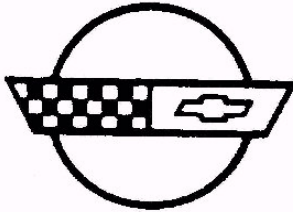




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2012 Events Calendar

May:	5th – Saturday, Cars & Coffee- Minneapolis 15th Tuesday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 18th - Carney's Ride & Dine 19-20th Sat & Sun, Wisconsin Dells Car Show 20th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm (3rd Sunday)
June:	2nd Saturday, CVCC Show, Eau Claire, WI 2nd Saturday, Cars & Coffee, Minneapolis 7-10th Corvette Adventures- Wisconsin Dells 19th Tuesday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 23rd-30th NCCC National Convention, Topeka, KS 21st-24th Bloomington Gold Show, St. Charles, Illinois 22nd -24th Back to the 50's Minnesota State Fairgrounds 24th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm 29th Friday, Drive your Corvette to Work Day 2nd , 16th , 30th Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings, MN
July:	7th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 10th Tuesday, Rudy's Drive Inn 5:00 pm, La Crosse 17th Tuesday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm 21st Saturday, RCC Auto Show, Brenengen, W. Salem 22nd Sunday, Club Meeting, 5:30/6:30 pm 14th, and 28th , Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings, MN
August:	4th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 11th Saturday, RCC 7 Event Rally 17th-18th Fri. & Sat., American LeMans, RA Elkhart Lake, WI 18th Saturday, Spring Green Car Show 19th Sunday, Corvette Tribute, RA Elkhart Lake, WI 21st Tuesday, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm 26th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm
September:	1st Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 13th-16th Thurs.-Sun., Fun Fest, Effingham, Illinois 23rd Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm 8th, and 22nd, Saturday Nite Cruise In, Hastings, MN
October:	6th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis 13th Saturday, Color Run, La Crosse, WI 28th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm

November:	3rd or 10th? Saturday, RCC Year End Dinner Celebration 17th-18th Sat. & Sun., Corvette Nationals & Muscle Cars Rosemont, Illinois 23rd Friday, Holiday Parade, 4:00 pm
December:	PLEASE NOTE - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

We welcome new members to our club, and this spring we welcome our newest members; Jay Slind, Chuck Zimmer, and Sharon Zimmer. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 20th, 2012, with dinner at 5:30 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm. Schmidty's is located at 3119 State Road, La Crosse. Schmidty's offers a larger meeting room and a full American style menu. Please send your agenda items by email or phone.

Last month, a group of us went on an organized Saturday ride to the Postosi Brewery. The lunch, museum, art gallery and beer were enjoyed by all. This was a one of the best rides I have experienced with our club, and I attached the term "legendary" to this event.

With Corvette season in full swing, there are a number of events during May to attend. On Saturday, May 5th, Dave Fontanini is taking a group to Cars and Coffee in Minneapolis. On Saturday, May 19th, is a Gimmick Rally and Poker Runs offered by Suburban Corvette Club of Minnesota in Vadnais Heights (Twin Cities), Minnesota. On Sunday, May 20th, is a Double Gimmick and Double Poker Rally offered by Badger State and Northern Rays, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Both event flyers can be seen at www.mwregion.com/comp_flyers.html and remember to bring your NCCC member card with you for registration purposes. I strongly urge you to consider participating in one of these neighboring Corvette Club Rallies. Dave and Kathy Fontanini have signed up for the event in Waukesha (May 20th). Mary and myself will be participating in the event in the Twin Cities (May 19th). Please call us if you have questions.

Is your Corvette mechanically sound? Have questions about your Corvette? Brenengen Chevrolet of Onalaska is hosting a free session with their Service Manager and a Certified Corvette Mechanic on Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 p.m. for our River City Corvette Club members. After the session, Dennis Schaper will take us to a local restaurant to top off the evening. I highly recommend you put this event on your calendar and join us at our sponsoring dealership.

I have heard rumors that the May Ride and Dine might be on Friday, May 18th. Please look for updates by email, from Mike and Cindi Carney regarding this event.

Another important event is the Chippewa Valley Corvette Club "Summer Fun Car Show" on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Marquardt Motors of Eau Claire. The Fontanini's will lead

our group to this event, and then on to the “Hastings, MN. Saturday Night Cruise In” later that same day. An over-night is optional, please contact the Fontanini’s regarding hotel reservations for Saturday night.

Our May calendar is busy, and even more events are jammed into our summer. I encourage you to get the Corvette out of the garage and have it take you to these events. It is a perfect way to unwind the stress in our lives, enjoy some camaraderie with Club Members, and view the scenery of the Midwest.

Tom Stibbe
RCC President

May 2012 Newsletter - April Meeting Notes

General Meeting: Attendance: Chuck Britten & Carol Nelson-Britten, Mark & Mary Swingle, Tom & Mary Stibbe, Dave & Kathy Fontanini, Judy & Jim Rowley, Mike & Cindi Carney, Dennis Schaper, Jim & Linda Hubert, Tom Jerisha, Claude & Judy Mosley, Phil Murray and Ron & Ramona Callender, Jay Slind.

Meeting called to order at 6:23 PM by President Tom Stibbe.

Secretary’s Report: Minutes for March 25 meeting were prepared and submitted by Kathy Fontanini and accepted without corrections or additions.

Treasurer’s Report: : Mavis was not present at the meeting due to a fall in her home. She is currently recuperating at Hillview. Mavis has temporarily given the checkbook to Tom Stibbe. The balance reflects deposit from Rotary Lights, new memberships and sale of the club trailer. Checks were written for the Freedom Honor Flight donation and Stock Car sponsorship for Mike Carlson.

Governor’s Report: Charlie reminded everyone that we need to attend other club rallies to promote attendance at our rally in August. In particular The Twin City event is on Saturday, May 19th, and Waukesha event is on Sunday, May 20th. Jim suggested a trip to Woodberry on August 4th. Schaper’s were presented with the “Where’s Waldo” award for getting lost at the RCCC Beater Rally in March (well, they found their way to this meeting.)

Webmaster’s Report: John was not present so not report was given.

Event Chairperson:

- 1) Cars & Coffee, Chanhassen MN Saturday May 5th.
- 2) Carneys are responsible for the May Ride & Dine. The date will be Friday, May 18th.
- 3) The CVCC Car Show is Saturday, June 2nd and the Hastings Cruise In Car Show is June 2nd. Fontanini suggested going to both, and stay over on Saturday night. The CVCC show ends at 2:00 pm, and the Hastings show begins about 5:00 pm.
- 4) Brenengen Chevrolet Onalaska will hold a special Corvette Q&A session for Club Members on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Members are encouraged to bring their Corvette, and ask questions about service and repair.
- 5) Britten's are responsible for the June Ride & Dine.
- 6) Gesslein's are responsible for the July Ride & Dine.

Old Business: President Tom reviewed old business:

- 1) Club Trailer was purchased by Claude. Items in the trailer such as extra cones will be given away. Cyndy will purchase the tent with poles for \$25. The 6' laminate table top still needs to be sold, donated or disposed of.
- 2) Tom & Mark attended the CVCC meeting in Eau Claire on April 10th
 - a. CVCC invited RCCC to attend Saturday April 28th @ 2:00 PM Eagle Center, Wabasha followed by dinner at T-Bones.
 - b. CVCC Car Show June 2nd at Marquardt Chevrolet in Eau Claire. Then, the group will proceed to Hastings for the downtown Cruise In Car Show. Some folks might like to stay overnight, please talk with Dave Fontanini.

New Business: 1) Two new club members are Chuck and Sharon Zimmer, of Onalaska.

- 2) Brenengen Chevrolet has purchased static cling signs (top of windshield) to use for parades. Discussion included:
 - a. West Salem June Dairy Days (conflicts.)
 - b. Trempealeau Catfish Days Sunday July 16th.
 - c. Bangor Days in August.
 - d. La Crescent Applefest in September.
- 3) For parades we need a club description to introduce the club. Mike Carney will send the last one used to Phil Murray.
- 4) 2012 RCCC Auto Show Saturday July 21. Mike Carney is the Show Director.
- 5) 2012 RCC 7 Event Road Rally Saturday August 11. Chuck is Chairperson.
 - a. Starting location was discussed with Features, Shopko South, Schmidty's and others suggested.
- 6) Road America Corvette Tribute Aug. 19 will be a day trip for some, and others are planning the entire weekend.
- 7) FunFest @ Effingham, IL September 14 - 16. Discussed as a multi-day event and stopping at a Dekater, Illinois car museum along the way.

Mark Swingle mentioned RCC sponsorship of Mike Carlson's Stock Car. Mark encouraged everyone to attend "Opening Weekend" and see the car.

The membership fee not listed on club web site. New Membership fee of \$45 for single, and \$55 for couple.

Phil Murray will go to the Chicago Car Show Father's Day weekend.

Dave Fontanini thanked Tom Jerisha for posting event pictures.

Carol Britten asked about pre donation of food for the car show. Mike stated you can give the donation to him prior to the event.

The next monthly meeting will be Sunday, May 20th , at Schmidty's, 5:30 pm dinner/ 6:30 meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM with a motion by Dennis Schaper, second by Mike Carney and approved by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
by Kathy Fontanini



May Birthdays

Ted Pervin 5/17

Governor's Report - May 2012

Well it's 5am on a Saturday. I have my backpack loaded with Ponchos, snacks, car mags, cameras. I have my Vodafone McLaren F1 hat (for those unfamiliar its Orange and Black with a silver stripe- very LOUD. Just like the cars). Yep, it's opening season for the Car Guy. Going to Cars N Coffee today and later this month rallies in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, so yes, its here. The season we plan, dream, save, and think about all winter. Before you know it the snow will be flying and will we say. I should have gone to that Car show or Rally (Our event is on a Saturday, August 11th so please plan on it) or whatever trips your trigger. What ever it is it is our time to do it. To take your Corvette out and be there to hear the sounds, smell the Racing Gas fumes, to take in the culture. Let's go out and play

Charlie Britten
RCC Governor

Webmaster's Notes

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

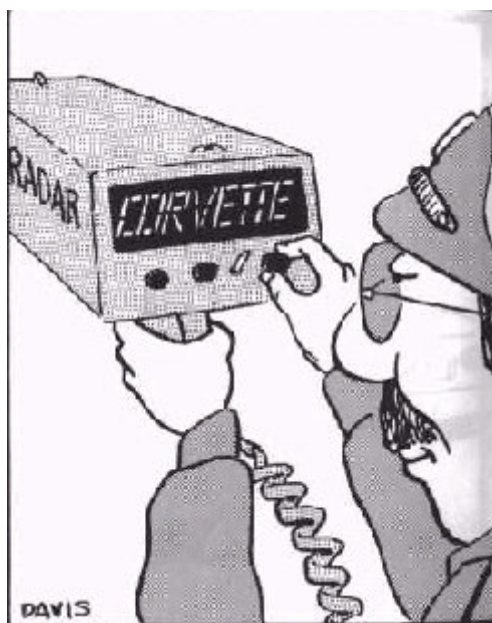
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New pictures have been added to the [Gallery](#) page.

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