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2013 Officers

President: Tom Stibbe
Vice President: Mark Swingle
Secretary: Ron Callender
Treasurer: Mavis Nicolai
NCCC Governor: Charlie Britten
Activities: Dave & Kathy Fontanini
Webmaster: John Gesslein
Sergeant-at-Arms: Cyndy Schaper

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2013 Events Calendar

February:	18th Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 24th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm , Schmidty's
March:	9th-17th Twin Cities Auto Show 15th-17th God's Country Auto Show, La Crosse Center 18th Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 24th Sunday, Beater Rally 3:00 pm and Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm, Schmidty's
April:	22nd Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 28th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm, Schmidty's
May:	4th Saturday, Cars & Coffee- Minneapolis 13th Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 18-19th Sat & Sun, Wisconsin Dells Car Show 19th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm (3rd Sunday) 6:00 pm Brenengen Onalaska Corvette Clinic
June:	1st Saturday, CVCC Show, Eau Claire 2nd Sunday, RCC 7 Event Road Rally, La Crosse 6-9th Corvette Adventures, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells 17th Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 21st-23th Bloomington Gold Show, Champaign, Illinois 21st -23th Back to the 50's Minnesota State Fairgrounds 23rd Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm, Schmidty's 28th Friday, Drive your Corvette to Work Day 1st , 15th , 29th Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings, MN
July:	6th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 9th Tuesday, Rudy's Drive Inn 5:00 pm, La Crosse 15th Monday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 20th Saturday, RCC Auto Show, Brenengen, W. Salem 21st Sunday, Club Meeting, 5:30/6:30 pm, Schmidty's 13th, and 27th , Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings, MN
August:	3rd -Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 8th-11th, Grand AM/American LeMans, RA Elkhart Lake

	19th- Monday, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm 25th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm, Schmidty's
September:	2nd Monday Labor Day House Party, Rocky Heike, Mondovi 7th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 12th-15th Thurs.-Sun., Fun Fest, Effingham, Illinois 14th or 15th RCC Fall Drive-Out 16th Monday, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm 19-22th SCCA National Run-Offs, Road America, Elkhart 22th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm
October:	5th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 12th Saturday, Suburban Fall Color Run, La Crosse, WI 21st, Monday Board Meeting, 6:30 pm 27th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm
November:	9th Saturday, RCC Year End Dinner Celebration 16th-17th Sat. & Sun., Corvette Nationals & Muscle Cars Rosemont, Illinois 29th Friday, Holiday Parade, 4:00 pm, downtown La Crosse
December:	PLEASE NOTE - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

When we are in the thick of winter, cabin fever can strike like a vengeful bout of influenza. A vacation that takes you to a warmer climate is a wonderful way to beat this bad bug. But, if flying to a southern state is not for you, then consider taking an occasional day to enjoy what is offered locally. At this time of year, I like to check event listings and select a few to put on my calendar. How about an evening of music at Leo and Leona's tavern in Newburg Corners? Check out their tavern season schedule at; www.leoandleonas.com . Our club members have already expressed an interest in attending the Minneapolis Auto Show (March 9th thru the 17th). We will discuss this trip at our February Club Meeting. You can find more information at www.twincitiesautoshow.com . Are you interested in watersports like I am? The Twin Cities Boat Show will happen on January 31st thru February 3rd, and more information is at www.minneapolisboatshow.com . The La Crosse Community Theatre will present "The Dining Room" at the new La Crosse Performing Art Center from March 8th thru the 24th. Check it out at; www.lacrossecommunitytheatre.org .

If you haven't heard about our RCC You Tube Account, go to member's page for access information. Our club photographer, Tom Jerisha has posted slide shows from 2012 club events at this site.

John Gesslien, Club Webmaster, is asking for new member birthdays. Our website recognizes birthdays each month, and we would hate to miss yours. I think there may be a clue to one member's birthday, by looking at her e-mail address. We will have to confirm it, but it sure looks suspiciously coded as June 14th. When your ready, send the month and day, to the Webmaster at the RCC Club website.

Behind the scenes.... Board Members are assembling updated displays and brochures that will be located at 3 Brenengen Chevrolet stores. Mike Carney, our Parade Meister, is determining our parade schedule. If you have any suggestions, contact Mike. Chuck Britten has expanded his interest (in our hobby) to owning one more Corvette. Chuck adopted a 2006 blue coupe in need of love and attention. We await a spring coming-out event for this latest addition.

Constitution. What is up with that? I am initiating a review of the Constitution, and preparing a list of updates to bring the document into the 21st Century. Club dues haven't been \$5 in a very long time, and we need to officially place the Webmaster position on the Board of Directors. If you are at all interested in the Constitution, please contact me to receive a copy, or you might find one at the RCC Club website, located behind the secured membership list.

Upcoming Events On the calendar for February is an event which you asked for, and now is scheduled. Bowling @ All Star Lanes will happen on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 pm. Following the Bowling, we will continue our quest at the Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant at approximately 5:30 pm. Both the Bowling and the Restaurant are located on the south side of La Crosse, along Mormon Coulee Road. Winner of Bowling may have to perform a Mexican hat dance? Let's see what Kathy Fontanini comes up with. Inform Kathy of your bowling plans.

Our next RCC Club Meeting is Sunday, February 24th at Schmidty's Restaurant on State Road Hwy 33. Dinner 5:30/Meeting 6:30. If you have Meeting agenda items or Board Meeting items, send them to me. (Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 18th at 6:30 pm, Ardies.)

Tom Stibbe
RCC President

February 2013 Newsletter - January Meeting Notes

General Meeting: Attendance: Chuck Britten & Carol Nelson-Britten, Tom & Mary Stibbe, Tom Jerisha, Phil Murray, Ron & Ramona Callender, Mark Swingle, Mavis Nicolai, Dave & Kathy Fontanini, Claude & Judy Mosley, Maurice & Valerie Jones, John & Susan Gesslein, Mike & Cindi Carney.

Meeting called to order at 7:22 PM by President Tom Stibbe.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the October 28, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed at the meeting. No corrections were recommended.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for the year is about the same as last year with the income and expenses balancing out. There were no checks written since the November Christmas Party.

Governor's Report: Thirty five membership and proxies submitted. The NCCC schedule was passed around for review. The RCCC Rally will be June 2 with Jim Rowley provided the Rally design. Other Rallies noted: May 18 Rosemont, MN; May 19 Waukesha, WI. These are the only two rallies before ours so we may get good attendance from outside the club.

Webmaster's Report: All copy rights have been updated. The membership page will get a new password which will be distributed by e-mail to members of record.

Event Chairperson:

- A signup sheet to host Ride & Dines will be available at the February meeting. People that did not host a R&D in 2012 are encouraged to sign up for one in 2013
- Feb 1st Austin, MN Spam Museum with a stop at the Eagle Center in Wabasha
- Jan 26th Chili Cook-off for Operation Homefront at the La Crosse Harley-Davidson
- Feb 24th Monthly Club Meeting Schmidty's 5:30 dinner / 6:30 meeting
- March 9 – 17th Minneapolis New Car Show – New C7 will be on display
- March 15 – 17th God's Country Car Show at the La Crosse Center
- April 26 – 28th Jefferson Swap Meet County Fairgrounds. This year it will feature Corvettes and the club may receive free tickets to bring your car for display
- June 22nd Big Blue Bridge Car Club will be hosting the "Great Car Race" when it passes through La Crosse. Dave will attend the planning meeting to represent RCCC. Volunteers will be needed to help park cars at Copeland Park. The cars in the "Great Car Race" are 1969 and older. It is a timed event.
- Bowling has not been scheduled yet but the attendees recommended we hold this activity again this year.
- Mark S suggested a Ride & Dine to the Niagara Cave in Harmony, MN
- Mavis suggested downhill skiing as a club activity
- Jun 28 – 30th Bloomington Gold in Champaign, IL

Old Business:

- Nov 19th the RCC Awards Banquet at Pogrebra Restaurant. Dave & Kathy were complemented for the fine job they did again this year on the banquet.
- Nov 17 -18th Chevy and Corvette Nationals was attended by Dave and Dennis
- Nov 23rd Downtown La Crosse Holiday Parade coordinated by Carol again this year. Everything went fine.
- Jan 11th R&D to Rocky's in Stoddard was attended by 20 members

New Business:

- RCC web site – would like to add stories about members, cars and events. This could be videos. Picture of the new C7 will be added to the bottom as a side shot.
- RCC now has a You Tube account created by Tom name = RCCLSE@gmail.com
- RCC also has a Facebook wall. Hits will be counted
- Tom J suggested the club purchasing equipment to record our events such as “Go Pro” to use to post video on You Tube, web page or Facebook
- Tom S suggested RCC hold their own fall run “Fall Drive-Out” on the 3rd weekend of September. He is looking for suggestion of a designation such as House on the Rock in Spring Green, WI or Stevens Point or WI Dells. Mark noted there is a Mose Cart Company display at the house on the Rock.
- Susan suggested going to Middleton for “Shake & Lube” on Thursday night.
- IRS non-profit corporation status has been re-instated as of November 2012. There will be an annual renewal to maintain status. We are also a Wisconsin non-stock corporation which costs \$10 annual fee and only requires officers to be updated before May 15 electronically.
- RCC is not tax exempt
- We need to update the RCC constitution for several reasons:

- Some of the articles are out of date
- Should have duties defined for each officer
- Add information on updating and maintaining IRS not for profit status and WI non-stock corporation Change procedure will be reviewed at the February meeting. Any changes will be documented in the newsletter before any voting. Judy will be reviewing any changes because of her experience in legal documentation. Tom would like to start the changes in February with completion by May.
- Brenengen Chevrolet RCC agreement will be updated for 2013. Tom will update next month.
- Mark showed the Plexiglas display cases which have been purchased for \$15 each for the Brenengen dealerships to hold RCC brochures. They will be placed at West Salem, Onalaska & Sparta. John will make a picture the correct size and format to be used on the displays. The displays will not be placed at any non-Brenengen dealership because of our exclusive relationship.
- John asked for new members to provide their birthdates to update the members page
- Charlie is rebuilding a 2006 C6 which had extensive front end damage

The next regular meeting will be February 24 at Schmidty's.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 by motion from Mike and seconded by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Callender,
RCC Secretary



February Birthdays

Ramona Callender 2/14

Jim Rowley 2/18

Mavis Nicolai 2/25

Webmaster's Notes

To see what club events are coming up for the month of February, please check the [**Events Calendar**](#) page.

Check out our Facebook page, a link to it is on our home page.

To get a copy of this month's newsletter, just click on [**Download**](#).

If you are a Corvette owner and would like get more information about the River City Corvettes Club, just send us an email at [**postmaster@rivercitycorvettes.com**](mailto:postmaster@rivercitycorvettes.com).

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