000.00 this year because the event at this point is scheduled for the July 4th weekend. This may limit the amount of participation due to it being a family get together weekend. There will be

more money for charities this year. The club is going to buy a new computer this year to run the racing. The budget is a guide for the Board of Directors and the club to use. We gave away \$12,899 for Toys for Tots, kidney families, Christmas candy and scholarships. Erv Gunderson made a motion to accept the budget and Ray Harris seconded the motion.

Gary Brisbois, Governor, is going to attend the Governor's meeting in St. Louis. They are focusing on insurance and racing this year. March 29th is the West Region Banquet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this year. The 13th of March is the deadline for registering if you would like to attend. West Region racing information regarding permanent numbers are found on the WR website. The money is used for scholarships. The rules on the website are current for this year.

Gene Gau, Competition Director, said that the Swap Meet will be March 2nd, 6 people are needed and he has those people already. World of Wheels theme is "The Blues Brother's Present the C7." Thursday, March 27th, they move in. No help is needed at this time for the move in. He is looking for volunteers for Saturday and Sunday. If you contact Gene, he can get free tickets to get in.

May 3rd is the autocross school/course design. Two classes are available. The time is 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. It will be held rain or shine. This is a shortened version from last year. You will be able to practice autocross. There will be 4 low speeds in the afternoon and 7 low speeds on Sunday. These are to be held at 122nd and I in Omaha. Hy-Vee will be catering. May 17th, there will be 7 low speeds and on May 18th, there will also be 7 low speeds at Southeast Community College in

Lincoln. June 21st, will be 7 low speeds and also another 7 low speeds on June 22nd. Drag racing will be on either September 20th or September 27th, but this is not confirmed yet, more information to follow. Gene will let us know at a later date regarding any car shows. MAM update: The manager is now part owner and it is fully operational. It is the same as last year only better!

Jon Manz, Public Relations Director, everything is looking good. You can apply for the scholarship program, please check the website for more information.

Jayne, Social Director, The melodrama, has enough people for one night which was Friday, the 28th of February. You should be there by 6:45 at Sokal Hall on South 13th Street. You are asked to wear black pants with white shirts. There is a free meal after the show. March 15th is the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet at Clancy's at 114th and Dodge at 9 a.m. We will be directed to the route after that. There is going to be a social at Clancy's afterwards. April 12th, will be Mexican Dominos with desserts instead of the chili cook off. Further information to follow. May and June are not set up yet.

Gina Ogle, Newsletter, stated the newsletter is now available on the website. If you enjoy writing, please submit your articles. If you don't enjoy writing, please submit your photos with names and the who, what why when & where & she will write the article for you! Deadline is the first Thursday of the month. Newsletter will be posted the Thurs before the general meeting. The "Car Corral" is back for corvette stuff only that is for sale. Send info to gina@ogle.us. The newsletter has been entered into the National Competition. She needs tech info



for the newsletter, so if you have any, please send it to her!

Tim Ogle, Website, said that you can get to the website using .org, .net or .com, coming soon. The calendar is interactive. Click on the link for info and flyers. The newsletter has been entered into the National Competition. He needs tech info for the newsletter, so if you have any, please send it to him!

Kevin Reit, Vice President, gave out the awards of people who were unable to attend the Award's Banquet. Pat Swift and Sandy Swift each had 3rd place tied for activities. For racing, Kathy Gau was in 6th Place and Gene Gau was in 7th place. The rules committee will be held this Thursday and will be presented at the next CCC meeting in March.

JB, Points Chair, Updates for last year and top 20 for this year are current on the website. Two times a year you can chair an NCCC event. You receive 9 points per event. You can also chair a CCC event twice a year and receive 20 points per event. These Chairman Points are considered worker points and qualify you for the CCC Worker Award. Also mentioned, Trudy Benedict volunteers at HUA (no kill animal shelter in Auburn NE, www.HUA.ORG). There are booklets on the back table. Please consider helping with the fight against puppy mills. There are many ways to help. If you have questions, please e-mail her at TBSpoyld@cox.net and she will respond to the questions. He also has 2014 C7 Corvette Stingray books for sale, regularly \$40.00 for \$20.00. Also the 2014 Black book is regularly \$20.00 for sale by the club at \$10.00. Please sign up or contact him at JB.Benedict@cox.net to put in your order. Payment is due upon notification of delivery.

Dave Ferguson, Summer Festival Director, is not here tonight. He is still working on the dates. Information is forthcoming.

George Horst, Members at Large, had no report.

Jake Cartwright, Members at Large, had no report.

Ray Kennedy spoke to the group. He is a new member. He spoke regarding "Heroes of the Heartland Foundation". This is a vets and families appreciation day. It will be at the north Omaha airport on North 77th Street. It will be held on June 7th. They will shut the airport down. Different organizations will be there. You can show your car. Exact times are not known but he will let us know what time to be there. There will be plenty of room for the cars. There will be no fee for us and we can make a donation. They will not be soliciting.

Old Business: Equipment for racing has been checked over and contacts cleaned. He has been working on stuff, will be moving equipment out of the old space with Ron Bockerman and into the new place with Steve Bronner. Mary Jo Hegwood's father passed away and they wanted to thank everyone for the cards.

New Business: Please bring an item of canned food to the meetings in the future. We will be collecting for several charities such as the Open Door Mission, Food Bank and Sienna Francis House. This will be on a strictly volunteer basis. There will be a box available to put the food into.

Regarding the Birthday drawing, January was won by Linda Adams and February by Dave Franc's. Beads and money won by both.

Also, tickets to win the car at the Convention were for sale by Teresa Eller.

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

Pattie Bena made a motion to adjourn, Diana Winger seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne Reit, Secretary



CCC AND OMAHA AUTORAMAS THROUGH THE YEARS

By Jake Cartwright

Baker Enterprises was the go-to place for the big spring and fall car shows in Omaha in the 60s through the 80s. Called MIDWEST AUTORAMAS, The shows were at the Civic Auditorium and would have over two hundred vehicles in display. There were few radical show cars brought in those years. Angel hair and white sand was the favorite display material.

The show staged a beauty contest every year to elect a queen of the show with many attendants. The girls would spend their days talking to all the entrants and conning us up for votes. You can imagine how much fun we had with the beauty contestants! The queen would hand out all the trophies On a big stage set up on the main floor and the gutsy winners would plant a big kiss on her while collecting his big three foot trophy for first place. We would actually dress in a sport coat and tie for the award presentation!



After joining CCC in April of 1968 I entered my new Bronze roadster in the club display at the show. The 68s were a blockbuster car then..First new body style in five years.

CCC had a display

every year. One of the biggest was 1972. We had 10 Vettes surrounding a cutaway Vette on a turntable, and a cutaway 427 engine . A member of our club was regional manager for GM at the time and arranged for the awsum display. We always tried to reserve the main floor because the lighting was terrible in the lower level. The show had little control at the entry door and a bunch of us active

members would sneak in and hang out the whole weekend and party. It was a great way to meet girls!

There were few stock Vettes in our club at



the time, most had chrome engines, custom paint and wheels, side exhausts (Hooker side

exhausts were big then) We all had to cut out the wheel wells to get the big meats under them.

Times change, Mr. Baker is long gone. There are hundreds of



beautiful rides in the giant Century Link Center. The "big Guns" show up now, cost thousands of dollars.

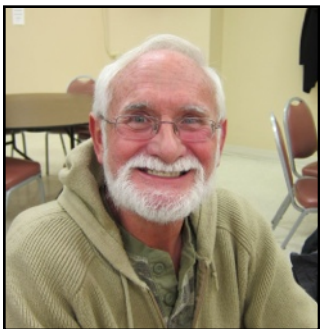
displays alone \$50.00 to enter your car so people can pay \$8.00 to look at it. Plaques awarded instead of trophies and handed out in an upstairs room.

The WORD OF WHEELS is March 27-30. Plan on coming down, support the club and see our "Blues Brothers" display. CCC has always won an award for our displays and we are out to show the other clubs how to do it.



My Opinion

by Jake Cartwright



I was watching the Barrett Jackson auction on TV in January and I was blown away by the prices paid for vintage Corvettes. Several split window coupes sold for over \$100,000. One 67 L-88 sold for \$3,500.00! Any Vette with fuel injection, or a big block was selling for \$50,000 plus. But now a new trend has been forming. Buyers are paying as much or more for Resto-mod Vettes than some of the stock ones. As an example a red 62 resto-mod Vette sold for \$180,000! (a

resto-mod Vette looks basically stock on the outside, but has been updated with the DNA of a new car, safer brakes, suspension, engines, etc.) In the past it would ruin the value of a Vette to modify it, but now prices are comparable.

Buyers are realizing that all you can do with the vintage Vettes is an occasional car show or a leisurely cruise on a cool Sunday morning. Air conditioning was available from 1963 on, but don't expect to use it much in a mid year on a hot summer day, they would overheat. Forget about a parade! Old Vettes need constant care; points need adjusting, leaky valve covers, lousy drum brakes on the pre 65s, leaking master cylinders on 65-82s, bias ply tires, etc. The vacuum wipers on the old Vettes will quit when you most need them in the rain, when stepping on the gas! And of course 3600 rpm at 60mph will drink lots of premium fuel. And then there is fuel injection! it was simple in design but complex in tuning for reliability.

Updating an older body with disc brakes, late model fuel injection engines, sound proofing and air conditioning makes a ride that you can take anywhere and still turn heads. Body kits are now available for newer Vettes that have the look of most of the classic styles from the past with all the comforts of a new Vette.

I have owned every series of Corvette throughout the years and have seen the progress with every generation to the pinnacle that they are today. I worry about what will happen to the vintage Corvettes in the future when we are too old to enjoy them and the younger generation will have grown up with little interest in them.

As an example, look at what the stock cars from the teens and Twenties are selling for now, and where are they? Granted there are a few wealthy collectors that have them on display in their private collections.

Corvettes from the 80s through present are bargains and excellent drivers, nothing beats cruising in your Vette on a beautiful spring day, windows down, top off.

Remember the old Schlitz commercial "You only go around once" Life is short, get them out and enjoy!

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Old Car Council Swap Meet Results:

YES, we made it. We passed the 100,000 pounds and the \$100,000 goals.

Even though the weather was about as cold as it could be, we had enough collection for the food bank to pass our goal.

The total pounds collected was 2,775 pounds of food and \$3,447.69 in cash.

That brings us to a total of 102,590 lbs. and \$100,752 since we started collection 20 years ago.

I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished in our food bank collections.

Thanks for all who helped out to make the swap meet a success despite the weather.

All of our vendors were inside and comfortable and the buyer turnout was also impressive for the weather conditions.

I have invited the Food Bank to our March 19th Car Council meeting here in Lincoln.

See you there.

Thanks again
Roger Neemann
ENWICC



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY'S IN MARCH ARE:

01 Bill Cashell	09 Linda Dawes	18 Al Franksman
02 Al Jankowski	09 Sharon Nelson	18 Tricia Hollins
02 Gary Ferguson	09 J.B. Benedict	18 Denise Silverman
03 Pam Aldinger	10 Ron Norgard	19 Scott Darling
03 Jo Ann Leners	10 Richard Roenfeld	19 Rick Harshbarger
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07 Al Cuttler	13 Andrew Schmidt	26 Harold Hollins
07 Betty Guy	15 Carol Ott	28 Laura Novoa
08 Peg Slater	17 Perry Dawes	29 Karl Montgomery
08 Lynette Janssen		

Charity Update

We gave away \$12,899 for Toys for Tots, kidney families, Christmas candy and scholarships in 2013.

Our Cornhuskers have a big heart & our goal is to do more in 2014!

Our new President, Jerry Koraleski, has a passion for collecting food for the needy. Please bring a donation of dry or canned food to the general meetings. Every month, one of the four local programs will be the recipient of our donations.

Don't forget to bring some extra money to the general meeting to buy some 50/50 raffle tickets. This is one of our ways that we raise money for the kidney foundation.

And autocrossers - it's not too late to apply for your permanent West Region number! Deadline is April 26. This money goes towards the Regional scholarship fund. Anyone can apply for a number - even non-racers.

Deadline for submission for the newsletter is the first Thursday of the Month.

Please email to
Editor@cornhuskercorvetteclub.com



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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.



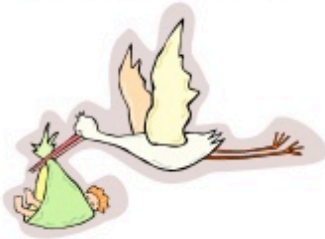
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David & Erica Harrig are joining CCC with a Torch Red 2014 Coupe. David & Erica are from Gretna. Dave is an Air Force veteran, and both are retired. This is their first Corvette. Hobbies include fishing, hunting, & working on old Chevy's. The Harrig's are sponsored by Marion & Diana Winger. Welcome to CCC!

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 and print off application.

CONGRATULATIONS



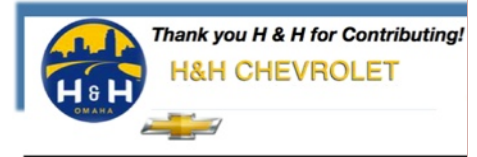
Nick and Felicia Wessel. They are expecting their second baby late July.



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Howdy, Gene,
Well, I'm
back in the US of
A. Luigi and his
friends chipped in
and flew me from
Italy to Dallas.
People weren't very
friendly when I
told them I was a
Cornhusker! I
wonder why??



I'm trying to "catch a ride" back to Nebraska.
Too bad it will be on a mustang instead of a Corvette.
See ya-all soon,
Ralph

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Editors Note: I spoke with Ralph, who is back at the Bena's house for another year. Ralph would like to express his deep appreciation to his host family and regrets his candid comments against them in his postcards. He would like the Bena's to focus on paragraph 2 of his open letter and kindly remind them that they started this obsession of travel by taking him to Mexico in the first place. Ralph also requested that the membership do periodic safety checks on him as he fears being locked in a closet.

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